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#### Käsitlusala:

This part of EN 13523 describes the procedure for determining the relative hardness of an organic coating on a metallic substrate, by means of pencils of known hardness.

#### Scope:

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#### **Foreword**

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#### 1 Scope

This Part of EN 13523 describes the procedure for determining the relative hardness of an organic coating on a metallic substrate, by means of pencils of known hardness.

Smooth surfaces will give more accurate results but the method is also applicable for textured surfaces. The more pronounced the texture, the greater the unreliability of results.

#### 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates, by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 13523-0:2001

Coil coated metals - Test methods - Part 0: General introduction and list of test methods

EN 23270:1991

Paint and varnishes and their raw materials – Temperatures and humidities for conditioning and testing (ISO 3270:1984)

ISO 15184:1998

Paints and varnishes - Determination of film hardness by pencil test

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this part of EN 13523, the terms and definitions given in EN 13523-0:2001 apply, together with the following.

#### 3.1

#### pencil hardness

resistance of the surface of a paint film to marking, or other defects as a result of the action of a pencil with a specified dimension, shape and hardness of the lead, which is pushed across the surface.

NOTE: Marking by pencil leads covers a range of defects in the surface of the paint film. For further details see ISO 15184:1998.

#### 4 Principle

The coating is intentionally damaged by pencils of increasing hardness. The hardest lead which does not remove the coating for a minimum of 3 mm length determines the degree of hardness.

#### 5 Apparatus and materials

Ordinary laboratory apparatus, together with the following:

5.1 Set of Cretacolor or Faber Castell drawing pencils, or their equivalents in the following range:

6B, 5B, 4B, 3B, 2B, B, HB, F, H, 2H, 3H, 4H, 5H, 6H (softer) (harder)

NOTE: Cretacolor and Faber Castell pencils have been found to be the most uniform and the most reproducible.