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#### 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies method of determining the mass per unit area of hor dip galvanized coatings on ferrous materials.

Since as exact knowledge of the area of the surface is essential, this International Standard is mainly applicable to shapes whose areas are easy to determine. If, with heavy samples, the specifications of clause 5 cannot be met, then the hot dip galvanized coating mass has to be determined by another method.

#### 2 Principle

The hot dip galvanized coating on a surface of known area is dissolved in inhibited acid and the resultant loss in mass is determined by weighing the sample before and after the coating is dissolved.

#### 3 Stripping solution

Dissolve 3,5 g of hexamethylenetetramine in 500 ml of concentrated hydrochloric acid ( $\rho=1,19$  g/ml). Dilute this solution to 1 000 ml with distilled water.

#### 4 Sampling

The method of sampling shall be agreed between the interested parties.

#### 5 Procedure

Where necessary, the sample shall be degreased with an organic solvent that does not attack the hot dip galvanized coating, and then dried.

Before stripping, the sample shall be weighed to an accuracy better than 1 % of the presumed coating mass.

The quantity of solution shall be measured so that at least 10 ml of solution are available for each square centimetre of the surface of the sample. The sample shall be completely immersed in the solution at room temperature and left until the coating has completely dissolved. The end of the dissolution process can be recognized by the cessation of the originally brisk evolution of hydrogen. The sample shall then be rinsed in running water and, if necessary, brushed to remove any loose substance which may be adhering to the surface, dipped in alcohol, quickly dried and again weighed to the accuracy indicated in the previous paragraph.

After weighing, the surface area A of the exposed surface shall be determined to an accuracy of 1 %.

#### 6 Expression of results

#### 6.1 Method of calculation

Calculate the mass per unit area  $\rho_A$ , of the hot dip galvanized coating, expressed in grams per square metre, from the equation

$$\rho_A = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{A} \times 10^6$$

where

- $m_1$  is the mass, in grams, of the sample before stripping;
- $m_2$  is the mass, in grams, of the sample after stripping;
- A is the area, in square millimetres, of the exposed surface of the sample.