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# Paints and varnishes — Wedge-cut method for determination of film thickness (scribe and drill method)

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a destructive method for determination of the dry film thickness, in which damage to the coat caused in a definite manner is evaluated microscopically. The method is suitable for almost all coat-substrate combinations and also allows determination of the single film thicknesses of coating systems.

The method cannot be applied or can only be applied with restrictions in case of

- too soft and/or elastic coatings (no recognizable scribe or drill hole can be observed),
- hard (cannot be scribed/drilled) or too soft and/or elastic substrates,
- too low visual contrast between the coating and substrate, and
- film thicknesses that are larger than the depth of field of the measuring microscope.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 4618, *Paints and varnishes — Terms and definitions*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4618 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### substrate

surface to which a coating material is applied or is to be applied

[SOURCE: ISO 4618:2014, 2.244]

### 3.2

#### coating

layer formed from a single or multiple application of a coating material to a substrate

[SOURCE: ISO 4618:2014, 2.50.1]

### 3.3

#### coating system

combination of all coats of coating materials which are to be applied or which have been applied to a substrate

Note 1 to entry: The actual coating system can be characterized by the number of coats involved.

Note 2 to entry: See also *coating* (3.2).

[SOURCE: ISO 4618:2014, 2.54]

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## 3.4

**single coat**

part of a coating system

## 3.5

**total film thickness**

distance between the surface of the coating and surface of the substrate

## 3.6

**single film thickness**

distance between the surface of a single coat and the surface of the coat (substrate) underneath

## 3.7

**dry-film thickness**

thickness of a coating remaining on the surface when the coating has hardened

[SOURCE: ISO 2808:2007, 3.5]

## 3.8

**wedge cut**

damage to the coating system caused mechanically under the specified angle to the surface and extending into the substrate

Note 1 to entry: The wedge cut can be implemented as a linear scribe or as a conical bore hole.

## 3.9

**wedge-cut image**

microscopic image of a wedge cut

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## 3.10

**adhesive failure**

detachment of a coating from the substrate caused by external forces

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Note 1 to entry: The substrate can be another coating beneath or the basic material.

## 3.11

**cohesion failure**

loss of cohesion within a coating caused by external forces

## 4 Principle

A wedge cut with a known flank angle is made in the coating using a scribing or drilling tool. The film thickness is calculated from the width of the flank projection of the wedge cut obtained with the measuring microscope.

## 5 Wedge-cut principle

The wedge cut for determination of the film thickness according to this International Standard can be made using a scribing tool (method A) or a drilling tool (method B).

[Figure 1](#) shows a wedge cut according to method A in the cross section. The basis length,  $l$ , is the projection of the wedge-cut flank within the coating and is measured with a microscope between the upper and lower contrast mark in micrometres.