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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 35, *Paints and varnishes*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 4618:2006), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are listed below.

- a) The following terms have been added: abrasion, aerosol, appearance, bubble, colour retention, dispersion, effect pigment, emulsion, functional pigment, nanoaerosol, nanocoating, nanodispersion, nanoemulsion, nanoextender, nanofilm, nano-object, nanopigment, nanoscale, nanostructured coating, nanosuspension, nanotexture, non-volatile matter by volume, overcoatability, performance, pourability (changed from flowability), reflow effect, rheopexy/rheoplectic behaviour, rust back (synonym for flash rust), rust bloom, scratch, scribe, shear-thickening flow behaviour/dilatant flow behaviour, shear-thinning flow behaviour/pseudoplastic flow behaviour, surface structure, suspension, texture, thixotropy/thixotropic behaviour, viscoelasticity, viscosity, yield point/yield stress/yield value.
- b) The following terms have been amended: adhesive strength, ageing, agglomerate, aggregate, airless spraying, anti-foaming agent, anti-fouling paint, application rate, barrier coating material, bleeding, binder, biocide, blistering (replaced by blister), blooming, brightness, chalking, coat, coating, coating material, coating process, cohesion, colour, colouring material, consistency/body, corrosion, cracking, cratering, crocodiling, crow's foot cracking, defoaming agent, de-nibbing, dirt pick-up, dirt retention, drying, durability, dyestuff, elasticity, etching, extender, feather edging, feeding, filler, filling, film, film formation, flash point, flexibility, floating, flooding, flow, flow agent, hardness, hiding power, holiday, hot spraying, hydrocarbon resin, impregnating material, in-can preservative, lap, leafing, mar resistance (changed to mar), masking, metamerism, non-volatile matter, paint, pigment, polymer dispersion, pot life, preparation grade, recoatability, resin, run, rust grade, sag, sagging, sheen, shelf life, shop primer, stopper, synthetic resin, thixotropic agent/thixotrope, varnish.
- c) The following terms have been deleted: blast primer, chromating, emulsion paint/latex paint, coverage (as synonym for hiding power), flowability (changed to pourability), hair cracking, opacity (as synonym for hiding power), high solids, miss (as synonym for holiday).

# Paints and varnishes — Terms and definitions

## 1 Scope

This International Standard defines terms used in the field of coating materials (paints, varnishes and raw materials for paints and varnishes).

Terms relating to specific applications and properties are dealt with in standards concerning those applications and properties, e.g. corrosion protection, coating powders.

Terms on nanotechnologies are harmonized with ISO/TS 80004-4.

In addition to terms in English and French (two of the three official ISO languages), this International Standard gives the equivalent terms in German; these are published under the responsibility of the member body for Germany (DIN). However, only the terms and definitions given in the official languages can be considered as ISO terms and definitions.

NOTE 1 Those terms that are defined elsewhere in this International Standard are shown in *italics*.

NOTE 2 See also the ISO online browsing platform (OBP): <https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/>

## 2 Terms and definitions

### 2.1

#### **abrasion**

process of wearing away or deformation of a surface by friction as a result of rubbing

### 2.2

#### **abrasive blast-cleaning**

impingement of a high-kinetic-energy stream of an abrasive on the surface to be prepared

### 2.3

#### **accelerator**

*additive* that increases the speed of chemical reactions

### 2.4

#### **acid value**

number of milligrams of potassium hydroxide (KOH) required to neutralize 1 g of a sample under specified test conditions

### 2.5

#### **acrylic resin**

*synthetic resin* resulting from the polymerization or copolymerization of acrylic and/or methacrylic monomers, frequently together with other monomers

### 2.6

#### **additive**

any substance, added in small quantities to a *coating material*, to improve or otherwise modify one or more properties

### 2.7

#### **adhesion**

phenomenon of attachment at the interface between a solid surface and another material caused by molecular forces

Note 1 to entry: Adhesion should not be confused with *cohesion*.