
**Preparation of steel substrates before
application of paints and related
products — Specifications for non-
metallic blast-cleaning abrasives —**

**Part 1:
General introduction and
classification**

*Préparation des subjectiles d'acier avant application de peintures et
de produits assimilés — Spécifications pour abrasifs non métalliques
destinés à la préparation par projection —*

Partie 1: Introduction générale et classification



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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 35, *Paints and varnishes*, Subcommittee SC 12, *Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 11126-1:1993), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates Technical Corrigenda ISO 11126-1:1993/Cor 1:1997 and ISO 11126-1:1993/Cor 2:1997.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- [Table 1](#) and [Annex A](#) have been technically revised.

A list of all parts in the ISO 11126 series can be found on the ISO website.

Introduction

This document is one of a number of parts of ISO 11126 specifying requirements for non-metallic abrasives for blast-cleaning.

Test methods for non-metallic blast-cleaning abrasives are given in the various parts of ISO 11127 (see [Annex A](#)).

The requirements for metallic abrasives commonly used for blast-cleaning are specified in the various parts of ISO 11124. Test methods to be used to define these requirements are contained in the various parts of ISO 11125 (see [Annex A](#)).

Abrasive blast-cleaning techniques are widely used to clean and prepare surfaces. During work on development of a series of International Standards dealing with the preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products, it was decided that a need existed for a series of International Standards covering those blast-cleaning abrasives commonly used in preparation of steelwork.

The type of blast-cleaning abrasive used and its particle shape can significantly affect the surface appearance and profile form of the treated surface.

ISO 8503-2 describes the assessment of the surface roughness of prepared surfaces using comparators. [Table 1](#) of this document identifies the type of comparator to be used with each of the blast-cleaning abrasives considered.

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Part 1: General introduction and classification

WARNING — Equipment, materials and abrasives used for surface preparation can be hazardous. It is important to ensure that adequate instructions are given and that all required precautions are exercised.

1 Scope

This document describes a classification of non-metallic blast-cleaning abrasives for the preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products.

It specifies the characteristics which are required for the complete designation of such abrasives.

This document applies to abrasives supplied in the "new" or unused condition only. It does not apply to abrasives either during or after use.

NOTE Although this document has been developed specifically to meet requirements for preparation of steelwork, the properties specified will generally be appropriate for use when preparing other material surfaces, or components, using blast-cleaning techniques. These techniques are described in ISO 8504-2.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

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

3.1

blast-cleaning abrasive

solid material intended to be used for *abrasive blast-cleaning* (3.2)

3.2

abrasive blast-cleaning

impingement of a high-kinetic-energy stream of *blast-cleaning abrasive* (3.1) on to the surface to be prepared

3.3

shot

particles that are predominantly round, that have a length of less than twice the maximum particle width and that do not have edges, broken faces or other sharp surface defects

3.4 grit

particles that are predominantly angular, that have fractured faces and sharp edges and that are less than half-round in shape

4 Classification

4.1 Abrasive type

Blast-cleaning abrasives shall be classified according to material, origin or manufacture. [Table 1](#) gives the abbreviated coding which shall be used to identify each of the types classified.

Table 1 — Commonly used non-metallic (N) blast-cleaning abrasives for steel substrate preparation

Type		Abbreviation	Initial particle shape (see 4.2)	Comparator ^a
Natural	Olivine	N/OL	G	G
	Almandite garnet	N/GA	G	G
	Staurolite	N/ST	S	G
Synthetic	Iron slag (Calcium silicate)	N/FE1	G	G
	Steel slag (Calcium silicate)	N/FE2	G/S	
	Copper refinery slag (Iron silicate)	N/CU	G/S	
	Nickel slag (Iron silicate)	N/NI1	G	
	Ferronickel slag (Magnesium silicate)	N/NI2	G/S	
	Coal furnace slag (Aluminium silicate)	N/CS	G	
	Fused aluminium oxide	N/FA	G	

NOTE The non-metallic blast-cleaning abrasives listed in this table are those commonly used for the preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products. The list is not intended to be exhaustive.

^a Comparator to be used when assessing the resultant surface profile. The method for evaluating surface profile by comparator is described in ISO 8503-2 (see Introduction).

4.2 Initial particle shape

The particle shape characterizes the geometric form of the abrasive particles. Basic forms of non-metallic blast-cleaning abrasives are specified in [Table 2](#), together with the symbol which shall be used to describe each.

NOTE As the particle shape of an abrasive can change during use, only the initial particle shape is given in the various parts of ISO 11126.

Table 2 — Initial particle shape

Designation and initial particle shape	Symbol
Shot — round	S
Grit — angular, irregular	G

4.3 Particle size range

Non-metallic blast-cleaning abrasives consist of mixtures of differently sized particles. These shall be classified into size ranges.

5 Designation of abrasives

Non-metallic abrasives shall be identified by using the full product designation which consists of the term "Abrasive" followed by "ISO 11126" and the abbreviation specified in [Table 1](#). This shall be followed, without spaces, by an oblique stroke and then by the symbol specified in [Table 2](#) to indicate the required particle shape of the abrasive as purchased. The designation shall be completed by numbers denoting the particle size range, in millimetres, required.

EXAMPLE

Abrasive ISO 11126 N/CS/G 0,2-0,5

denotes an abrasive of the non-metallic coal furnace slag type, complying with the requirements of the appropriate part of ISO 11126, of initial particle shape grit and particle size range 0,2 mm to 0,5 mm.

This full product designation shall be quoted on all orders.

6 Identification and marking

All supplies shall be clearly marked or identified, using the appropriate designation as specified in [Clause 5](#), either directly or by the accompanying delivery note.

Annex A (informative)

International Standards for metallic and non-metallic blast-cleaning abrasives

A.1 Requirements and test methods for metallic blast-cleaning abrasives are contained in ISO 11124 and ISO 11125 respectively

ISO 11124 consists of the following parts, under the general title:

Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Specification for metallic blast-cleaning abrasives

- Part 1: General introduction and classification
- Part 2: Chilled-iron grit
- Part 3: High-carbon cast-steel shot and grit
- Part 4: Low-carbon cast-steel shot
- Part 5: Cut steel wire¹⁾

ISO 11125 consists of the following parts, under the general title:

Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Test methods for metallic blast-cleaning abrasives

- Part 1: Sampling
- Part 2: Determination of particle size distribution
- Part 3: Determination of hardness
- Part 4: Determination of apparent density
- Part 5: Determination of percentage defective particles and of microstructure
- Part 6: Determination of foreign matter
- Part 7: Determination of moisture
- Part 9: Wear testing and performance²⁾

A.2 Requirements and test methods for non-metallic blast-cleaning abrasives are contained in ISO 11126 and ISO 11127 respectively

ISO 11126 consists of the following parts, under the general title:

1) Under preparation. (Stage at the time of publication ISO/DIS 11124-5:2018.)

2) Under preparation. (Stage at the time of publication ISO/NP 11125-9:2018.)

Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Specifications for non-metallic blast-cleaning abrasives

- *Part 1: General introduction and classification*
- *Part 3: Copper refinery slag*
- *Part 4: Coal furnace slag*
- *Part 5: Nickel slag*
- *Part 6: Iron and steel slags*
- *Part 7: Fused aluminium oxide*
- *Part 8: Olivine*
- *Part 9: Staurolite*
- *Part 10: Almandite garnet*

ISO 11127 consists of the following parts, under the general title:

Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Test methods for non-metallic blast-cleaning abrasives

- *Part 1: Sampling*
- *Part 2: Determination of particle size distribution*
- *Part 3: Determination of apparent density*
- *Part 4: Assessment of hardness by a glass slide test*
- *Part 5: Determination of moisture*
- *Part 6: Determination of water-soluble contaminants by conductivity measurement*
- *Part 7: Determination of water-soluble chlorides*