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## Aerospace process — Chemical conversion coating for aluminium alloys — General purpose

*Procédés de traitement dans l'industrie aéronautique — Revêtement  
par conversion chimique des alliages d'aluminium — Utilisation  
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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 8081:1985), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- updated the normative references in [Clause 2](#);
- added different types of chemical conversion coatings classification, including hexavalent chromium-free chemical conversion coating (see [4.1](#));
- deleted chemical conversion solution requirements;
- changed air temperature of drying parts from (60 °C to 65 °C) to not more than 60 °C for type I, not more than 65 °C for type II (see [4.6.6.2](#));
- made the requirements of process control tests and process qualification tests clearer (see [5.3](#) and [5.4](#));
- changed the previous paint adhesion test method (see [5.6.4](#));
- deleted coating adhesion tests.

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## Introduction

This document provides the general purpose of chemical conversion coating for aluminium alloys in the aerospace field. The revision of ISO 8081:1985 will meet the current manufacturing requirements to introduce hexavalent chromium-free conversion coating. At the same time, several specific test panels' material in the performance test would be recommended. Some parameters in the process would also be optimized according to the actual application of aerospace field.

This document guides the surface treatment process of aerospace products to control the product quality and reduce the cost.

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