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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 3613:2010), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared with the previous edition are as follows:

- [Table 1](#) has been revised;
- analysis method described in [6.5](#) was aligned with the method described in IEC 62321-7-1;
- procedure for the preparation of test solution C 2 in [4.3.2](#) has been revised and a second standard solution has been added;
- limiting time has been amended in [6.1](#);
- procedure for testing with test solution C 2 has been revised in [6.5.2](#);
- description of the calibration of spectrophotometer has been added.

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Introduction

This document specifies methods for the qualitative determination of the presence of chromate conversion coatings as well as the total chromium content of chromate conversion coatings.

The application of very thin, colourless, practically invisible chromate conversion coatings is frequently called “passivation”, while the application of thicker, coloured chromate conversion coatings is called “chromating”. The term “passivation” is not correct, as it does not conform to the ISO 2080 designation, and is therefore deprecated.

Chromate conversion coatings are based on a solution containing Cr(VI). Both the process solution and the coating contain hexavalent chromium. The term passivation is nowadays often used for Cr(VI)-free coatings replacing chromate conversion coatings. Products containing Cr(VI) are not allowed within EU and processes using Cr(VI) are strictly regulated.

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1 Scope

This document specifies methods for the determination of

- the presence of colourless chromate conversion coatings,
- the presence of hexavalent chromium in colourless and coloured coatings on zinc or cadmium or aluminium-zinc (mass fraction of aluminium: 55 %, within a range of 54 % to 56 % mass fraction) and zinc-aluminium (mass fraction of aluminium: 5 %) alloys,
- the total chromium content per unit area on zinc and cadmium,
- the mass per unit area of both colourless and coloured coatings,
- the satisfactory adhesion of chromate conversion coatings, and
- the quality of chromate coatings.

These methods are applicable to

- colourless and coloured chromate conversion coatings containing trivalent and hexavalent chromium in varying proportions and produced by either chemical or electrochemical processes, and
- chromate coatings that are free from any supplementary coatings, such as oil, water or solvent-based polymers or wax.

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 3892, *Conversion coatings on metallic materials — Determination of coating mass per unit area — Gravimetric methods*

ISO 4520, *Chromate conversion coatings on electroplated zinc and cadmium coatings*

IEC 60068-2-30, *Environmental testing — Part 2-30: Tests — Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.