

# Holiday Detection of Internal Tubular Coatings of Less Than 330 $\mu\text{m}$ (13 mils) Dry Film Thickness

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## Foreword

This test method is intended for use by end users, manufacturers, applicators, corrosion engineers, and quality inspectors of internally plastic-coated (IPC) tubular goods.

## Scope

This nondestructive test method describes a procedure to detect discontinuities (“holidays”) in thin-film polymeric coatings of less than 330  $\mu\text{m}$  (13 mils) dry film thickness (DFT) applied to the internal surfaces of metallic tubular goods used in the oil and gas industry. The apparatus and the recommended procedure for performing the test are described, as are methods of reporting the test data.

A separate test method, NACE TM0186, addresses holiday detection of internal tubular good coatings of 330 to 760  $\mu\text{m}$  (13 to 30 mils) dry-film thickness.

## Rationale

TM0384 was created to identify coating film discontinuities on the internal surfaces of tubular goods to maximize the mitigation of corrosion in these areas. The updates in this revision include updates to the calibration process and grounding guidance.

## Referenced Standards and Other Consensus Documents

Unless specifically dated, the latest edition, revision, or amendment of the documents listed in the table below shall apply.

**AMPP/NACE/SSPC, [www.ampp.org](http://www.ampp.org):**

NACE TM0186	Holiday Detection of Internal Tubular Coatings of 330 to 760 $\mu\text{m}$ (13 to 30 mils) Dry Film Thickness
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## Section 1: General

- 1.1 This test method is based on the current technology and experience of the petroleum production industry.
- 1.2 When holiday testing is performed on coatings that have been in service or that have been previously tested for holidays with a salt solution, there is a possibility of misleading results arising from surface contamination or salt bridging. The coating surface shall be free of materials that give added electrical insulation or that may mechanically damage the coating during the test.
- 1.3 This test method is not intended to provide a means of predicting the service life or service performance of these coatings.
- 1.4 A “holiday” is defined as a discontinuity in a protective coating that exposes unprotected surface to the environment. For the purposes of this test method, it means an area in an applied nonconductive coating that exhibits electrical conductivity when exposed to a known impressed voltage.
- 1.5 The specified resistance for holiday detection is 80,000  $\Omega \pm 10\%$  when measured between the wet probe sponge and the metallic tubular good.