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**Paints and varnishes — Determination  
of resistance to liquids**

Part 4:  
**Spotting methods**

*Peintures et vernis — Détermination de la résistance aux liquides —  
Partie 4: Méthodes à la tache*

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## Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 35, *Paints and varnishes*, SC 9, *General test methods for paints and varnishes*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 2812-4:2007), of which it constitutes a minor revision. The changes compared to the previous edition are as follows: the CAS numbers have been added to the reagents listed in Annex A, and a terms and definition clause has been added.

A list of all parts in the ISO 2812 series can be found on the ISO website.

# Paints and varnishes — Determination of resistance to liquids —

## Part 4: Spotting methods

### 1 Scope

This document specifies spotting methods for determining the resistance of an individual-layer or multi-layer system of coating materials to the effects of liquids or paste-like products.

These methods enable the testers to determine the effects of the test substance on the coating and, if necessary, to assess the damage to the substrate.

### 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 1513, *Paints and varnishes — Examination and preparation of test samples*

ISO 1514, *Paints and varnishes — Standard panels for testing*

ISO 2808, *Paints and varnishes — Determination of film thickness*

ISO 3270, *Paints and varnishes and their raw materials — Temperatures and humidities for conditioning and testing*

ISO 4618, *Paints and varnishes — Terms and definitions*

ISO 4628-1, *Paints and varnishes — Evaluation of degradation of coatings — Designation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance — Part 1: General introduction and designation system*

ISO 4628-2, *Paints and varnishes — Evaluation of degradation of coatings — Designation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance — Part 2: Assessment of degree of blistering*

ISO 15528, *Paints, varnishes and raw materials for paints and varnishes — Sampling*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4618 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 <http://www.electropedia.org/>

## 4 Principle

A coated test panel is exposed to a test substance using the spotting method. The effects of the exposures are assessed in accordance with agreed criteria.

## 5 Apparatus

The usual laboratory apparatus and, in particular, the following.

**5.1 Pipette**, suitable for applying approximately 0,1 ml droplets of test substance.

**5.2 Burette**, 50 ml, for applying test substances.

**5.3 Petri dishes** with 60 mm diameter and 20 mm rim.

## 6 Test substances

One or more test substances, as agreed between interested parties, shall be used. Examples of test substances are given in Annex A.

## 7 Sampling

Take a representative sample of the coating material to be tested, in accordance with ISO 15528.

Pretest each sample in accordance with ISO 1513 and prepare it for further testing (see 8.2).

## 8 Test panels

### 8.1 Substrate

Unless otherwise agreed, use test panels conforming to the requirements of ISO 1514, with dimensions of approximately 150 mm × 100 mm and a thickness of 0,7 mm to 1,0 mm.

### 8.2 Preparation and coating

Prepare each test panel as described in ISO 1514 and then coat it by the specified application method with the product or system under test. Dry (or stove) and age (if applicable) each coated test panel for the specified time under specified conditions.

### 8.3 Coating thickness

Determine the dry film thickness of the coating, in micrometres, using one of the non-destructive methods specified in ISO 2808.

## 9 Procedure

### 9.1 Conditioning of the test panels

Immediately before testing, condition the test panels for at least 16 h under standard conditions as specified in ISO 3270, i.e.  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C and  $(50 \pm 5)$  % relative humidity.

## 9.2 Test conditions

Carry out the test at the standard temperature specified in ISO 3270, i.e.  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C.

## 9.3 Determination

### 9.3.1 Method A — Horizontal test panel

Perform the test in duplicate.

Place the test panel horizontally. When using liquid test substances, apply them to the test panel with a pipette, making sure that the droplets do not touch one another and that the distance to the edges of the panel is at least 12 mm. Then immediately cover the test areas with the Petri dishes.

When using highly viscous or paste-like test substances, apply about 0,5 cm<sup>3</sup> of each substance to the test panel and cover the areas with Petri dishes.

The test duration shall be agreed between the interested parties and should reflect the end use of the coating.

### 9.3.2 Method B — Inclined test panel

Perform the test in duplicate.

Place the test panel in a collecting vessel at an angle of 30° to the horizontal. With the burette, and at intervals of 1 s to 2 s, apply droplets of the liquid test substance to the upper section of the test panel, close to the centre of the panel, over a period of 10 min. The substance will flow down the test panel into the collecting vessel.

## 10 Evaluation

After the test period has expired, wipe the test panel with dry cotton wool. Clean off any dried residue of aqueous test substances under running water, and clean off the dried residue of any other test substances with a solvent that does not attack the coating.

Evaluate only the area which has been in direct contact with the test substance.

Unless otherwise agreed, immediately assess the test panel for blistering as specified in ISO 4628-2 and in comparison with the non-exposed areas of the panel. Rate any visible alterations as specified in ISO 4628-1.

Unless otherwise agreed, reassess the exposed areas after 24 h.

Further tests on the exposed and non-exposed areas of the test panel may be performed (e.g. cross-cut test, hardness test, etc.) to determine the changes resulting from the effects of the test substances.

If the substrate of the test piece is to be examined for visible alterations, remove the coating using the specified procedure.

If the results of the evaluation of the duplicate determinations differ significantly, repeat the determination, again in duplicate.

Report the results of all determinations, including any repeat determinations.

## 11 Precision

No details are currently available for the repeatability limit ( $r$ ) and reproducibility limit ( $R$ ).

## 12 Test report

The test report shall contain at least the following information:

- a) all information necessary for identification of the coating tested, including the manufacturer, trade name, batch number, etc.;
- b) a reference to this document (i.e. ISO 2812-4);
- c) details of the test panels, including:
  - 1) the material (including thickness) and surface pretreatment of the substrate;
  - 2) the application method for applying the sample coating to the substrate, including the drying time and drying conditions for all layers; where applicable, ageing conditions before the test;
  - 3) the dry film thickness of the coating, in micrometres, including the measuring method chosen in ISO 2808;
- d) the method used (A or B), including:
  - 1) the specification of the test substances;
  - 2) the duration of the test;
  - 3) the temperature;
- e) result(s) of the assessment, as indicated in Clause 10;
- f) the name of the person who conducted the test;
- g) any deviations from the procedure specified;
- h) any unusual features (anomalies) observed during the test;
- i) the date of the test.

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## Annex A (informative)

### Examples of test substances

#### A.1 General

A range of fuels and chemicals that are typically used as test substances for automotive coatings is given in A.2, A.3 and A.4. Other test liquids may be used for testing both automotive and other coatings.

Use only analytical grade chemicals.

#### A.2 Fuels and operating fluids for the automotive industry

**A.2.1 FAM test substance**, conforming to the requirements of DIN 51604-1, DIN 51604-2 or DIN 51604-3.

**A.2.2 Diesel fuel**, conforming to the requirements of EN 590.

**A.2.3 Premium gasoline**, conforming to the requirements of EN 228.

**A.2.4 Bio-diesel**, conforming to the requirements of EN 14214.

**A.2.5 Engine oil.**

**A.2.6 Hypoid gearbox oil.**

**A.2.7 Hydraulic oil.**

**A.2.8 Automatic transmission oil.**

**A.2.9 Brake fluid.**

**A.2.10 Radiator anti-freeze.**

**A.2.11 Body sealing compound.**

**A.2.12 Cavity sealing compound.**

**A.2.13 Windscreen-washer fluid.**

**A.2.14 Cold cleaner.**

#### A.3 Laboratory chemicals

**A.3.1 Ethanol**, CAS-No 64-17-5.