
**Metallic and other inorganic
coatings — Electroplated coatings
of cadmium with supplementary
treatments on iron or steel**

*Revêtements métalliques et autres revêtements inorganiques —
Dépôts électrolytiques de cadmium avec traitements supplémentaires
sur fer ou acier*

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Foreword

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Introduction

Electrodeposits of cadmium are used to protect iron and steel from corrosion. Cadmium is anodic and corrodes sacrificially, thus protecting ferrous basis metals even when exposed through pores or pits in the cadmium. Electrodeposited cadmium coatings have traditionally been applied to iron or steel from alkaline cyanide solutions, but in recent years, environmental concerns and regulations have led to increased use of acid sulfate, neutral chloride and acid fluoborate cadmium solutions.

Because the appearance and serviceability of electroplated cadmium coatings are influenced by the surface condition of the basis metal, agreement should be reached between the interested parties that the surface of the basis metal is satisfactory for electroplating.

Although concerns have been raised about the use of cadmium due to safety and environmental effects, there are critical applications, often aerospace-related, where the unique properties of electrodeposited cadmium coatings, for example, their corrosion resistance, intrinsic lubricity, ductility, electrical conductivity and low contact resistance, make continued use of cadmium coatings necessary.

The corrosion resistance of electroplated cadmium coatings and their tendency to tarnish when handled can be improved by applying chromate conversion and other supplementary coatings.

Chemical conversion coatings that do not contain hexavalent chromium are commercially available and their use is becoming more and more popular. The appearance of these substitutes may be different from those produced with hexavalent chromium. Due to the REACH Regulations, however, the use of hexavalent chromium compounds will be banned in Europe from September 2017 except where specifically authorized. Other conversion coatings that are chromium-free are also available. Substitutes are required to satisfy the corrosion requirements given in this document.

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DANGER — Cadmium vapour is highly toxic by inhalation. During heat treatment, all precautions should be taken to ensure that no person is exposed to it. Attention is also drawn to the danger arising from welding, soldering or heating and other operations, in which the possibility that cadmium will be vaporised exists. Because of its toxicity, cadmium should not be employed as a coating for any article that will come in contact with food or beverages or containers in contact with these items or any household goods.

1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements of electroplated coatings of cadmium with supplementary treatments on iron and steel. It includes information that is to be supplied by the purchaser to the electroplater, and describes coating requirements, including those for heat treatment before and after electroplating.

It is not applicable to coatings applied

- to sheet, strip or wire in the non-fabricated form,
- to close-coiled springs, or
- for purposes other than protective, intrinsic lubricity, ductility, electrical conductivity and low contact resistance use.

This document does not specify requirements for the surface condition of the basis metal prior to electrodeposition with cadmium.

The coating thickness that can be applied to threaded components can be limited by dimensional requirements, including class or fit.

Additional information on corrosion resistance, rinsing and drying, processing parts in bulk and dyeing of chromate conversion coatings is given in [Annex C](#).

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 1463, *Metallic and oxide coatings — Measurement of coating thickness — Microscopical method*

ISO 2064, *Metallic and other inorganic coatings — Definitions and conventions concerning the measurement of thickness*

ISO 2080, *Metallic and other inorganic coatings — Surface treatment, metallic and other inorganic coatings — Vocabulary*

ISO 2177, *Metallic coatings — Measurement of coating thickness — Coulometric method by anodic dissolution*

ISO 2178, *Non-magnetic coatings on magnetic substrates — Measurement of coating thickness — Magnetic method*