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# Standard Test Method for Evaluation of Painted or Coated Specimens Subjected to Corrosive Environments<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the treatment of previously painted or coated specimens for accelerated and atmospheric exposure tests and their subsequent evaluation in respect to corrosion, blistering associated with corrosion, loss of adhesion at a scribe mark, or other film failure.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of whoever uses this standard to consult and establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>

- B 117 Practice for Operating Salt Spray (Fog) Apparatus
- D 610 Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Rusting on Painted Steel Surfaces
- D 714 Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Blistering of Paints
- D 822 Practice for Filtered Open-Flame Carbon-Arc Exposures of Paint and Related Coatings<sup>3</sup>
- D 870 Practice for Testing Water Resistance of Coatings Using Water Immersion
- D 1014 Practice for Conducting Exterior Exposure Tests of Paints and Coatings on Metal Substrates
- D 1735 Practice for Testing Water Resistance of Coatings Using Water Fog Apparatus
- D 2247 Practice for Testing Water Resistance of Coatings in 100 % Relative Humidity

- D 2803 Guide for Testing Filiform Corrosion Resistance of Organic Coatings on Metal
- D 4141 Practice for Conducting Black Box and Solar Concentrating Exposures of Coatings
- D 4585 Practice for Testing Water Resistance of Coatings Using Controlled Condensation
- D 4587 Practice for Fluorescent UV-Condensation Exposures of Paint and Related Coatings
- D 6695 Practice for Xenon-Arc Exposures of Paint and Related Coatings<sup>3</sup>
- E 3 Practice for Preparation of Metallographic Specimens
- G 85 Practice for Modified Salt Spray (Fog) Testing
- G 87 Practice for Conducting Moist SO<sub>2</sub> Tests
- 2.2 ANSI Standard:  
B94.50 Single-Point Cutting Tools, Basic Nomenclature and Definitions for<sup>4</sup>

## 3. Significance and Use

3.1 This method provides a means of evaluating and comparing basic corrosion performance of the substrate, pretreatment, or coating system, or combination thereof, after exposure to corrosive environments.

## 4. Apparatus

### 4.1 Scribing Tools:

4.1.1 *Lathe Tool Type*—High speed tool steel or tungsten carbide thread cutting lathe tool bit with a cutting tip having a 60° included angle. ANSI B94.50, Style E has been found to meet these requirements. (See Fig. 1.) The tool bit is typically mounted in a holder such as a wooden file handle to facilitate the scribing operation.

4.1.2 *Pencil Type*—Pencil shaped device, with a high speed tool steel or tungsten carbide scribing tip. Typically the gripping surface is knurled. The tip may be replaceable or permanent.

4.1.3 *Other Types*—Other types of scribing instruments which use a knife type blade such as a scalpel, razor blade, box cutter knife, or other sharp pointed tool are not acceptable unless agreed upon between the producer and the user.

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>3</sup> Withdrawn.

<sup>4</sup> Available from American National Standards Institute, 13th Floor, 11 W. 42nd St., New York, NY 10036.

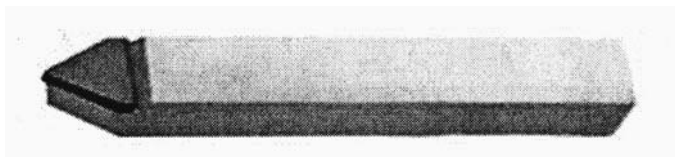


FIG. 1 Scribe Tool

4.2 *Straightedge*—Any straightedge of sufficient length and rigidity to guide the scribing tool in a straight line.

4.3 *Air Source*—A source of compressed air capable of delivering at least 4.72 L/s (10 ft<sup>3</sup>/min) at 552 kPa (80 psi).

4.4 *Air Gun*—An air dusting gun and nozzle combination<sup>5</sup> to meet the following specification:

Air Consumption, m <sup>3</sup> /min (ft <sup>3</sup> /min)	Pressure, kPa (psi)	Nozzle Diameter, mm (in.)
0.24 (8.4)	550 (80)	3.0 (0.12)

4.4.1 A guard consisting of barriers, baffles, or screens is required to protect the operator and other individuals near the area where the air is being used. The guard must be placed between the air nozzle and the operator. A device such as a sand-blasting cabinet has been found to be acceptable.

NOTE 1—The use of an air gun without a guard is in violation of the U. S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulation.

4.5 *Scraping Tool*—A rigid spatula, knife, or similar instrument with no sharp edges or sharp corners.

4.6 *Scale*—Any rule with 1-mm divisions.

## 5. Preliminary Treatment of Test Specimens

### 5.1 Scribed Specimens:

5.1.1 Where specified or agreed upon, prepare each specimen for testing by scribing it in such a manner that the scribe can be exposed lengthwise when positioned in the test cabinet. This position will allow solution droplets to run lengthwise along the scribe.

5.1.2 Scribe the specimen by holding the tool at approximately a 70 to 90° angle to the surface with the upper end of tool holder inclined toward the operator. Position the tool so that only the tip is in contact with the surface. (See Fig. 2.) Pull the scribing tool to obtain a uniform V-cut through the coating that is being tested. Inspect the tool frequently, using low power magnification, for dulling, chipping or wear and replace or repair as needed. The scribe should be of sufficient length to cover the significant test area, but should not contact the edge of the specimen. The scribe must penetrate all organic coating layers on the metal, leaving a uniformly bright line. The extent of scribe penetration through metal coatings, such as galvanize, should be agreed upon between the producer and user. The coil coating industry typically requires scribes to penetrate all organic coating layers but not penetrate the metal coating layers. The automotive industry typically requires scribes to penetrate all organic and metal coating layers. The pencil type may be less effective than the lathe tool type when scribing coating systems consisting of multiple layers of organic coat-

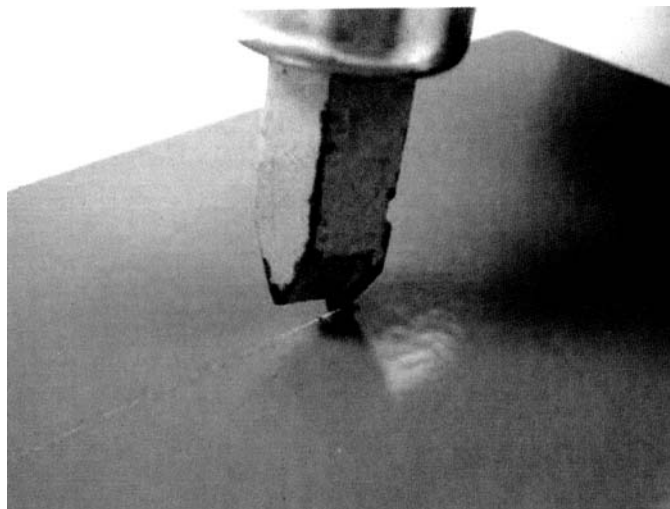


FIG. 2 Scribing Tool in Action

ings or coating systems including metal layers. When scribing coating systems consisting of multiple layers of organic coatings or coating systems including metal layers the depth and quality of scribe technique should be evaluated using the cross section, castable plastic mount, polishing technique described in Practice E 3. Quality of the scribe technique may also be observed with the aid of low-power magnification. Note, mark, and describe defects, coding, and flaws that may affect results.

5.1.3 One cut may not be sufficient to cut multi-layer protective coatings down to the metal. The use of more than one cut must be agreed to between all concerned parties prior to scribing, and the number of cuts must be recorded in the test documentation. When multiple cuts are needed, each cut must be done in the same direction.

5.1.4 Scribe lines other than those of a single, straight nature may be used if agreed upon between the producer and the user.

5.1.5 Expose scribed specimens in accordance with 6.1 and rate in accordance with Section 7.

5.2 *Unscribed Specimens*—Specimens coated with paint undercoats, oils, or waxes may be evaluated without a scribe. Expose such specimens in accordance with Section 6 and rate for corrosion of the general surface in accordance with Section 8.

5.3 *Cut Edges*—Cut edges of panels may be exposed during testing, or protected by wax, tape, or other means as agreed upon between the producer and the user. If left unprotected, method of shearing panel edges should be agreed upon between the producer and user, noting whether edges are oriented in the “burr up” or “burr down” configuration.

5.4 *Deformation*—Deformation of test panels prior to exposure, if desired, should be agreed upon between the producer and user.

## 6. Exposure of Test Specimens

6.1 Expose test specimens in accordance with one or more of the following test methods or practices: B 117, D 610, D 714, D 822, D 870, D 1014, D 1735, D 2247, D 2803, D 4141, D 4585, D 4587, D 6695, G 85, G 87, or any other applicable test method, as agreed upon between the producer

<sup>5</sup> Spray gun and nozzles, Model No. AA23LTP0020 have been found satisfactory and may be obtained from Spray Systems Co., North Avenue at Schmale Road, Wheaton, IL 60187. Equivalents may be used.