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SURFACE TREATMENT OF METALS  
COLOURED ANODISATION OF ALUMINIUM AND ITS ALLOYS  
DETERMINATION OF THE LIGHT-FASTNESS  
OF COLOURED ANODISED ALUMINIUM

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## BRIEF HISTORY

The ISO Recommendation R 2135, *Surface treatment of metals – Coloured anodisation of aluminium and its alloys – Determination of the light-fastness of coloured anodised aluminium*, was drawn up by Technical Committee ISO/TC 79, *Light metals and their alloys*, the Secretariat of which is held by the Association Française de Normalisation (AFNOR).

Work on this question led to the adoption of Draft ISO Recommendation No. 2135, which was circulated to all ISO Member Bodies for enquiry in October 1970. It was approved, subject to a few modifications of an editorial nature, by the following Member Bodies :

Austria	Italy	Switzerland
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France	Poland	United Kingdom
Germany	Portugal	U.S.A.
Hungary	South Africa, Rep. of	U.S.S.R.
India	Spain	
Israel	Sweden	

The following Member Body opposed the approval of the Draft :

Netherlands

This Draft ISO Recommendation was then submitted by correspondence to the ISO Council, which decided to accept it as an ISO RECOMMENDATION.

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**1. SCOPE**

This ISO Recommendation describes a method of checking the light-fastness of the oxide coatings obtained by coloured anodisation of aluminium and its alloys.

**2. FIELD OF APPLICATION**

This method is applicable to coloured coatings of oxide formed on aluminium and its alloys.

It is a relatively mild test intended primarily for organically dyed coatings rather than for coloured finishes used in architectural applications.

**3. PRINCIPLE**

Exposure of the samples to light and observation of the development of their colour in relation to standards for specific tests.

The exposure can be either to natural light, or to artificial light.

**4. APPARATUS**

For tests in artificial light, there are several types of apparatus, for example : Xenotest, fadeometers, etc. which fulfil the conditions laid down in the procedure.