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PREFACE

This standard was prepared under the direction of the Association's Committee on Metal Finishing, by its subcommittee on prepainted metallic products, at the request of industry to provide performance requirements for prepainted metal products for household appliances. In particular, it provides a means whereby different types of metal sheet and strip with different generic types of paint finishes can be assessed for suitability for subsequent forming and service performance when used in the manufacture of refrigerators, washing machines, stoves, clothes dryers, dishwashers, freezers and range hoods.

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II-6 Test Method for Evaluation of Impact Resistance of Painted Metal Surfaces

II-19 Standard 'T' Bend Test Method

III-1 Standard Test Method for Water Immersion of Organic Coatings on Metallic Surfaces.

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SECTION 1. SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE. This standard specifies performance requirements for prepainted metal products intended to be fabricated for use in the manufacture of household appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines, stoves, clothes dryers, dishwashers, freezers and range hoods.

NOTE: Information which must be supplied at the time of ordering is given in Appendix A.

1.2 PRODUCT CLASSIFICATION AND APPLICATION. Performance requirements specified in this standard apply to any type of organic coating. However, the type of base metal, its thickness and degree of fabrication, the thickness of any metal coating and the surface condition, together with the type and thickness of organic coating applied, all affect the choice of product; accordingly, this standard makes provision for three categories of prefabricated metal product as follows:

Category 1 — Prepainted metal product intended only for further painting after fabrication.

Category 2 — Prepainted metal product suitable for applications where the appliance is required to withstand high humidity, food stains, food colouring and cooking oils and possess mild resistance to clothes washing compounds and moderate resistance to abrasion and heat.

Category 3 — Prepainted metal product suitable for applications where the appliance is required to withstand strong laundry and dishwashing compounds and possess high resistance to water and high humidity.

In the selection of an appropriate category it must be borne in mind that, while recommendations are given for each category, no restriction is placed on the use of a higher performance product for a lower performance category.

1.3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS. The following standards are referred to in this standard:

- AS 1397 Steel Sheet and Strip—Hot-dipped Zinc-coated or Aluminium Zinc-coated
 AS 1580 Methods of Test for Paints and Related Materials

Method 101.4 Conditions of Test, Temperature Controlled

Method 101.5 Conditions of Test, Temperature and Humidity Controlled

Method 405.1 Determination of Pencil Hardness of Paint Film

Method 408.4 Adhesion (Cross-cut)

Method 481.2 Assessment of Blistering of Paint Films

Method 481.3 Assessment of Visible Rusting

Method 481.4 Assessment of Corrosion of an Underlying Iron or Steel Surface

Method 601.1 Colour—Visual Comparison

Method 602.2 Specular Gloss

AS 1635 Methods of Testing Pressure Sensitive Adhesive Tapes

Method 3.1 Adhesion Strength

AS 2310 Glossary of Paint and Painting Terms

AS 2331 Methods of Test for Metallic and Related Coatings

Part 3 — Corrosion and Related Property Tests—Humidity Test—24 h Cycle, Damp Heat

AS 2551 Steel Sheet and Strip—Cold-rolled, Electrolytic Zinc-coated

BS 3900 Methods of Test for Paints

Part C5—Determination of Film Thickness.

1.4 DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this standard, paint terms given in AS 2310 and the following definitions apply:

1.4.1 Prepainted metal product (Prepaint)—a zinc or aluminium/zinc-coated steel product which is painted before fabrication into products for use in the manufacture of household appliances.

NOTE: Prepainting includes any pretreatment of the base metal, the application of any primer and any finishing coats.

1.4.2 Organic coating—the paint film of the prepainted metal product.