

TESTS AND MEASUREMENTS

This guide explains how to find information on published tests that are used for a wide variety of purposes in industry, education, psychology, business, and psychiatry. Tests in Print (TIP) and Mental Measurement Yearbooks (MMY) are the primary resources for test information, and tips for using them are included. Finding journal articles is also discussed.

Mental Measurements Yearbooks

The Mental Measurements Yearbooks, by Oscar Krisen Buros, represent an exhaustive collection of information on tests published in English-speaking countries. The yearbooks are designed to aid users in locating, selecting, evaluating, and administering tests of all types.

Each yearbook does not supersede the previous volumes; the separate works supplement information from earlier editions. Therefore, it is necessary to consult all editions for complete coverage of a test.

The volumes are located in the Reference Department, with the call number, **R 016.1512 B937**. The following table shows the coverage of each edition:

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Time Period Covered</u>
2 nd	1940	1938-40
3 rd	1949	1941-47
4 th	1953	1948-51
5 th	1959	1952-58
6 th	1965	1959-mid 1964
7 th	1972	1964-70
8 th	1978	1971-77
9 th	1985	1978-mid 1984
10 th	1989	1984-April 1989
11 th	1992	1989-Jan. 1992
12 th	1995	1992-1995
13 th	1998	1995-1998
14 th	2002	1998-2001
15 th	2003	2001-2003
16 th	2005	2003-2005
17 th	2007	2005-2007

The **MMY** entry generally contains the following information:

Title of test	Forms, parts, and levels	Comments
Purpose	Manual	Author
Population	Restricted distribution	Publisher
Publication date	Price data	Foreign adaptations
Acronym	Foreign language and other special editions	Cross references
Scores	Time required for administration	Reviews of the test
Administration		Reviewer's References

MMY - Quick User Guide

If you know:

The exact title of the test...

Some of the title words...

The subject area...

Publisher...

A particular score...

Then:

go directly to the Tests and Reviews section. (Tests are listed alphabetically by title.)

see the Index of Titles.

consult the Classified Subject Index (uses very broad divisions - i.e. speech and hearing, vocations, reading)

see the Publisher's Directory and Index.

use the Score Index.

The **Buros Institute** website (<http://www.unl.edu/buros/>) may also be useful in providing you with information about tests. Although the reviews offered are not free, the site can help you to:

- find the name and description of a test
- locate the entry in the print sources
- search for citations for reviews of specific tests

TESTS IN PRINT

Each volume of Tests in Print (TIP) is a comprehensive listing of all commercially published tests currently available in the English language. The description of each test includes references to reviews in the Mental Measurement Yearbooks and to articles in journals.

The current volume is Tests in Print VII: An Index to Tests, Test Reviews, and the Literature on Specific Tests (2006), which is shelved in the reference department. (R 016.1512 B937T).

Use **Tests In Print** to obtain the following information:

- Most recent MMY entry
- Names of reviewers
- Number of reviews it received
- References to articles on the construction, use, and validity of the test
- Excerpts reprinted from test reviews in journals

ADDITIONAL RESOURCE

- R
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- Tests: A Comprehensive Reference for Assessments in Psychology, Education, and Business, 5th Edition (2003)
- Presents descriptions in a brief, easy-to-scan format. Includes information about the authors, population for which the test is intended, and test's features.

LOCATING JOURNAL ARTICLES

Electronic Databases

The databases below contain information on tests and testing. King's students, faculty, and staff may access the databases on- or off-campus through the library webpage. (You will need to enter your King's username and password.) If you have any questions, please consult a reference librarian.

- Academic Search Premier** Covers all academic subjects. Provides many citations, abstracts, and full-text articles.
- Business Source Premier** Covers all aspects of business and management. Provides citations, abstracts, and full-text articles.
- Eric** Indexes journal articles and documents related to education. Provides links to full text for many items.
- PsycINFO** Covers all aspects of psychology and related fields. Provides indexing and abstracts for journals, books, dissertations, reports, and book chapters. Links to full text are provided for some articles.

The following subject headings may be used in online databases to locate citations for journal articles. The same headings may be used in the online catalog to find citations for books that are available in the College Library.

- educational tests and measurements
- psychological tests
- intelligence tests
- personality tests
- mental tests
- names of specific tests (e.g. Thematic apperception test)
- psychometric (analysis, tests)

For additional assistance in learning how to use the Mental Measurements Yearbooks and Tests in Print, please speak with a reference librarian or consult the resources listed on the Buros Website at: <http://www.unl.edu/buros/bimm/html/subarts.html>