
**Metallic and other inorganic
coatings — Phosphate conversion
coating of metals**

*Revêtements métalliques et autres revêtements inorganiques —
Couches de conversion au phosphate sur métaux*

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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 9717:2010), which has been technically revised. The following changes have been made:

- the Scope has been clarified;
- the Normative references have been updated;
- the Terms and definitions have been replaced by a reference to ISO 2080;
- [Clause 4](#) has been revised;
- the terms in [Clause 5](#) have been revised;
- requirements for the phosphate layer have been revised;
- statements on corrosion resistance have been shifted to a new [Annex A](#);
- [Annex B](#) on salt spray testing has been revised;
- [Annex C](#) to the properties of the phosphate layers has been revised.

Introduction

Phosphate conversion coatings are applied to ferrous metals, aluminium, zinc and their alloys (including zinc- and zinc-alloy-plated steel, cadmium and their alloys) either as an end finish or as an intermediate layer for other coatings. They are intended to

- impart corrosion resistance,
- improve adhesion to paints and other organic finishes,
- facilitate cold-forming operations, such as wire drawing, tube drawing and extrusion, and
- modify surface frictional properties so as to facilitate sliding.

Phosphate conversion coatings are produced by treatment with solutions, the main constituents of which are the appropriate dihydrogen orthophosphates. These coatings are applied principally to ferrous materials and zinc, and differ in coating mass per unit area and apparent density, depending on

- the construction material and surface condition of the components,
- previous mechanical and chemical treatment of the components, and
- processing conditions for phosphating.

All phosphate conversion coatings are more or less porous but can be sealed substantially by subsequent sealant processes.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a process for the confirmation of requirements for phosphate coatings which are usually destined for application on ferrous materials, zinc, cadmium and their alloys (see [Annex B](#)).

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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

ISO 3892, *Conversion coatings on metallic materials — Determination of coating mass per unit area — Gravimetric methods*

ISO 4519, *Electrodeposited metallic coatings and related finishes — Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes*

ISO 9227, *Corrosion tests in artificial atmospheres — Salt spray tests*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 2080 apply.

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

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

4 Information to be supplied by the purchaser to the processor

The following information shall be provided by the purchaser.

- a) A description of the coating according to this document, i.e. ISO 9717 (see [5.2](#)).
- b) In cases of phosphating steel parts with tensile strength $\geq 1\,000$ MPa, possibly also locally restricted, e.g. for case-hardened or cold-formed structures or in weld seam areas, the safety against brittle fracture (hydrogen embrittlement) is of primary importance. The phosphatising process shall be carried out in such a manner that any damage caused by hydrogen-induced brittleness is excluded. Technical measures to minimize the risk of hydrogen-induced brittleness shall be defined by the user and provided by the supplier/customer. Heat treatment in accordance