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Standard Test Method to Determine Color Change and Staining Caused by Aircraft Maintenance Chemicals upon Aircraft Cabin Interior Hard Surfaces¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of color change and staining from liquid solutions, such as cleaning or disinfecting chemicals or both, on painted metallic surfaces and nonmetallic surfaces of materials being used inside the aircraft cabin. The effects upon the exposed specimens are measured with the AATCC Gray Scale for Color Change and AATCC Gray Color Scale for Staining.

NOTE 1—This test method is applicable to any colored nonmetallic hard surface in contact with liquids. The selected test specimens are chosen because these materials are present in the majority of aircraft cabin interiors.

1.2 *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.*

1.3 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

D1193 Specification for Reagent Water

2.2 *Industry Standard:*

AMS QQ-A-250/13 Aluminum Alloy Plate and Sheet³

3. Significance and Use

3.1 The findings generated by this test method shall be part of the approval of maintenance chemicals to be used on, or to come in contact with, airplane interior surfaces during routine operations. The test method screens these chemicals to ensure that no discoloration or staining or both is liable to occur by use of the liquid chemical product.

4. Apparatus

4.1 *AATCC Gray Scale for Color Rating*⁴

4.2 *AATCC Gray Color Scale for Staining*⁴

4.3 *Tungsten Filament Lamps*, operating at a color temperature of 2854, 4800, and 6500 K.⁵

4.4 *The Macbeth Daylight*, a tungsten filament lamp operating at a color temperature of 7500 K.⁶

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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 Available from SAE International (SAE), 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096-0001, http://www.sae.org.

⁴ Available from American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC), P.O. Box 12215, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, http://www.aatcc.org.

⁵ Available from SDL, 1900 Center Park Dr., Suite 1000, Charlotte, NC 28217–2956.

⁶ Available from GretagMacbeth, 617 Little Britain Rd., New Windsor, NY 12553.