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Introduction

The determination of the adhesive strength is one of the most important preconditions for evaluating the protective function of coatings.

This document offers a helpful overview for the selection of the test method most suitable for each individual case in regard to the evaluation of the adhesive strength.

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Paints and varnishes — Adhesion of coatings

1 Scope

This document summarises the common methods for evaluating the adhesive strength of coatings on a substrate, which can be another coating beneath or the substrate itself. The test methods and evaluation methods are described in [Clauses 4, 5, and 6](#). In the case of standardized test methods the respective standard is referenced in regard to procedure and evaluation. [Annex A](#) compares the methods in the synoptic [Tables A.1, A.2, and A.3](#).

Often the adhesive strength cannot be sufficiently evaluated by means of a single method.

The purely physical methods for measuring the adhesive strength are such in which mechanical quantities (e.g. force or torsion moment) are measured directly.

All other methods are based on the evaluation of behaviour under mechanics according to practical conditions. For these methods the viscoelastic properties have a wide influence on the evaluation of the adhesive strength, so that it can only be tested comparatively with one method.

Each method has its specific application. An unsuitable method can lead to false information. All of the test methods for the evaluation of the adhesive strength require a certain routine of the test person, especially in regard to identifying the separation line. For most of the test methods the test results, among other things, depend on the film thickness of the coating to be tested. In addition, for several methods differences between tests on a test sheet and in practice can occur, due to different roughness of the substrate.

Effects of delamination caused by weathering or corrosion influences are not subject of this document.

In case cohesion failures predominantly occur during an adhesive strength test, this is no measure for the adhesive strength. However, information can be given on the protective effect of the coating against corrosion.

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 4618, *Paints and varnishes — Terms and definitions*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4618 and the following apply.

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

phenomenon of attachment at the interface between a solid surface and another material caused by molecular forces

Note 1 to entry: Adhesion should not be confused with cohesion.