How to Use the Mental Measurements Yearbook

The Mental Measurements Yearbook database, produced by the Buros Institute, contains fulltext information about and reviews of all English-language standardized tests covering educational skills, personality, vocational aptitude, psychology, and related areas as included in the printed Mental Measurements Yearbooks (1st to 19th Editions).

1. If you know the title of the test, use the title button in Advance Search (or Find Citation) to go directly to the test entry.
2. If you do not know, cannot find, or are unsure of the title of a test, consult the Search Fields Index display for possible variants of the title name. Select the Title field, enter the first few words and choose Display Indexes.
3. If you know the author of the test, use the author button in Advanced Search (or Find Citation) and look up the author's name, to view the list of titles in the result.
4. If you know the test publisher, consult the Publishers Index display in Search Fields and look up the publisher's titles until you find the test you want.
5. If you are looking for a test that yields a particular kind of score or is used in a particular population, look up the score in the Score Index (.sr.) or the Population (.po.) and locate the test or tests that include that score or population. Populations may be age groups or gender/ethnicity or other groups. To search for a range of ages, type in the numeric values separated by OR operators (15 or 16 or 17 or 18).po.
6. Once you have found the test or tests you are looking for, read the descriptive entries for these tests carefully so that you can take advantage of the information provided. Read the test reviews carefully and analytically. The information and evaluation contained in these reviews are meant to assist test consumers in making well-informed decisions about the choice and applications of tests.
7. Once you have read the descriptive information and test reviews, you may want to order a specimen set for a particular test so that you can examine it firsthand. The Publishers fields have the address information needed to obtain specimen sets or catalogues.

Added Tests in Print record information

- The records in Tests in Print are integrated into the MMYB records in the merged database
• All fields in the MMY segment are also contained in the MMYB/TIP segment
• But not all fields in the TIP segment are contained in the MMY segment; additional fields in the TIP segment include:
  o .ty. - Original MMY Test Citation
  o .pd. - Publisher ID Number
  o .ra. - Review Accession Number
• How to distinguish between original MMY-only database vs. MMY/TIP database?
  o .db. field will read MMYB or Mental Measurement Yearbook and Tests in Print
• Archived records are indicated by a colon in the AN. This may be a duplicate of a more recent record in the MMY/TIP database, but dealing with a more recent version.

Making Effective Use of the Test Entries. The test entries include extensive information. For each test, descriptive information is presented, use the Search Fields displays to search these fields and browse indexes:

Titles. (.ti. field) Test titles are listed first. Secondary or series titles are listed after the main titles separated by a colon. e.g. Myers Briggs Type Indicator

Acronym. (.ac. field) When a test is often referred to by an acronym, the acronym is given in the test entry immediately following the publication date. Acronyms are only listed if the author or publisher has made substantial use of the acronym in referring to the test, or if the test is widely known by the acronym. e.g. ADHDT

Author. (AU field) For most tests, all authors are reported. Authors may be individuals or organizations. In the case of tests that appear in a new form each year, only authors of the most recent forms are listed. Names are reported exactly as printed on test booklets. For individual authors, names display as last name, first name, and middle initial. Names of editors generally are not reported. e.g. Buehler John A

Purpose. (.pp. field) For each test we have included a brief, clear statement describing the purpose of the test. Often these statements are quotations from the test manual. e.g. love.pp.

Publisher. (.pu,pn,id. fields) The name (or ID) of the publisher or distributor is reported for each test. Foreign publishers are identified by listing the country in brackets immediately following the name of the publisher. e.g. likert.pb.

Publication Date. (.dp. field) The inclusive range of publication dates (years) for the various forms, accessories, and editions of a test is reported.

Population. (.po. field) This is a description of the groups for which the test is intended. The grade, chronological age, semester range, or employment category is usually given. "Grades 1.5-2.5, 2-3, 4-12, 13-17" means that there are four test booklets: a booklet for the middle of first grade through the middle of the second grade, a booklet for the beginning of the second grade through the end of third grade, a booklet for grades 4 through 12 inclusive, and a booklet for undergraduate and graduate students in colleges and universities.

Scores. (.sr. field) The number of part scores is presented along with their titles or descriptions of what they are intended to represent or measure. Scoring is included for the test as a whole and for each part of the test, if appropriate.
Administration. (.ad. field) Individual or group (or both) administration is indicated. A test is considered a group test unless it may be administered only individually. e.g. group*.ad.

Price Data. (.pr. field) Price information is reported for test packages (usually 20 to 35 tests), answer sheets, all other accessories, and specimen sets. The statement "$17.50 per 35 tests' means that all accessories are included unless otherwise indicated by the reporting of separate prices for accessories. The statement also means 35 tests of one level, one edition, or one part unless stated otherwise. Because test prices can change, the year that the listed test prices were obtained is also given. Foreign currency is assigned the appropriate symbol. When prices are given in foreign dollars, a qualifying symbol is added (e.g., A$16.50 refers to 16 dollars and 50 cents in Australian currency). Along with cost, the publication date and number of pages on which print occurs is reported for manuals and technical reports (e.g., '85, 102 pages). All types of machine-scorable answer sheets available for use with a specific test are also reported in the descriptive entry. Scoring and reporting services provided by publishers are reported along with information on costs. In a few cases, special computerized scoring and interpretation services are given in separate entries immediately following the test. Note: usually US$.

Foreign language and other special editions. (.se. field) This section concerns foreign language editions published by the same publisher who sells the English edition. It also indicates special editions (e.g., Braille, large type) available from the same or a different publisher.

Cross References. (.cr. field) For tests that have been listed previously in a Buros Institute publication, a test entry includes, if relevant, a final paragraph containing a cross reference to the reviews, excerpts, and references for that test in those volumes. In the cross references, "T3:467" refers to test 467 in Tests in Print III, "8:1023" refers to test 1023 in The Eighth Mental Measurements Yearbook, "T2:144" refers to test 144 in Tests in Print II, "7:637" refers to test 637 in The Seventh Mental Measurements Yearbook, "P:262" refers to test 262 in Personality Tests and Reviews I, "2:1427" refers to test 1427 in The 1940 Yearbook, and "1:1110" refers to test 1110 in The 1938 Yearbook. In the case of batteries and programs, the paragraph also includes cross references--from the battery to the separately listed subtests and vice versa--to entries in this volume and to entries and reviews in earlier Yearbooks. Test numbers not preceded by a colon refer to tests in the current Yearbook; for example, "see 45" refers to test 45 in this Yearbook.

Time. (.tm. field) The number of minutes of actual working time allowed examinees and the approximate length of time needed for administering a test are reported whenever obtainable. The latter figure is always enclosed in parentheses. Thus, "50(60) minutes" indicates that the examinees are allowed 50 minutes of working time and that a total of 60 minutes is needed to administer the test. A time of "40-50 minutes" indicates an untimed test that takes approximately 45 minutes to administer, or in a few instances a test so timed that working time and administration time are very difficult to disentangle. When the time necessary to administer a test is not reported or suggested in the test materials but has been obtained through correspondence with the test publisher or author, the time in minutes is enclosed in brackets.

Test Description. (.tx. field) The Test Description field is the most current description of the test. It precedes the reviews in the MMY and is the complete description in TIP.

Levels. (.le. field) All available forms, parts, and levels are listed - usually age or grade levels.

Manual. (.ma. field) Notation is made if no manual is available. All other manual information is included under Price Data.
Restricted Distribution. (.rd. field) This indicates if special restrictions are placed on purchase/use of this test by the publisher. Educational and psychological restrictions are not noted (unless a special training course is required for use).

Comments or Notes. (.cm,nt. field) Some entries contain special notations, such as: "for research use only"; "revision of the ABC Test"; "tests administered monthly at centers throughout the United States"; "subtests available as separates"; and "verbal creativity." A statement such as "verbal creativity" is intended to further describe what the test claims to measure. Some of the test entries include factual statements that imply criticism of the test, such as "1980 test identical with test copyrighted 1970."

Subtests from description. (.sl. field) Levels, editions, subtests, or parts of a test available in separate booklets are sometimes presented as sublistings with titles set in small capitals. Sub-sublistings are indented and titles are set in italic type.

Classification Code. The Classification Code (.cl. field) field includes 2-digit number from 01 through 19 indicating one of subject categories for this test.

Classification Code Categories:

01 Achievement
02 Developmental
03 Education
04 English
05 Fine-Arts
06 Foreign-Languages
07 Intelligence-and-Scholastic-Aptitude
08 Mathematics
09 Miscellaneous
10 Multi-Aptitude Batteries
11 Neuropsychological
12 Personality
13 Reading
14 Science
15 Sensory-Motor
16 Social-Studies
17 Speech-and-Hearing
18 Vocations
19 Behavior-Assessment

Review Accession Number. (.ra. field) this is the accession number that appears on the newest MMY review.

For this number, the first two digits indicate the MMY in which the review appears and the third and fourth digits indicate the classification code. The last four digits are a unique number for this reviewed test. So the Review Accession Number 18193589 is from the 18th yearbook and is about Behavior-Assessment.

Review Indicator. (.ri. field) The Review Indicator (RI) field indicates the number of reviews available in the full text of the record.

Reviewers. (.rv. field) contains the names of the reviewer(s) whose review is included in the full text of the record. Reviewer’s names display as last name, first name, and middle initial.