

## Introduction

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This publication contains articles by members of Subcommittee II on Principles of Psychophysical Test Methods of ASTM, Committee E-18 on Sensory Evaluation of Materials and Products, and by other experts in the various fields. It covers major areas basic to sensory evaluation, brief physiological background, and an outline of some principles underlying methods of sensory evaluation. A comprehensive compilation of such methodology has been prepared by Subcommittee III on Preparation of Recommended Practices of Committee E-18 under the title *Manual on Sensory Testing Methods*,” ASTM STP 434.

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