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Standard Practice for Conducting a Patch Test to Assess Coating Compatibility¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers the procedures for testing coating compatibility when maintenance of an in-place coating system is being contemplated. It does not cover procedures for assessing the integrity of the existing coating to determine if it can be repainted, nor does it establish the compatibility of the maintenance coating system with the substrate or corrosion products. The practice is intended for use in the field.

NOTE 1—Pass-Fail Criteria (for example, adhesion requirements) are not established by this practice. These should be established by the user or specifier with input from the supplier.

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 concerns, 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

[D16 Terminology for Paint, Related Coatings, Materials, and Applications](#)

[D3359 Test Methods for Measuring Adhesion by Tape Test](#)

[D4138 Practices for Measurement of Dry Film Thickness of Protective Coating Systems by Destructive, Cross-Sectioning Means](#)

[D4414 Practice for Measurement of Wet Film Thickness by Notch Gages](#)

[D4541 Test Method for Pull-Off Strength of Coatings Using Portable Adhesion Testers](#)

[D6132 Test Method for Nondestructive Measurement of Dry](#)

[Film Thickness of Applied Organic Coatings Using an Ultrasonic Gage](#)

[D6677 Test Method for Evaluating Adhesion by Knife](#)

[D7091 Practice for Nondestructive Measurement of Dry Film Thickness of Nonmagnetic Coatings Applied to Ferrous Metals and Nonmagnetic, Nonconductive Coatings Applied to Non-Ferrous Metals](#)

[D7234 Test Method for Pull-Off Adhesion Strength of Coatings on Concrete Using Portable Pull-Off Adhesion Testers](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms used in this practice, refer to Terminology [D16](#).

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 The materials under test are applied to the previously painted surface after proper surface preparation. After the appropriate time has elapsed, the test patch is examined for visual defects and adhesion is determined.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 In performing maintenance of a coating system, the new coating being applied must be compatible with the existing coating. While general guides exist which indicate compatibility of different generic types of coatings, differences in manufacturer's formulation and the condition of the in-place coating may affect compatibility.

6. Procedure

6.1 Select test locations for evaluation that properly characterize differences in configuration of the structure and exposure; that is, vertical versus horizontal surfaces and sheltered versus unsheltered exposure. A minimum of three test locations with one test patch in each is recommended.

6.2 The size of each test patch will be determined by the size and configuration of the test locations. Each test patch shall be as large as possible, with a minimum size of 1.0 m² (10.8 ft²) recommended.

6.3 Prepare the surface of the test areas using the methods specified for the maintenance painting procedure ([Note 2](#)). Alternative methods of preparation may also be evaluated in separate, adjacent tests.

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 [D01.46](#) on Industrial Protective Coatings.

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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.