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- changes have been made in line with the 2016 edition of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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Metallic coatings — Review of methods of measurement of ductility

1 Scope

This document specifies general methods for measuring the ductility of metallic coatings of thickness below 200 μm prepared by electroplating, autocatalytic deposition or other processes.

It is applicable to the following methods:

- tests on unsupported foils (separated from the substrate);
- tests of coatings on substrates.

It does not apply to International Standards that include specific methods of testing for individual coatings. In these cases, the methods specified are used in preference to the methods described in this document and are agreed upon beforehand by the supplier and the purchaser.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

ductility

ability of a metallic or other coating to undergo plastic or elastic deformation, or both, without fracture or cracking

3.2

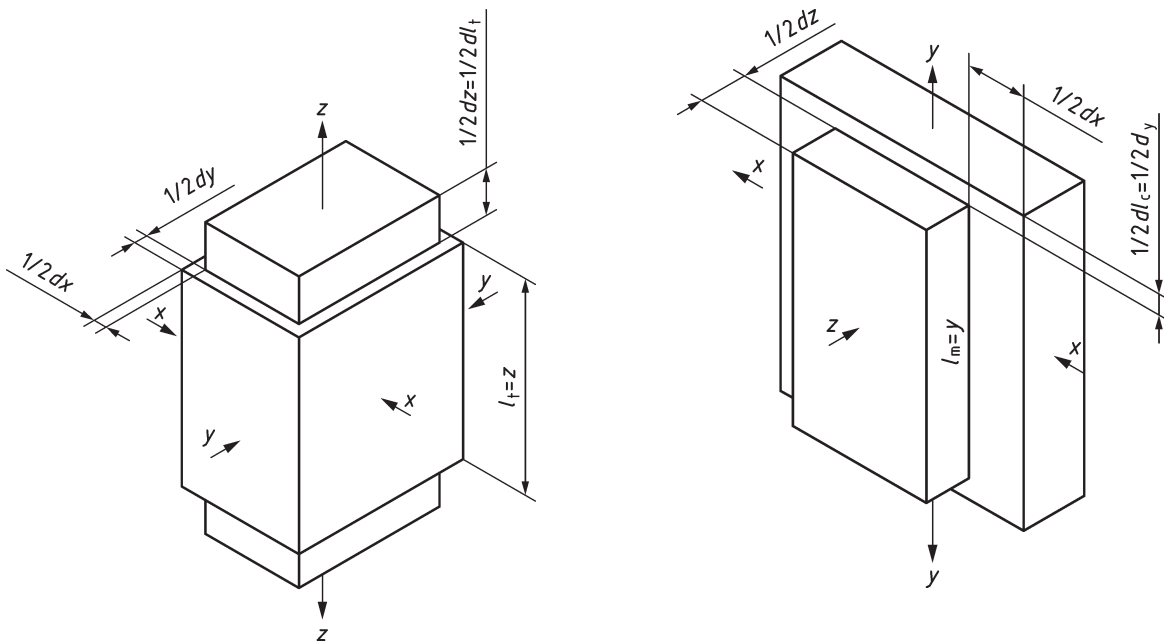
linear elongation

ratio of the elongation, Δl , to a definite initial length, l_0 , of the test piece

Note 1 to entry: This is taken as a measure of ductility.

Note 2 to entry: Often, this ratio is expressed as a percentage.

Note 3 to entry: Normally, the test pieces are elongated [see [Figure 1 a](#))]. With some bending tests, the outer layer of the test piece, i.e. the plating, is elongated. In bulge tests, however, the surface of the foil is enlarged, requiring calculation of linear elongation from the reduction in the thickness. Using the component of deformation (stretching) in only one axis would give false information about the ductility of the material [see [Figure 1 b](#))]. In those cases, the thinning of the foil, as calculated from the increase in the surface area, is a better measure of the ductility of the material (see [Annex B](#)).



$$xyz = (x - dx)(y - dy)(z + dz)$$

$$xyz = xyz + xydz - xzdy - yzdx$$

$$\frac{dz}{z} = \frac{dy}{y} + \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$\frac{dz}{z} > \frac{dy}{y}$$

$$\frac{dl_t}{l_t} = \frac{dz}{z}$$

a) Tensile test

b) Cupping test

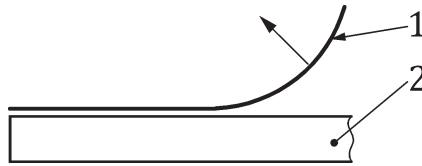
Figure 1 — Tensile and cupping tests

4 Principle

4.1 In the testing of unsupported foils separated from the substrate (see [Figure 2](#)), the foils may consist of one or more metallic layers. Therefore, it is possible to measure the ductility of composites and to determine the influence of individual layers on overall ductility. Methods of testing of unsupported foils are described in [Clause 5](#). Methods of producing foils for testing are discussed in [Annex A](#).

4.2 In the testing of coatings on substrates (see [Figure 3](#)), it is especially important to determine the exact point of crack initiation of the top layer. Attention is drawn to different methods of discerning this point, by normal or corrected-to-normal vision or with a lens. See the guidance in the individual methods.

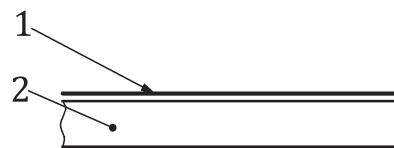
These methods can also be used to detect embrittlement of the substrate that may have resulted from the coating process. Methods of testing of coatings on substrates are described in [Clause 6](#).



Key

- 1 metal foil
- 2 substrate

Figure 2 — Foil, which can be separated from the substrate



Key

- 1 coating
- 2 substrate

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Figure 3 — Coating on the substrate
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4.3 Although ductility is a property of the material and independent of the dimensions of the test piece, thickness of the coating may have an influence on the value of linear elongation ($\Delta l/l_0$).

4.3.1 Very thin layers have different properties as the build-up of the initial layers will be influenced by the properties of the substrate (epitaxy). High internal stresses may be incorporated into the initial layers and these may affect ductility.

4.3.2 It is essential that the test piece has uniform thickness, as thinner spots will give rise to premature cracking. Also, the current density is lower at thinner parts and higher at thicker parts of electroplated test pieces; in this way, current density differences may result in different ductilities. The current density applied should be maintained as uniform as possible over the test piece, and its value reported.

5 Tests on unsupported foils

5.1 General

These techniques involve measurement of a foil which has been separated from the substrate (see [Figure 2](#)). In this case, the foil to be tested can also consist of several layers so as to allow measurement of the influence of undercoats on the ductility of the foil sandwich. Examples are gold flash on gold/copper alloys and chromium-plated nickel deposits. Methods of producing unsupported foils are given in [Annex A](#).

Five methods are described: tensile testing ([5.2](#)), bending (micrometer bend test) ([5.3](#)), folding (vice-bend test) ([5.4](#)), hydraulic bulging ([5.5](#)) and mechanical bulging ([5.6](#)).