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Standard Practice for Use of Pictorial Surface Preparation Standards and Guides for Painting Steel Surfaces¹

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1. Scope

1.1 The visual surface preparation guides and standards consist of a series of color prints available as separate publications. Five different sets of photographs are described in this standard, designated as Method A (ISO/Swedish Standard²) and Methods B through E (SSPC Guides and Reference Photographs³). The methods differ in the depiction of the initial surface, in the definition and depiction of the cleaning conditions, and in the number of cleaning methods included. Because of these differences, the specifier should state which guide to use.

1.2 The colored visual surface preparation guides represent different conditions of hot rolled carbon steel before and after surface preparation. Prior to cleaning, there are four rust grades, A to D, that cover the range from intact mill scale to 100 % rusted and pitted steel. The standards then depict the appearance of the initial conditions after cleaning by one or more methods (for example, dry abrasive blast cleaning) to various degrees of thoroughness. In addition, Method B includes three painted conditions that contain various degrees of deterioration. The Guide³ depicts these conditions after

various degrees of dry abrasive blast cleaning. Method C includes four rust grades and three painted conditions that contain various degrees of deterioration. The Guide⁴ depicts these conditions after various degrees of hand and power tool cleaning. Method D includes two rust grades and four painted conditions that contain various degrees of deterioration. The Guide⁵ depicts these conditions after various degrees of water jetting, with three levels of flash rusting. Method E includes two rust grades. The Guide⁶ depicts these conditions after various degrees of wet abrasive blast cleaning, with three levels of flash rusting.

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 *Other Documents:*
[Pictorial Surface Preparation Standards and Guides](#)^{2,3,4,5,6}
[Surface Cleanliness Definitions](#)^{3,4}

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 The cleanliness definitions for the Method A visual surface preparation standard appear in the text of the pictorial

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² The pictorial surface preparation standard Method A is available from The Society for Protective Coatings (SSPC), 800 Trumbull Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205-4365, <http://www.sspc.org> and Sveriges Standardiseringskommission, Box 3295, Stockholm 3, Sweden.

³ The Visual Guide for Method B and surface cleanliness definitions are available from The Society for Protective Coatings (SSPC), 800 Trumbull Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205-4365, <http://www.sspc.org>.

⁴ The Visual Guide for Method C and the surface cleanliness definitions are available from The Society for Protective Coatings (SSPC), 800 Trumbull Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205-4365, <http://www.sspc.org>.

⁵ The Visual Guide for Method D and the surface cleanliness definitions are available from The Society for Protective Coatings (SSPC), 800 Trumbull Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205-4365, <http://www.sspc.org>.

⁶ The Visual Guide for Method E and the surface cleanliness definitions are available from The Society for Protective Coatings (SSPC), 800 Trumbull Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205-4365, <http://www.sspc.org>.