
**Corrosion of metals and alloys —
Sulfur dioxide test in a humid
atmosphere (fixed gas method)**

*Corrosion des métaux et alliages — Essai au dioxyde de soufre en
atmosphère humide (méthode avec volume fixe de gaz)*



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Foreword

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- the method of generating sulfur dioxide from reagents has been deleted because of the risk of exposure to toxic chemicals.

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Introduction

A humid atmosphere containing sulfur dioxide induces corrosion of many metals.

The results obtained in this document should not be regarded as a direct guide to the corrosion resistance of the tested materials in all environments where these materials may be used. Similarly, performances of different materials in this document should not be taken as a direct guide to the relative corrosion resistance of these materials in service.

It is appropriate to test only the same corrosion protection systems at the same time in one test procedure, because an interaction between samples can't be prevented. When testing different corrosion protection systems with different materials, it should be taken into account that the influence of sulfur dioxide often can be different.

The term “fixed gas method” means that at the beginning of the test a fixed volume of gas is introduced into a cabinet of fixed volume.

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WARNING — This document does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this document to establish appropriate safety and health practices.

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for assessing the resistance of materials or products to a humid atmosphere containing sulfur dioxide.

This method is applicable to testing metals and alloys, metallic and non-organic coatings and organic coatings.

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

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 8044 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/>

4 Principle

The test specimens are exposed to a humid atmosphere containing sulfur dioxide. The sulfur dioxide dissolved by the moisture condenses on the test specimen surface and causes corrosion.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Component protection.

All components in contact with sulfur dioxide in a humid atmosphere shall be made of corrosion resistant materials, and shall themselves not emit any gas or vapour likely to influence corrosion of the test specimens.