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alloys (ISO 2093:1986, MOD)**



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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee MT-009, Metal finishing to supersede AS 4169—1994, *Electroplated coatings—Tin and tin alloys*.

After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

This Standard is an adoption with national modifications and is reproduced from ISO 2093:1986 *Electroplated coatings of tin—Specification and test methods*.

Variations to the ISO text for Australia are set out in Appendix ZZ. Changes to the ISO text are indicated by marginal bars.

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## AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

**Electroplated coatings—Tin and tin alloys  
(ISO 2093:1986, MOD)****0 Introduction**

This International Standard specifies requirements for electroplated coatings of tin on fabricated metal articles to protect them from corrosion and to facilitate soldering.

Attention is drawn to legislative requirements that exist in many countries for tin coatings used in the food industry.

Annex C gives additional information as guidance to the user.

**It is essential that the purchaser should state the information itemized in 4.1 and, if appropriate, 4.2. Specifying ISO 2093 without this information is insufficient.**

**1 Scope and field of application**

This International Standard specifies requirements for electroplated coatings of nominally pure tin on fabricated metal articles. The coatings may be dull or bright as electroplated or may be flow-melted by fusion after electroplating.

It does not apply to

- a) threaded components;
- b) tin-coated copper wire;
- c) coatings on sheet, strip or wire in unfabricated form, or on articles made from them;
- d) coatings on coil springs;
- e) coatings applied by chemical means (immersion, autocatalytic or "electroless");
- f) electroplating of steels with tensile strength greater than 1 000 MPa<sup>1)</sup> (or of corresponding hardness), because such steels are subject to hydrogen embrittlement (see 8.2).

**2 Reference**

ISO 1463, *Metallic and oxide coatings — Measurement of coating thicknesses — Microscopical method.*

ISO 2094, *Metallic and other non-organic coatings — Definitions and conventions concerning the measurement of thickness.*

1) 1 MPa = 1 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

2) At present at the stage of draft. (Revision of ISO 2859-1974.)

ISO 2177, *Metallic coatings — Measurement of coating thickness — Coulometric method by anodic dissolution.*

ISO 2819, *Metallic coatings on metallic substrates — Electrodeposited and chemically deposited coatings — Review of methods available for testing adhesion.*

ISO 2859, *Sampling procedures and tables for inspection by attributes.*<sup>2)</sup>

ISO 3497, *Metallic coatings — Measurements of coating thickness — X-ray spectrometric methods.*

ISO 3543, *Metallic and non-metallic coatings — Measurements of thickness — Backscattered electron method.*

ISO 3768, *Metallic coatings — Neutral salt spray test (NSS test).*

ISO 5125, *Electrodeposited metallic coatings and related finishes — Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes.*

ISO 6988, *Metallic and other non-organic coatings — Sulfur dioxide test with general condensation of moisture.*

IEC Publication 68-2-20, *Basic environmental testing procedures — Test T: Soldering.*

**3 Definitions**

For the purpose of this International Standard, the following definitions apply.

**3.1 significant surface:** The part of the article covered or to be covered by the coating and for which the coating is essential for serviceability and/or appearance.

(Definition taken from ISO 2064.)

**3.2 flow-melting; fusing; flow-brightening; reflowing:** A process by which a coating is melted in order to impart desirable properties such as brightness or improved solderability (see clause C.4).