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Assessment of degree of filiform  
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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 4628-10:2016), which has been technically revised.

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The main changes are as follows:

- the title has been shortened;
- the definition of filiform corrosion (3.1) has been aligned with ISO 4623-1:2018;
- the normative references have been updated.

A list of all parts in the ISO 4628 series can be found on the ISO website.

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

## Part 10: Assessment of degree of filiform corrosion

### 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for assessing the amount of filiform corrosion developed from a scribed mark by measuring the length of the longest filament  $L$  and the most frequent length  $M$  of filaments.

Pictorial examples provided in [Annex A](#) of this document illustrate different ratings for the degree of filiform corrosion. A comparison of the test panels with the 12 pictures in [Annex A](#) does not supersede the obligatory numerical assessment (method 1 or 2).

ISO 4628-1 defines a system used for designating the quantity and size of defects and the intensity of uniform changes in appearance of coatings and outlines the general principles of the system. This system is intended to be used, in particular, for defects caused by ageing and weathering, and for uniform changes such as colour changes, for example yellowing.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. 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*

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### 3 Terms and definitions

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ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1 filiform corrosion

type of corrosion proceeding under a coat of paint, varnish, or related product, in the form of threads, generally starting from bare edges or from local damage to the coating

Note 1 to entry: Usually the threads are irregular in length and direction of growth, but they can also be nearly parallel and of approximately equal length. They usually follow the extrusion direction and do not cross over one another. They shall be initiated by aggressive ions.

[SOURCE: ISO 4623-1:2018, 3.1, modified — "need to" changed to "shall".]

## 4 Assessment

### 4.1 General

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

### 4.2 Method 1

This method applies where there is regular corrosion [see [Figure 1 a](#)].

It includes the following:

- measuring the maximum distances  $L_l$  and  $L_r$ , in millimetres, from the scribed line to the point to which the filiform corrosion has developed on the left-hand side and on the right-hand side respectively [see [Figure 1a](#)]. This is in order to calculate the length of the longest filament  $L$  which is the mean value of  $L_l$  and  $L_r$ ;
- measuring the distances  $M_l$  and  $M_r$ , in millimetres, to which the scribed line to which the majority of filaments have developed from the left-hand side and on the right-hand side respectively [see [Figure 1a](#)]. This is in order to calculate the most frequent filament length  $M$ , which is the mean value of  $M_l$  and  $M_r$ .

### 4.3 Method 2

This method applies where there is irregular corrosion [see [Figure 1 b](#)].

It includes:

- measuring  $L$ , see method 1;
- measuring  $M_{l1}, M_{r1}, M_{l2}, M_{r2}$ , etc., in order to calculate the overall values  $M_l$  and  $M_r$  using the following [Formulae \(1\)](#) and [\(2\)](#):

$$M_l = \frac{x_1 M_{l1} + x_2 M_{l2} + x_3 M_{l3} + x_4 M_{l4} \dots + x_n M_{ln}}{z} \quad (1)$$

$$M_r = \frac{y_1 M_{r1} + y_2 M_{r2} + y_3 M_{r3} + y_4 M_{r4} \dots + y_n M_{rn}}{z} \quad (2)$$

where  $M_{l1}, M_{r1}, x_1, y_1$ , etc., and  $z$  are as shown in [Figure 1 b](#)).