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Mental Measurements Yearbook

Produced by the Buros Institute at the University of Nebraska, this is a comprehensive guide to over 2,000 contemporary testing instruments, primarily for disciplines in psychology or education. The *MMY* series contains information essential for a complete evaluation of test products, allowing users to make knowledgeable judgments and informed selection decisions about the increasingly complex world of testing. The database coverage now begins with the initial volume of the print version and runs to the present. Each entry contains descriptive information, such as a test's purpose, publisher, and scores. Tests included are commercially available and published in English.



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