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Standard Practice for Preparation of Zinc-Coated and Zinc-Alloy-Coated Steel Panels for Testing Paint and Related Coating Products¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers the preparation of zinc-coated and zinc-alloy-coated sheet steel panels to be used for testing paint, varnish, lacquer, conversion coatings, and related products. It covers sheet steel coated with hot dipped galvanized, one-side galvanized, electrogalvanized, zinc-iron alloy coatings (such as galvanneal), and zinc-5 % aluminum alloy coatings. It does not cover steel panels coated with 55 % aluminum-45 % zinc alloy, because these behave more like aluminum than zinc.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[A525 Specification for General Requirements for Steel Sheet, Zinc-Coated \(Galvanized\) by the Hot-Dip Process \(Withdrawn 1994\)](#)³

[A591/A591M Specification for Steel Sheet, Electrolytic Zinc-Coated, for Light Coating Weight \[Mass\] Applications \(Withdrawn 2005\)](#)³

[A875/A875M Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc-5 % Aluminum Alloy-Coated by the Hot-Dip Process](#)

[D609 Practice for Preparation of Cold-Rolled Steel Panels for Testing Paint, Varnish, Conversion Coatings, and](#)

¹ This practice is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D01 on Paint and Related Coatings, Materials, and Applications and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D01.27 on Accelerated Testing.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

Related Coating Products

[D2092 Guide for Preparation of Zinc-Coated \(Galvanized\) Steel Surfaces for Painting \(Withdrawn 2008\)](#)³

2.2 ISO Standards:⁴

[ISO 3575 Continuous hot-dip zinc-coated carbon steel sheet of commercial, lock-forming and drawing qualities](#)

[ISO 5002 Hot-rolled and cold-reduced electrolytic zinc-coated carbon steel sheet of commercial and drawing qualities](#)

3. Significance and Use

3.1 The procedures described in this practice are designed to provide uniform zinc coated steel panels for testing of paint, varnish, lacquer, conversion coatings and related products.

3.2 The proper description of the zinc coating on the substrate is an important part of this practice. Seemingly slight differences in zinc coating can produce substantial differences in coating performance.

4. Metal Substrate

4.1 The test panels shall be completely free of any visible signs of storage stain or white rust (zinc corrosion). All corners and edges shall be smooth and uniformly rounded.

4.2 The type of zinc coating, zinc thickness, metal thickness, and panel size shall be agreed upon between the purchaser and seller.

4.3 Zinc coated steel may be shipped from the mills unoiled. However, zinc coated steel that has been oiled with a nonreactive rust preventative oil shall be acceptable under this specification.

4.4 Zinc coated steel may be shipped from the mill with a phosphate pretreatment for improved paint bonding.

NOTE 1—**Caution:** Alkaline cleaning such pre-phosphated metal will often remove the phosphate coating

4.5 Elimination of Passivating Treatments:

4.5.1 The test panels shall be free of passivating treatments (**Note 2**), because such treatments interfere with paint bonding.

⁴ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.