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**Composites and metal assemblies —  
Galvanic corrosion tests of carbon  
fibre reinforced plastics (CFRPs)  
related bonded or fastened  
structures in artificial atmospheres  
— Salt spray tests**

*Assemblages composites et métal — Essais de corrosion galvanique des  
structures en plastiques renforcés de fibres de carbone (CFRP) jointes  
ou fixées en atmosphères artificielles — Essais au brouillard salin*



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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This document specifies the testing method for galvanic corrosion of composites and metal assemblies subject to salt spray environment using a bonded or fastened specimen.

The potential benefits to CFRP-metal users of implementing a galvanic corrosion test based on this document are:

- a) addressing corrosion risks relating CFRPs of drastically nobler galvanic potential than metals to form a global cell between CFRP and metal – new risks drastically exceeding the scope of ISO 9227 for a local cell of isolated metal – utilizing the resources of ISO 9227;
- b) expanding CFRP applications to the fields of corrosive environments that still require the combinations with metallic components;
- c) the detection or the prevention of galvanic current insulation loss, such as ion migration and time-related degradation in sealant film, injected calking layer and glass fibre reinforced plastics (GFRPs) layer;
- d) demonstrating the conformity to specified conditions for type certification requirements in the engineering such as aircraft developments;
- e) evaluating the corrosion related procedures for maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) in the engineering operations such of CFRP aircrafts.

It is not the intent of this document to imply the need for:

- omitting relevant field tests for CFRP related engineering;
- generally specifying the dimensions of test specimen to represent CFRPs related bonded or fastened structures;
- superimposing test results for specific applications of the parameters that exceed the range of this document;
- comparative testing as a means of ranking different protections with respect to corrosion resistance.



# Composites and metal assemblies — Galvanic corrosion tests of carbon fibre reinforced plastics (CFRPs) related bonded or fastened structures in artificial atmospheres — Salt spray tests

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the apparatus, the reagents and the procedure to be used in conducting the neutral salt spray (NSS), acetic acid salt spray (AASS) and copper-accelerated acetic acid salt spray (CASS) tests for assessment of the galvanic corrosion resistance of joints and bonded structures between carbon fibre reinforced plastics (CFRPs) and metallic materials, with or without permanent or temporary insulation for the galvanic current.

## 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 1514, *Paints and varnishes — Standard panels for testing*

ISO 2808, *Paints and varnishes — Determination of film thickness*

ISO 3574, *Cold-reduced carbon steel sheet of commercial and drawing qualities*

ISO 6361-2, *Wrought aluminium and aluminium alloys — Sheets, strips and plates — Part 2: Mechanical properties*

ISO 8044, *Corrosion of metals and alloys — Basic terms and definitions*

ISO 8407, *Corrosion of metals and alloys — Removal of corrosion products from corrosion test specimens*

ISO 17872, *Paints and varnishes — Guidelines for the introduction of scribe marks through coatings on metallic panels for corrosion testing*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 8044 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### reference material

material with known test performance

### 3.2

#### reference specimen

portion of the reference material that is to be exposed with the intention to check the reproducibility and repeatability of the test results for the test cabinet in use