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**Preparation of steel substrates before  
application of paints and related  
products — Test methods for non-  
metallic blast-cleaning abrasives —**

**Part 7:  
Determination of water-soluble  
chlorides**

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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 11127-7:2011), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- an Introduction has been added;
- the scope has been expanded to include spectrophotometric and ion chromatographic methods of analysis;
- [Clauses 3, 4, 9](#) and [10](#) have been added;
- the list of apparatus in [Clause 5](#) has been expanded;
- [Clause 8](#) has been renamed;
- Annex A has been deleted.

A list of all parts in the ISO 11127 series can be found on the ISO website.

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## Introduction

Amperometric titration against silver nitrate has been the established method of determining water-soluble chlorides in non-metallic abrasives since the first edition of this document. Subsequently, other methods of analysis offering faster and more sensitive determinations, namely ion chromatography and spectrophotometry, have gained popularity. This document specifies three methods of analysis for water-soluble chlorides.

The spectrophotometric determination of water-soluble chloride relies on the dissociation of mercuric thiocyanate by chloride ions. In the presence of ferric ion, the liberated thiocyanate ion forms the dark red coloured ferric thiocyanate complex in a concentration which is proportional to the original chloride ion concentration. The concentration of the ferric thiocyanate is determined by measuring the absorbance at 450 nm. This method can be used to determine chloride concentrations as low as 0,1 mg/l. Commercially available reagent kits offer determinations in the ranges 0,1 mg/l to 25 mg/l and 1 mg/l to 70 mg/l. Portable spectrophotometers allow the adoption of this method as field method of determination of water-soluble chloride. This method has also been adapted for flow injection analysis.

The determination of chloride by ion chromatograph separates the chloride from other water-soluble anions by liquid chromatography, applying an anion exchange resin as stationary phase, and aqueous solutions of carbonate, hydrogencarbonate, hydroxide as eluent. The detection is carried out using a conductivity detector (CD). This method permits the determination of both chloride and sulfate at the same time. The determination can be used for chloride concentrations down to 0,1 mg/l.



# Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Test methods for non-metallic blast-cleaning abrasives —

## Part 7: Determination of water-soluble chlorides

### 1 Scope

This document specifies three methods for the determination of water-soluble chlorides in non-metallic blast-cleaning abrasives, namely, amperometric titration, spectro-photometry and ion chromatography.

This document is part of the ISO 11127 series dealing with the sampling and testing of non-metallic abrasives for blast-cleaning.

The types of non-metallic abrasive and requirements on each are contained in the ISO 11126 series.

The ISO 11126 series and the ISO 11127 series have been drafted as a coherent set of International Standards on non-metallic blast-cleaning abrasives.

### 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 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 11127-1, *Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Test methods for non-metallic blast-cleaning abrasives — Part 1: Sampling*

ISO 10304-1, *Water quality — Determination of dissolved anions by liquid chromatography of ions — Part 1: Determination of bromide, chloride, fluoride, nitrate, nitrite, phosphate and sulfate*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

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

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

#### 3.1

##### **cuvette**

absorption cell

#### 3.2

##### **eluent**

liquid phase used to achieve separation and transport of analytes