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- a) the normative references have been updated;
- b) the text has been editorially revised.

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Introduction

Previous work by the European Coil Coating Association (ECCA) has established that this test method is not a reliable or reproducible test for assessing the degree of corrosion on coil coated products, but that the test method may be used to evaluate the colour fastness of coil coated products.

The procedure has been aligned with ISO 22479, except for the amount of sulfur dioxide.

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1 Scope

This document describes the procedure for determining the resistance of an organic coating on a metallic substrate to humid atmospheres containing sulfur dioxide.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 13523-0, *Coil coated metals - Test methods - Part 0: General introduction*

EN 13523-3, *Coil coated metals - Test methods - Part 3: Colour difference and metamerism - Instrumental comparison*

EN 13523-22, *Coil coated metals - Test methods - Part 22: Colour difference - Visual comparison*

EN 23270, *Paints and varnishes and their raw materials - Temperatures and humidities for conditioning and testing (ISO 3270:1984)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 13523-0 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

4 Principle

Test specimens are exposed to an atmosphere containing sulfur dioxide. The degree of colour change is measured or visually assessed. The degree of other types of degradation, e.g. spotting, streaking, loss of gloss, of the test specimen may also be assessed.

5 Apparatus

An apparatus consisting of an airtight cabinet of capacity (300 ± 10) l, in the base of which is a water-tight trough fitted with a means of heating the water so that it can raise the air temperature in the cabinet to (40 ± 3) °C in about 1 1/2 h and maintain this temperature for a total period of 8 h from the commencement of the test cycle.

The dimensions and design of the cabinet are not critical provided the stand for supporting the test panels is made of, or coated with an inert material and is of sufficient size to accommodate test specimens with a total surface area of $(0,5 \pm 0,1)$ m².

The cabinet shall also be constructed of an inert material and have a roof which prevents condensed moisture dripping onto the test specimens.

The cabinet shall be provided with a means of relieving excess pressure and a gas inlet pipe which shall be situated immediately above the water trough.

A gas cylinder or gas generating apparatus fitted with appropriate regulating and measuring apparatus to ensure the supply of the correct volume of sulfur dioxide.

The cabinet shall also be provided with a means of controlling the temperature which shall be measured in the space above the test specimens.

NOTE Some typical designs of apparatus are shown in ISO 22479:2019, Figure A.1.

6 Sampling

See EN 13523-0.

7 Test specimens

See EN 13523-0.

The test specimens shall be nominally 150 mm × 100 mm, unless otherwise specified or agreed.

The reverse face and edges of the panel shall be coated with a suitable protective material such as a lacquer or adhesive tape to prevent attack by the sulfur dioxide.

8 Procedure

Condition the test specimens for at least 24 h under ambient conditions of temperature and humidity. If required, for instance in case of dispute, conditioning shall be carried out at $(23 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$ and a relative humidity of $(50 \pm 5) \%$, in accordance with EN 23270.

During this conditioning, the test specimens shall not be exposed to direct sunlight.

After conditioning, carry out the test procedure as soon as possible.

Set-up the testing apparatus (Clause 5) in an environment protected from draughts and direct sunlight.

Arrange the test specimens vertically in the test apparatus so that they are at least 100 mm from any wall or cover, at least 20 mm from each other and so that the lower edges of the specimens are at least 200 mm above the water. Where possible, arrange the test specimens at the same level for comparative tests. Care shall be taken to ensure that water condensed on upper specimens does not drip onto the lower specimens.

As the same volume of sulfur dioxide is introduced at each test cycle, the total surface area of the test specimens in the cabinet is important. For comparative tests, the total test specimen area in the cabinet should be the same.

Fill the trough with $(2,0 \pm 0,2)$ l of distilled or deionised water. Prior to each test cycle, drain and renew this distilled or deionised water.

After closing the apparatus, introduce $(2,0 \pm 0,2)$ l of sulfur dioxide into the test cabinet, switch on the heating appliance and raise the air temperature to $(40 \pm 3) ^\circ\text{C}$ in about 1 1/2 h. Maintain this temperature for a total period of 8 h from the commencement of the test cycle. At the end of this period, switch off the heating appliance and ensure the chamber is fully purged. Open the door completely or raise the hood of the apparatus to at least the height of the upper edges of the test specimens.

Leave the test specimens in the cabinet for a further 16 h. This constitutes one test cycle. Start a new cycle by changing the water and introducing fresh sulfur dioxide. Repeat for a total of 5 test cycles. Cycles shall be continuous and without interruption.

At the end of 5 test cycles, remove the test specimens from the cabinet, wash with clean water, blot with absorbent paper and immediately examine the whole test surface of each specimen for colour change using EN 13523-3 or EN 13523-22.

Measure or assess visually the degree of colour change. The degree of other types of degradation, e.g. spotting, streaking, loss of gloss, of the test specimen may also be assessed.

9 Expression of results

Express the result as the mean of the measurements taken or the visual difference in colour.

If specified, report observations on spotting, streaking, loss of gloss and any other degradation effects.

10 Precision

No precision data are currently available.

11 Test report

The test report shall contain at least the following information:

- a) all details necessary to identify the product tested;
- b) a reference to this document, i.e. EN 13523-23:2023;
- c) the results of the test, as indicated in Clause 9;
- d) any deviation from the test method specified;
- e) any unusual features (anomalies) observed during the test;
- f) the date of the test.

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