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## Ductile iron pipes and fittings — Seal coats for cement mortar linings

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## Foreword

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## Introduction

The intended purpose of a seal coat is to reduce the contact between a cement mortar lining and the contents of a water main, thereby restricting the leaching of inorganic materials into the water supply.

Seal coats are usually specified where the pipeline is to convey soft waters and/or where residence times are very long. Supply water quality data for such pipelines should be discussed between the prospective client and the seal coated pipe supplier to ensure the suitability of the product for use.

Attention is drawn to the fact that seal coated cement mortar lined surfaces in contact with, or likely to come into contact with, potable water need to conform to the requirements of national or international water supply or water quality regulations. Approval may be required for the individual components of the system, or for the combined system, depending upon the requirements of those national or international water supply or water quality regulations when used

- in accordance with the product manufacturer's instructions for use, and
- under any other appropriate conditions defined for that product within any published list of substances, products and processes approved to those water supply or water quality regulations.

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the requirements for seal coatings for factory application to the surfaces of cement mortar linings, which are factory applied to the interior of ductile iron pipes and fittings.

It provides the performance requirements for short-term sealing efficiency, long-term durability and cyclic pressure, as well as the routine testing requirements for visual appearance, coating thickness and adhesion.

This International Standard is applicable to products for potable and other water applications.

## 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 2439, *Flexible cellular polymeric materials — Determination of hardness (indentation technique)*

ISO 2808, *Paints and varnishes — Determination of film thickness*

ISO 10523, *Water quality — Determination of pH*

ASTM D 3330, *Standard Test Method for Peel Adhesion of Pressure-Sensitive Tape*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **ductile iron**

type of cast iron used for pipes, fittings and accessories in which graphite is present primarily in spheroidal form

### 3.2

#### **fitting**

casting other than a pipe, which allows pipeline deviation or change of direction or bore

Note 1 to entry: Flanged sockets, flanged spigots and collars are also classified as fittings.

### 3.3

#### **test film**

film of consistent thickness and density, morphologically stable at the temperature of the substrate during seal coat application, used as a surrogate surface for the measurement of coating thicknesses

### 3.4

#### **pipe**

casting of uniform bore, with straight axis, having either socket, spigot or flanged ends

Note 1 to entry: This does not apply to flanged sockets or flanged spigots and collars, which are classified as fittings.

3.5

**product**

seal coated, cement mortar lined iron pipe or fitting

3.6

**seal coat**

coating applied over a cement mortar lining to control the interactions between the lining and the contents of the conduit

3.7

**performance test**

proof of design test, done once and repeated only after a relevant change of material or supplier of the seal coat or lining, or relevant change in process design

## 4 Performance test requirements

### 4.1 Short-term sealing efficiency

When tested in accordance with [Annex A](#), the pH of the test water shall not exceed 9,5.

By agreement between the manufacturer of the product and the customer, other performance tests with other exposure periods, test waters and/or limits of pH value may be undertaken to suit particular national or customer requirements.

### 4.2 Long-term sealing efficiency

When tested in accordance with [Annex B](#), the pH of the test water shall not exceed 9,5 for each of the test samples.

By agreement between the manufacturer of the product and the customer, other performance tests with other exposure periods, test waters and/or limits of pH value may be undertaken to suit particular national or customer requirements.

Note that if the seal coat has been documented by the manufacturer to a National Standard and successfully used for a minimum of 5 years, the performance of the type test in accordance with [Annex B](#) is only required for significant changes in the coating material, type or formulation which could adversely affect the performance of the seal coat.

### 4.3 Cyclic pressure

When tested in accordance with [Annex C](#), visual inspection shall display no peeling of the seal coat or cracking with a width in excess of 0,8 mm. It is permissible to have some precipitation of white alkaline deposit.

At the conclusion of the visual inspection, the pipe samples shall immediately be tested for sealing efficiency in accordance with [Annex A](#). When tested in accordance with [Annex A](#), the pH of the test water shall not exceed 9,5 in either of the pipe samples.

Note that if the seal coat has been tested and successfully used for a minimum of 10 years, the performance of the type test in accordance with [Annex C](#) is only required for significant changes in the coating material, type, or formulation which could adversely affect the performance of the seal coat.



## 5 Routine test requirements

### 5.1 General

Coating and re-work procedures (e.g. drying regimes for solvent-based coatings and mixing and curing regimes for multi-component materials) shall be defined by the manufacturer of the product in agreement with the seal coat supplier, if necessary, so as to enable the product to conform to the requirements of this International Standard.

The tests specified in 5.2 to 5.4 shall be carried out on factory seal coated pipes or fittings as opposed to separately prepared samples.

Sampling plans for the tests specified in 5.2 to 5.4, specific to the seal coating material used, the size of the batch and the storage conditions, shall be specified by the manufacturer of the product for each batch of product.

Where a non-conforming product is identified, the product shall either be re-worked, so that it meets the requirements of this International Standard, or be rejected.

### 5.2 Visual appearance

When examined visually, the seal coat shall be free from any coating irregularities likely to be detrimental to the performance of the seal coat (as required by the performance tests in this International Standard). The manufacturer shall define those coating irregularities (e.g. hairline cracks or pinholes) which are considered not to be detrimental to the performance of the seal coat (as required by the performance tests in this International Standard), taking into account the nature of the seal coat material.

### 5.3 Coating thickness

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When tested in accordance with Annex D or any appropriate method defined in ISO 2808, the wet or dry coating thickness shall be within the limits specified by the manufacturer of the product in conjunction with the seal coat supplier, if necessary.

### 5.4 Adhesion

When tested in accordance with Annex E, one of the following requirements shall be met:

- where a cross cut is made in the seal coat, the adhesive strength shall fall within the range of 1 to 3;
- where no cross cut is used, the area of disbonded coating shall be less than 10 % of the test area.

Any area damaged during testing shall be repaired in accordance with a procedure defined by the manufacturer of the product in agreement with the seal coat supplier.

## 6 Marking

Each seal coated pipe or fitting shall be identified with the pipe manufacturer's name or mark.

In addition, seal coated pipes shall be indelibly and legibly marked on the external surface with the number and year of this International Standard.

Where pipes are bundled, the required markings may be applied to the bundle rather than to individual pipes.

## Annex A (normative)

### Short-term sealing efficiency

#### A.1 Principle

The initial or short-term sealing efficiency of a seal coat applied to a cement mortar lined surface that is exposed to a given test water is determined by measuring the pH of test water after three successive 24 h periods of exposure within a seal coated pipe sample.

#### A.2 Materials and apparatus

**A.2.1 Paraffin wax**, solventless epoxy, silicone resin, or other suitable sealing material that does not affect the pH of the water.

**A.2.2 Test water**, having a bicarbonate alkalinity of approximately 26 mg/l as  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , at equilibrium with the atmosphere (i.e. no artificially induced carbon dioxide level), and with a stable pH of  $8,0 \pm 0,1$ .

**A.2.3 Petroleum jelly.**

This water shall be produced by dissolving  $(0,027\ 8 \pm 0,000\ 5)$  g of  $\text{CaCl}_2$  (calcium chloride) and  $(0,042\ 8 \pm 0,000\ 5)$  g of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (sodium bicarbonate) in 1 l of distilled water.

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#### A.3 Apparatus

**A.3.1 Clear glass or plastic plate.**

**A.3.2 pH meter**, having capacity to measure pH 0 to pH 14, with discrimination of a pH of 0,01 or better.

#### A.4 Preparation of test samples

The test shall be carried out using a DN 150 seal coated and cement mortar lined pipe, 500 mm in nominal length, with a double spigot. The sample(s) shall be cut from pipe taken from normal production. Ensure any bare exposed cement mortar at pipe ends (resulting from cutting the pipe) has the seal coat applied.

#### A.5 Procedure

**A.5.1** Seal the pipe at its lower end in a shallow pan of molten paraffin wax, or with a solventless epoxy, silicone resin or other suitable sealing material ([A.2.1](#)). Allow the material to harden/cure.

**A.5.2** Fill the pipe to the brim with test water ([A.2.2](#)) at ambient temperature.

**A.5.3** Cover the top of the pipe with a glass plate ([A.3.1](#)) and seal it with petroleum jelly ([A.2.3](#)).

**A.5.4** After  $(24 \pm 1)$  h, dispose of the water, rinse and refill with test water ([A.5.2](#) and [A.5.3](#)).

**A.5.5** Repeat [A.5.4](#) twice, sampling the water after the third 24 h exposure period.

**A.5.6** Determine the pH of the water sample using the pH meter ([A.3.2](#)) in accordance with ISO 10523.

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