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#### Introduction

The engineering uses of electrodeposited gold and gold alloy coatings have expanded with the growth of the electrical and electronic industries. Low voltages and currents, dry circuits and microwave frequencies require low-resistance interconnection systems, connectors and waveguides. Non-tarnishing, low-resistance gold coatings were the logical choice for connectors where the stability of contact surfaces was critical. The need to improve the wear resistance of gold coatings led to the development of new electroplating solutions containing controlled amounts of metallic and non-metallic additives that either changed the composition or altered the crystal structure of the coating. The special needs of the printed-circuit industry led to the development of acid gold electroplating solutions that contained no free cyanide, yielding coatings that are hard, bright and solderable. Formulations for high-speed electroplating up to current densities of 200 A/dm² were introduced for continuous strip, stripe or spot gold and gold alloy coatings.

The high cost of gold metal has led to the development of selective and thickness profile plating techniques to limit the use of the metal to the active areas only of the components, where the gold is required. Designers will therefore often specify the area requiring gold electroplating as well as the thickness profile, if required, by reference to suitably marked drawings.

With the introduction of many new gold electroplating formulations and the proliferation of engineering applications, the need for technical standards that specify the requirements of electrodeposited gold and gold alloy coatings, as well as the test methods to ensure that the specified requirements are met, is critical. Composition, appearance, hardness, thickness, purity, porosity, wear resistance, solderability, electrical contact resistance, infrared reflectivity and other properties must be controlled to produce high-quality gold and gold alloy coatings for engineering purposes.

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