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## Standard Practice for Indicating Oil in Abrasives<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This practice is used to determine the presence of oil in abrasives used for abrasive blast cleaning.

1.2 The procedure can be used in the laboratory, field or fabrication shop.

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

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to 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>

D4940 Test Method for Conductimetric Analysis of Water Soluble Ionic Contamination of Blasting Abrasives

2.2 *SSPC Standards:*<sup>3</sup>

SSPC-AB1 Mineral and Slag Abrasives

SSPC-AB2 Cleanliness of Recycled Ferrous Metallic Abrasive

SSPC-AB3 Ferrous Metallic Abrasive

### 3. Summary of Practice

3.1 A sample of the abrasive is placed in a container, covered with water and vigorously shaken. The presence of an oil sheen or oil drops on the surface is cause for rejection of the supply being tested.

### 4. Significance and Use

4.1 Oil in abrasives can be transferred to the surface being cleaned, thus contaminating it. This can cause film defects,

affect adhesion of the coating applied over it, and ultimate performance of the coating system.

4.2 Oil in abrasives is one of the cleanliness tests required for mineral and slag abrasives in SSPC-AB1, for recycled ferrous abrasives in SSPC-AB2, and for new ferrous abrasives in SSPC-AB3.

4.3 Other contaminants in abrasive such as chemical contaminants or particulate matter require other methods for detection such as Test Method D4940 for ionic contaminants. The ratio of abrasive to water is different for this test, so the solution from evaluating the oil in abrasive should not be used for Test Method D4940.

### 5. Apparatus and Materials

5.1 *Container*—Clear jar or bottle capable of holding 250 ml (8.5 fl oz) or more and with a lid that is capable of sealing the contents.

5.2 *Water*—Potable.

### 6. Procedure

6.1 Place a sample of the abrasive in a clean container to about half its height.

6.2 Add water to a level at least 2.5 cm (1 in.) above the top of the abrasive. The water temperature shall be between 20 and 35°C (68 and 95°F).

6.3 Cover the container and shake vigorously for one min.

6.4 Remove the cover from the container and let it sit for 5 min.

6.5 Examine the surface of the water for oil droplets or oil sheen.

6.6 If oil is detected, retest after cleaning a abrasive.

### 7. Testing Frequency

7.1 The testing frequency shall be agreed to by the purchaser and seller. A suggested testing frequency is:

7.1.1 Three tests per shipment for bulk delivery.

7.1.2 One test per 50 bags for bag delivery, or one test if the delivery is less than 50 bags.

7.1.3 One sample per shift on days that blasting is performed for recycled abrasive.

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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> Available from Society for Protective Coatings (SSPC), 40 24th St., 6th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4656, <http://www.sspc.org>.