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## **Corrosion of metals and alloys — Overview of metal corrosion protection when using disinfectants**

*Corrosion des métaux et alliages — Vue d'ensemble de la protection  
contre la corrosion des métaux lors de l'utilisation de désinfectants*



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## Introduction

This document provides information on protection against metal corrosion risks when disinfectants are used in response to infectious diseases.

Governments, regulatory agencies and other professional organizations around the world have issued guidelines in response to pandemics, but these contain no specific information on metal corrosion protection when using disinfectants.

This document provides supplementary information intended to help organizations, families and individuals, as well as other stakeholders, take more effective actions to prevent users from being injured and reduce or avoid possible risks of metal corrosion during the use of disinfectants.



# Corrosion of metals and alloys — Overview of metal corrosion protection when using disinfectants

## 1 Scope

This document provides an overview of the corrosivity of disinfectants and corrosion protection when using disinfectants, including an overview of test methods that can be used to determine their corrosivity.

This document is generic and applicable to organizations of all sizes in all industries, as well as to families and individuals, and it is intended to assist in determining appropriate health and safety measures regarding the use of disinfectants.

The resolution of security issues related to the use of disinfectants is outside the scope of this document.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

### 3.1

#### **organization**

company, corporation, firm, enterprise, authority or institution, person or persons or part or combination thereof, whether incorporated or not, public or private, that has its own functions and administration

[SOURCE: ISO 30000:2009, 3.10]

### 3.2

#### **risk**

combination of the probability of occurrence of harm and the severity of that harm

[SOURCE: ISO 15188:2001, 3.6]

### 3.3

#### **disinfectant**

agent capable of causing disinfection

[SOURCE: ISO 15190:2020, 3.8]

### 3.4

#### **corrosivity**

ability of an environment to cause corrosion of a metal in a given corrosion system

[SOURCE: ISO 8044:2020, 3.14]