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# Foreword

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This British Standard specifies requirements for the materials and performance of a pre-treatment primer for aerospace, defence and other applications. The pre-treatment primer is for use on metallic substrates to provide adhesion for an anti-corrosive primer and finishing scheme.

This British Standard specifies requirements for a pre-treatment primer that can be used with British Standard X series primer and/or finishing schemes, or in combination with other finish schemes as required.

This British Standard is intended to be a Chromium(VI)-free alternative to BS X 32 and as such, is to be considered appropriate for products that can be described as thin-film/etch/ wash primers

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The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes provisions of this document<sup>1)</sup>. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

BS 2X-34:1998, *Specification for two component polyurethane finish for aerospace purposes*

BS EN 2436-004, *Aerospace series – Paints and varnishes – Corrosion resistant chromate-free two component cold curing primer – Part 004: High corrosion and salt resistance with surface preparation tolerance*

BS EN 23270, *Specification for temperatures and humidities for conditioning and testing paints, varnishes and their raw materials*

BS EN ISO 1513, *Paints and varnishes – Examination and preparation of test samples*

[BS EN ISO 1514:2016](#), *Paints and varnishes – Standard panels for testing*

BS EN ISO 1518-1, *Paints and varnishes – Determination of scratch resistance – Part 1: Constant-loading method*

BS EN ISO 1520, *Paints and varnishes – Cupping test*

BS EN ISO 2409, *Paints and varnishes – Cross-cut test*

BS EN ISO 2811-1, *Paints and varnishes – Determination of density – Part 1: Pycnometer method*

BS EN ISO 2812-1, *Paints and varnishes – Determination of resistance to liquids – Part 1: Immersion in liquids other than water*

BS EN ISO 2812-2, *Paints and varnishes – Determination of resistance to liquids – Part 2: Water immersion method*

BS EN ISO 3251, *Paints, varnishes and plastics – Determination of non-volatile-matter content*

BS EN ISO 3679, *Determination of flash no-flash and flash point – Rapid equilibrium closed cup method*

BS EN ISO 3696:1995, *Water for analytical laboratory use – Specification and test methods*

BS EN ISO 4618, *Paints and varnishes – Terms and definitions*

BS EN ISO 4623-2, *Paints and varnishes – Determination of resistance to filiform corrosion – Part 2: Aluminium substrates*

BS EN ISO 9117-2, *Paints and varnishes – Drying tests – Part 2: Pressure test for stackability*

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