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Standard Practice for Preparation of Zinc-Coated and Zinc-Alloy-Coated Steel Panels for Testing Paint and Related Coating Products¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers the preparation of zinc-coated and zinc-alloy-coated sheet steel panels to be used for testing paint, varnish, lacquer, conversion coatings, and related products. It covers sheet steel coated with hot dipped galvanized, one-side galvanized, electrogalvanized, zinc-iron alloy coatings (such as galvaneal), and zinc-5 % aluminum alloy coatings. It does not cover steel panels coated with 55 % aluminum-45 % zinc alloy, because these behave more like aluminum than zinc.

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 ~~problems~~, concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate ~~safety~~ safety, health, and ~~health~~ environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *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

[A525/A653/A653M Specification for General Requirements for Steel Sheet, Zinc-Coated \(Galvanized\) or Zinc-Iron Alloy-Coated \(Galvanealed\) by the Hot-Dip Process](#) (Withdrawn 1994)

[A591/A591M Specification for Steel Sheet, Electrolytic Zinc-Coated, for Light Coating Weight \[Mass\] Applications](#) (Withdrawn 2005)³

[A875/A875M Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc-5 % Aluminum Alloy-Coated by the Hot-Dip Process](#)

[A879/A879M Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc Coated by the Electrolytic Process for Applications Requiring Designation of the Coating Mass on Each Surface](#)

[A1092 Specification for Steel Sheet, as Cold-Reduced, for Conversion to Annealed Cold-Rolled Steel Sheet, and Hot Dip Metallic-Coated Steel Sheet](#)

[D609 Practice for Preparation of Cold-Rolled Steel Panels for Testing Paint, Varnish, Conversion Coatings, and Related Coating Products](#)

[D6386 Practice for Preparation of Zinc \(Hot-Dip Galvanized\) Coated Iron and Steel Product and Hardware Surfaces for Painting](#)

[D2092/D7396 Guide for Preparation of New, Continuous Zinc-Coated \(Galvanized\) Steel Surfaces for Painting](#) (Withdrawn 2008)

2.2 ISO Standards:³

[ISO 3575 Continuous hot-dip zinc-coated carbon steel sheet of commercial, lock-forming and drawing qualities](#)

[ISO 5002 Hot-rolled and cold-reduced electrolytic zinc-coated carbon steel sheet of commercial and drawing qualities](#)

3. Significance and Use

3.1 The procedures described in this practice are designed to provide uniform zinc coated steel panels for testing of paint, varnish, lacquer, conversion coatings and related products.

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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 standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

3.2 The proper description of the zinc coating on the substrate is an important part of this practice. Seemingly slight differences in zinc coating can produce substantial differences in coating performance.

4. Metal Substrate

4.1 The test panels shall be completely free of any visible signs of storage stain or white rust (zinc corrosion). All corners and edges shall be smooth and uniformly rounded.

4.2 The type of zinc coating, zinc thickness, metal thickness, and panel size shall be agreed upon between the purchaser and seller.

4.3 Zinc coated steel may be shipped from the mills unoiled. However, zinc coated steel that has been oiled with a nonreactive rust preventative oil shall be acceptable under this specification.

4.4 Zinc coated steel may be shipped from the mill with a phosphate pretreatment for improved paint bonding.

NOTE 1—**Caution:** Alkaline cleaning such pre-phosphated metal will often remove the phosphate coating

4.5 *Elimination of Passivating Treatments:*

4.5.1 The test panels shall be free of passivating treatments (**Note 2**), because such treatments interfere with paint bonding.

NOTE 2—Passivating treatments are applied at the mill to prevent oxidation of the zinc (white rust) during storage. Because they bond tightly to the zinc, they also prevent paints and other coatings from bonding to the zinc. Zinc coated material stocked in commercial warehouses almost always has a passivating treatment. To obtain nonpassivated zinc coated steel, it's generally necessary to special order steel directly from a steel mill, or to buy panels from manufacturers of standard test panels. See Appendix titled Identifying the Presence of and Removing Chromate Treatments used as Wet-Storage (Also Called Humid-Storage) Stain Inhibitors of [Guide Practice D2092D6386](#) for further information on identifying the presence of passivating treatments.

4.5.2 Zinc coated sheet that has never been subjected to any kind of passivating treatment is preferred for this practice.

4.5.3 Zinc coated sheet that has been passivated may be used if the passivating treatment is removed in accordance with **5.1**.

NOTE 3—**Caution:** Removing the passivation may alter the morphology of the zinc crystal structure.

5. Methods of Preparation

5.1 If the surface has a passivating treatment, remove it by rubbing with a non-woven abrasive pad and rinsing with distilled or deionized water.

5.2 Use one of the methods of preparation described in [Practice Specification D609A1092](#) or [Guide D2092D7396](#).

NOTE 4—Oiled electrogalvanized or zinc-iron alloy sometimes needs to be cleaned with mineral spirits before alkaline cleaning, depending on the length of time the metal has been stored with the oil on the surface.

5.3 After preparation, the surface of the panel shall be water-break free. This is determined by immersing a representative panel momentarily in distilled water. The water should form a continuous unbroken film over the entire surface, without beading up into droplets or other water breaks. If the surface is not water-break free, it is generally an indication of contaminants on the surface, and further cleaning is required.

6. Protection after Processing

6.1 To prevent corrosion, panels should be used as quickly as possible after processing. Panels that are not to be used immediately after preparation shall be wrapped in a paper impregnated with a volatile corrosion inhibitor (VCI) specifically designed for zinc, and then placed in a waterproof bag or envelope. In order to avoid contamination from fingerprints, do not touch the surface of the panel after it has been cleaned. Handle the panels by the edges only.

7. Report

7.1 Report the following information:

7.1.1 Panel size and thickness,

7.1.2 Steel temper (for example, commercial quality, drawing quality, drawing quality special killed),

7.1.3 Method of preparation used,

7.1.4 *Description of Zinc Coating*—It is absolutely essential to report a detailed description of zinc coating. Seemingly slight differences in zinc coating can make a large difference in coating performance. Information on describing the zinc coating can be found in **Appendix X1**. The description of zinc coating should include:

7.1.4.1 Type of coating,

7.1.4.2 Coating weight (on each side of the panels if there is a difference),

7.1.4.3 Spangle (for hot dipped galvanized),

7.1.4.4 Passivating treatment, if any, and

7.1.4.5 Phosphate pretreatment applied at the steel mill, if any.

8. Keywords

8.1 galvanized surfaces; specimen preparation; steel panels; test specimens; zinc