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coatings on zinc, cadmium,
aluminium-zinc alloys and zinc-
aluminium alloys — Test methods**

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d'aluminium-zinc et de zinc-aluminium — Méthodes d'essai*

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- [Table 1](#) has been revised;
- analysis method described in [6.5](#) was aligned with the method described in IEC 62321-7-1;
- procedure for the preparation of test solution C 2 in [4.3.2](#) has been revised and a second standard solution has been added;
- limiting time has been amended in [6.1](#);
- procedure for testing with test solution C 2 has been revised in [6.5.2](#);
- description of the calibration of spectrophotometer has been added.

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Introduction

This document specifies methods for the qualitative determination of the presence of chromate conversion coatings as well as the total chromium content of chromate conversion coatings.

The application of very thin, colourless, practically invisible chromate conversion coatings is frequently called “passivation”, while the application of thicker, coloured chromate conversion coatings is called “chromating”. The term “passivation” is not correct, as it does not conform to the ISO 2080 designation, and is therefore deprecated.

Chromate conversion coatings are based on a solution containing Cr(VI). Both the process solution and the coating contain hexavalent chromium. The term passivation is nowadays often used for Cr(VI)-free coatings replacing chromate conversion coatings. Products containing Cr(VI) are not allowed within EU and processes using Cr(VI) are strictly regulated.

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