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ISO 4540	1980	Metallic coatings - Coatings cathodic to the substrate - Rating of electroplated test specimens subjected to corrosion	EN ISO 4540	1995
ISO 4541	1978	Metallic and other non-organic coatings - Corrodokote corrosion test (CORR test)	EN ISO 4541	1994
ISO 6988	1985	Metallic and other non-organic coatings - Sulfur dioxide test with general condensation of moisture	EN ISO 6988	1994

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Draft International Standards adopted by the technical committees are circulated to the member bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the member bodies casting a vote.

International Standard ISO 10308 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 107, *Metallic and other inorganic coatings*, Subcommittee SC.7, *Corrosion tests*.

Annex A forms an integral part of this International Standard. Annexes B to G are for information only.

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# Metallic coatings — Review of porosity tests

## 1 Scope

This International Standard reviews published methods for revealing pores (see ISO 2080) and discontinuities in coatings of aluminium, anodized aluminium, brass, cadmium, chromium, cobalt, copper, gold, indium, lead, nickel, nickel-boron, nickel-cobalt, nickel-iron, nickel-phosphorus, palladium, platinum, vitreous or porcelain enamel, rhodium, silver, tin, tin-lead, tin-nickel, tin-zinc, zinc and chromate or phosphate conversion coatings (including associated organic films) on aluminium, beryllium-copper, brass, copper, iron, kovar (NiFeCo) alloys, magnesium, nickel, nickel-boron, nickel-phosphorus, phosphor bronze, silver, steel, tin-nickel and zinc alloy base metal.

The tests summarized in this International Standard are designed to react with the substrate when exposed, by a discontinuity, in such a way as to form an observable reaction product.

### NOTES

- 1 Pores are usually perpendicular to the coating surface but may be inclined to the coating surface. They are frequently cylindrical in shape but may also assume a twisted shape (see annex C).
- 2 Porosity may vary in size from the submicroscopic, invisible under a light microscope, to the microscopic, visible from  $\times 10$  to  $\times 1\ 000$ , to the macroscopic, visible to the naked eye.
- 3 Porosity may be visibly indicated by discoloration of the coated surface.
- 4 Porosity in a coating is not always detrimental. In microdiscontinuous chromium, for example, porosity or microcracking is required and tests are conducted to indicate the pores.
- 5 Results obtained from porosity tests expressed in terms such as pores per square centimetre are relative values related to the specific test method used and the magnification used during examination. Annex B gives typical report criteria.

## 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through references in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards listed below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 1456:1988, *Metallic coatings — Electrodeposited coatings of nickel plus chromium and of copper plus nickel plus chromium.*

ISO 2080:1981, *Electroplating and related processes — Vocabulary.*

ISO 2085:1976, *Anodizing of aluminium and its alloys — Check of continuity of thin anodic oxide coatings — Copper sulphate test.*

ISO 3160-2:1992, *Watch cases and accessories — Gold alloy coverings — Part 2: Determination of fineness, thickness, corrosion resistance and adhesion.*

ISO 4524-2:1985, *Metallic coatings — Test methods for electrodeposited gold and gold alloy coatings — Part 2: Environmental tests.*

ISO 4524-3:1985, *Metallic coatings — Test methods for electrodeposited gold and gold alloy coatings — Part 3: Electrographic tests for porosity.*

ISO 4525:1985, *Metallic coatings — Electroplated coatings of nickel plus chromium on plastics materials.*

ISO 4526:1984, *Metallic coatings — Electroplated coatings of nickel for engineering purposes.*

ISO 4527:1987, *Autocatalytic nickel-phosphorus coatings — Specification and test methods.*

ISO 4538:1978, *Metallic coatings — Thioacetamide corrosion test (TAA test).*

ISO 4540:1980, *Metallic coatings — Coatings cathodic to the substrate — Ratings of electroplated test specimens subjected to corrosion tests.*

ISO 4541:1978, *Metallic and other non-organic coatings — Corrodokote corrosion test (CORR test).*

ISO 6158:1984, *Metallic coatings — Electroplated coatings of chromium for engineering purposes.*

ISO 6988:1985, *Metallic and other non-organic coatings — Sulfur dioxide test with general condensation of moisture.*

ISO 9227:1990, *Corrosion tests in artificial atmospheres — Salt spray tests.*

ISO 10309:1994, *Metallic coatings — Porosity tests — Ferroxy test.*

### 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the definitions given in ISO 2080 as well as the following apply.

**3.1 discontinuities:** Cracks, micro-holes, pits, scratches or any other opening in the coating surface that exposes a different underlying metal.

For further information on discontinuities see annex D and reference [1] in annex G.

### 4 Principle

Porosity test results occur as chemical reaction end-products. Some occur *in situ*, others on paper or in a gel coating. Observations are made that are consistent with the test method and the items being tested as specified by the buyer. These may be visual inspections (naked eye) or at  $\times 10$  magnification (microscope). Other methods may involve enlarged photographs or photo-micrographs. See references [1, 2, 3, 5 and 6] in annex G (see also annex A for a tabular summary of the porosity tests and annex D for a classification of discontinuities).

### 5 Common features of porosity tests

Porosity tests differ from corrosion and ageing tests particularly concerning testing time. Porosity tests are

primarily short-time tests. A good porosity test process must clean, depolarize and activate the substrate metal exposed by the pore and attack it to such a degree as to cause the reaction product to fill the pore to the surface of the coating. Ideally, the corrosive provided for this should not react with the coating surface. It is essential that the time of reaction be limited, particularly with thin coatings, since the corrosive will attack the substrate in all directions and in so doing, will undermine the coatings such that false observations will be made. When the corrosion product is soluble in the reagent, the precipitating indicator is used to form the reaction product. (See annex E for classification of methods of porosity testing.)

## 6 Test specimens

Porosity tests are generally destructive in nature and are designed to assess the quality of the coating process of the substrate. Therefore, separate test specimens are not ordinarily allowed.

## 7 Specific porosity tests

### 7.1 Alizarin test

#### 7.1.1 Scope

For coatings of chromium (including Cr/Ni/Cu and Cr/Ni/Ni), cobalt, copper, nickel, nickel-boron, nickel-cobalt, nickel-iron and nickel-phosphorus on aluminium substrate.

#### 7.1.2 Summary of method

The test specimens are treated with sodium hydroxide, sodium alizarin sulfonate and glacial acetic acid under defined conditions. Formation of red markings or spots indicates porosity. Details of the test procedure can be found in ISO 4527. See also references [9, 31 and 37] in annex G.

### 7.2 Anthraquinone test

#### 7.2.1 Scope

For coatings of chromium (including Cr/Ni/Ni), cobalt, nickel, nickel-boron, nickel-cobalt, nickel-iron and nickel-phosphorus on aluminium, magnesium or zinc alloy substrates.

#### 7.2.2 Summary of method

The test specimens are treated with sodium hydroxide and potassium 1-aminoanthraquinone-2-carboxylic acid under defined conditions. Formation of red markings or spots indicates porosity. Details of the test procedure can be found in reference [13] in annex G.