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**Paints and varnishes — Evaluation  
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Designation of quantity and size of  
defects, and of intensity of uniform  
changes in appearance —**

**Part 7:  
Assessment of degree of chalking by  
velvet method**

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— Désignation de la quantité et de la dimension des défauts, et de  
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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 35, *Paints and varnishes*, Subcommittee SC 9, *General test method for paints and varnishes*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 4628-7:2003), which has been technically revised with the following changes:

- a) the pictorial reference standard for numerical chalking ratings 1 to 5 have been copied from ISO 4628-6:2011;
- b) a normative reference to ISO 13076 for illumination for the assessment has been added.

ISO 4628 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Paints and varnishes — Evaluation of degradation of coatings — Designation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance*:

- *Part 1: General introduction and designation system*
- *Part 2: Assessment of degree of blistering*
- *Part 3: Assessment of degree of rusting*
- *Part 4: Assessment of degree of cracking*
- *Part 5: Assessment of degree of flaking*
- *Part 6: Assessment of degree of chalking by tape method*
- *Part 7: Assessment of degree of chalking by velvet method*
- *Part 8: Assessment of degree of delamination and corrosion around a scribe or other artificial defect*
- *Part 10: Assessment of degree of filiform corrosion*

# Paints and varnishes — Evaluation of degradation of coatings — Designation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance —

## Part 7:

## Assessment of degree of chalking by velvet method

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 4628 specifies a method suitable, in particular, for rating the degree of chalking on white or coloured exterior coatings and coating systems on rough surfaces (i.e. those having a roughness greater than segment 4 of the reference comparator G as described in ISO 8503-1).

The test method specified can also be used for the assessment of the degree of chalking of coatings and coating systems on smooth surfaces, but the method specified in ISO 4628-6:2011 is preferable for this purpose.

The test method is applicable to coatings and coating systems on mineral substrates, e.g. fibre cement, brick, concrete, and renderings, independent of the structure of the surface. The method can be used quite effectively by experienced operators and is recommended for laboratory use as well as for on-site evaluation.

NOTE 1 When a reference to this test method is included in specifications, the test conditions (i.e. weathering method and substrate) have to be agreed between the interested parties.

NOTE 2 The method described in this part of ISO 4628 is a relative ranking method and is therefore not suitable for use in agreements between parties. See, however, the Note to [Table 1](#).

NOTE 3 Refer to ISO 4628-1 for the designation system for quantity and size of defects and the intensity of changes in appearance of coatings, as well as general principles of the system.

### 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 13076, *Paints and varnishes — Lighting and procedure for visual assessments of coatings*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1

##### **chalking**

appearance of a loosely adherent fine powder on the surface of a film arising from the degradation of one or more of its constituents

### 4 Principle

Loosely adherent powder is removed from the coating under test, using a suitable fabric. The degree of chalking is assessed with reference to a rating scale.

## 5 Materials

**5.1 Fabric**, as agreed between the interested parties, to rub against the surface being tested. Black wool felt, velvet, and velveteen have proven particularly effective for light coatings and a white fabric for dark coatings.

## 6 Assessment

Carry out the assessment under good illumination, as specified in ISO 13076.

Carry out the assessment in duplicate, unless otherwise agreed.

Using the index finger, press the fabric against the coating being tested with firm pressure. Rotate the fabric once through an angle of 180°. Remove the fabric and assess the degree of chalking under diffuse light in reference to the rating scheme shown in [Table 1](#).

A mechanical apparatus should be preferred if comparable results are obtained; the coating may also be wiped once with the fabric.

**Table 1 — Rating scheme for designating the degree of chalking (derived from ISO 4628-1:—, Table 3)**

Rating	Degree of chalking
0	unchanged, i.e. no perceptible chalking
1	very slight, i.e. just perceptible chalking
2	slight, i.e. clearly perceptible chalking
3	moderate, i.e. very clearly perceptible chalking
4	considerable, i.e. pronounced chalking
5	severe, i.e. intense chalking

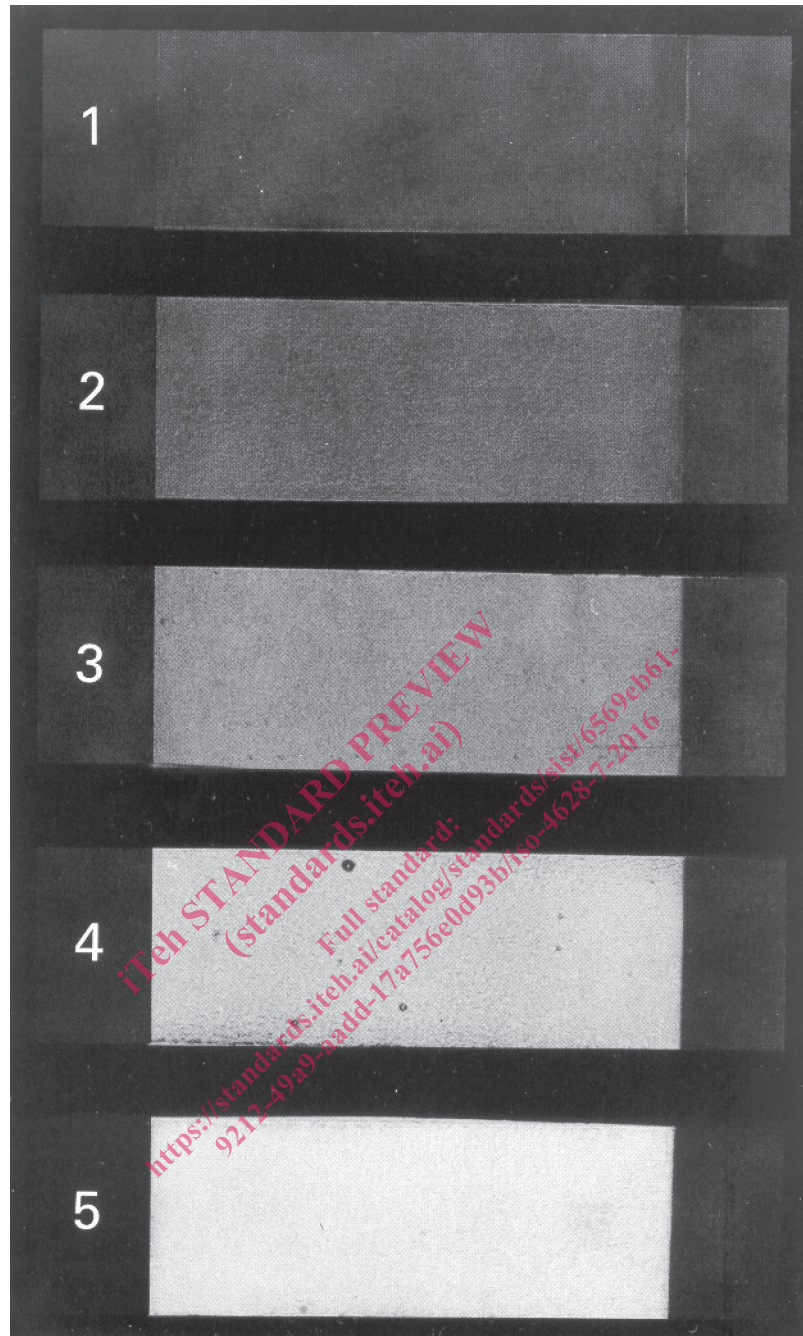
NOTE If specified or agreed, a simpler rating system can be used. However, in such cases, the meanings of the ratings in this table which are used shall not be changed in order to avoid confusion.

Examples of pictorial standards for assessing the degree of chalking are given in [Figure 1](#). The figure is obtained with the tape method specified in ISO 4628-6:2011, but the degrees of chalking 1 to 5 are comparable to those specified in this part of ISO 4628.

The amount of powder may vary over a given area. Therefore, the test shall be carried out at an average location on the coating. On large surfaces, the assessment shall be made at several locations, and the mean and range reported.

Ratings obtained with coatings exposed to natural weathering shall be treated with caution, as dirt from the atmosphere deposited on the surface can give abnormally high values of the degree of chalking.





NOTE The right-hand end of each tape corresponds to chalking rating of 0.

**Figure 1 — Pictorial reference standards for numerical chalking ratings 1 to 5**

## 7 Test report

The test report shall contain at least the following information:

- a) all details necessary to identify the coating tested;
- b) a reference to this part of ISO 4628, i.e. ISO 4628-7;
- c) the type of surface examined, its size and, if appropriate, its location;

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- d) the numerical rating of the degree of chalking in accordance with [Clause 6](#) (mean value, range, and number of assessments);
- e) all details necessary to identify the fabric used;
- f) whether the result was obtained using the index finger or a particular apparatus (details to be indicated);
- g) details of any deviation from the procedure specified;
- h) any unusual features (anomalies) observed during the assessment;
- i) the date of the examination.

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