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**Preparation of steel substrates before  
application of paints and related  
products — Test methods for metallic  
blast-cleaning abrasives —**

**Part 5:**

**Determination of percentage defective  
particles and of microstructure**

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produits assimilés — Méthodes d'essai pour abrasifs métalliques destinés  
à la préparation par projection —*

*Partie 5: Détermination du pourcentage de particules défectueuses et de  
la microstructure*



## Foreword

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ISO 11125 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products* — *Test methods for metallic blast-cleaning abrasives*:

- Part 1: *Sampling*
- Part 2: *Determination of particle size distribution*
- Part 3: *Determination of hardness*
- Part 4: *Determination of apparent density*
- Part 5: *Determination of percentage defective particles and of microstructure*
- Part 6: *Determination of foreign matter*
- Part 7: *Determination of moisture*
- Part 8: *Determination of abrasive mechanical properties*

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# Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Test methods for metallic blast-cleaning abrasives —

## Part 5:

Determination of percentage defective particles and of microstructure

### 1 Scope

This is one of a number of parts of ISO 11125 dealing with the sampling and testing of metallic abrasives for blast-cleaning.

**The types of metallic abrasive and requirements on each are contained in the various parts of ISO 11124.**

The ISO 11124 and ISO 11125 series have been drafted as a coherent set of International Standards on metallic blast-cleaning abrasives. Information on all parts of both series is given in annex A.

This part of ISO 11125 specifies test methods for the determination of the percentage of defective particles and of the microstructure of metallic blast-cleaning abrasives.

### 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 11125. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 11125 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

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ISO 11125-1:1993, *Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Test methods for metallic blast-cleaning abrasives — Part 1: Sampling.*

ISO 11125-3:1993, *Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Test methods for metallic blast-cleaning abrasives — Part 3: Determination of hardness.*

### 3 Apparatus

Ordinary laboratory apparatus and glassware, together with the following:

**3.1 Metallurgical microscope**, having a magnification of up to  $\times 500$ .

**3.2 Binocular microscope**, having a magnification of up to  $\times 50$ .

### 4 Sampling

Take a representative sample of the product to be tested, as described in ISO 11125-1.

### 5 Preparation of the sample

Prepare and mount the sample as described in ISO 11125-3.

## 6 Procedure

### 6.1 Determination of cracks, laminations, voids and shrinkage

NOTE 1 Definitions of defects are given in the part of ISO 11124 appropriate to the material under test.

**6.1.1** Examine the mounted sample (see clause 5) using the binocular microscope (3.2) at an appropriate magnification of up to  $\times 50$ . Select the field of view randomly. Examine 50 particles.

NOTE 2 Since the number of particles in a field of view will vary by particle size, it may be necessary to examine more than one field.

**6.1.2** Count the number of particles with

- a) cracks,
- b) laminations,
- c) voids and
- d) shrinkage defects.

Particles with more than one defect shall only be counted once.

**6.1.3** Calculate the percentage of each type of defect and the total percentage of defects.

### 6.2 Determination of defectively shaped shot particles

**6.2.1** Place approximately 2 g of shot, one layer deep, on a glass microscope slide or in a dish. Examine the shot using the binocular microscope (3.2) at an appropriate magnification. Select the field of view randomly. Examine 50 particles.

#### NOTES

3 Since the number of particles in a field of view will vary by particle size, it may be necessary to examine more than one field.

4 For particle sizes of S200 and above, it may be necessary to use more than one sample to allow 50 particles to be examined.

**6.2.2** Count the number of particles with a length greater than twice the maximum particle width.

**6.2.3** Calculate the percentage of defective particles.

### 6.3 Determination of defectively shaped grit particles

**6.3.1** Place approximately 2 g of grit, one layer deep, on a glass microscope slide. Examine the grit using the binocular microscope (3.2) at an appropriate magnification. Select the field of view randomly. Examine 50 particles.

#### NOTES

5 Since the number of particles in a field of view will vary by particle size, it may be necessary to examine more than one field.

6 For particle sizes of G200 and above, it may be necessary to use more than one sample to allow 50 particles to be examined.

**6.3.2** Count the number of round and half-round particles, taking particular care to note the particle orientation so as to avoid misjudging the particle shape.

**6.3.3** Calculate the percentage of defective particles.

### 6.4 Determination of defectively shaped cylindrical particles

**6.4.1** Place approximately 2 g of cylindrical particles, one layer deep, on a glass microscope slide. Examine the particles using the binocular microscope (3.2) at an appropriate magnification. Select the field of view randomly. Examine 50 particles.

NOTE 7 Since the number of particles in a field of view will vary by particle size, it may be necessary to examine more than one field.

**6.4.2** Count the number misshapen particles, taking particular care to note the particle orientation so as to avoid misjudging the particle shape.

**6.4.3** Calculate the percentage of defective particles.

### 6.5 Determination of microstructure

**6.5.1** Etch a representative sample (see clause 5) with 2 % nital or picral to reveal the microstructure so that it can be examined metallurgically. Examine the microstructure of 50 randomly selected particles using the metallurgical microscope (3.1) at an appropriate magnification.

**6.5.2** Count the number of particles having unacceptable structures.

**6.5.3** Calculate the percentage of particles having an undesirable microstructure.

## 7 Test report

The test report shall contain at least the following information:

- a) all details necessary to identify the product tested, in accordance with the appropriate part of ISO 11124 (see annex A), if applicable;
- b) a reference to this part of ISO 11125 (ISO 11125-5);
- c) the result of each test;
- d) any deviation from the test method specified;
- e) the date of each test;
- f) the name of the person who carried out each test.

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## Annex A (informative)

### International Standards for metallic blast-cleaning abrasives

Requirements and test methods for metallic blast-cleaning abrasives are contained in ISO 11124 and ISO 11125, respectively.

ISO 11124 will consist of the following parts, under the general title:

*Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Specification for metallic blast-cleaning abrasives*

- Part 1: General introduction and classification
- Part 2: Chilled-iron grit
- Part 3: High-carbon cast-steel shot and grit
- Part 4: Low-carbon cast-steel shot
- Part 5: Cut steel wire

ISO 11125 will consist of the following parts, under the general title:

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