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protection of steel structures by
protective paint systems —**

**Part 4:
Types of surface and surface
preparation**

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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 12944-4:1998), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the terms and definitions which were not used in the main part of the standard have been deleted;
- the normative references have been updated;
- [5.6](#) “Surfaces with chemical treatment” has been included;
- [6.2.8](#) “Chemical treatment” has been included;
- [Annex C](#) has been restructured to contain two tables for distinction between “extraneous layers and foreign matter” and “native layers and contaminants”;
- the bibliography has been updated;
- the text has been editorially revised.

A list of all parts in the ISO 12944 series can be found on the ISO website.

Introduction

Unprotected steel in the atmosphere, in water and in soil is subjected to corrosion that can lead to damage. Therefore, to avoid corrosion damage, steel structures are normally protected to withstand the corrosion stresses to which they will be subjected during the service life required of the structure.

There are different ways of protecting steel structures from corrosion. ISO 12944 (all parts) deals with protection by paint systems and covers, in the various parts, all features that are important in achieving adequate corrosion protection. Additional or other measures are possible but require particular agreement between the interested parties.

In order to ensure effective corrosion protection of steel structures, owners of such structures, planners, consultants, companies carrying out corrosion protection work, inspectors of protective coatings and manufacturers of coating materials need to have at their disposal state-of-the-art information in concise form on corrosion protection by paint systems. It is vital that such information is as complete as possible, unambiguous and easily understandable to avoid difficulties and misunderstandings between the parties concerned with the practical implementation of protection work.

ISO 12944 (all parts) is intended to give this information in the form of a series of instructions. It is written for those who have some technical knowledge. It is also assumed that the user of ISO 12944 (all parts) is familiar with other relevant International Standards, in particular those dealing with surface preparation.

Although ISO 12944 (all parts) does not deal with financial and contractual questions, attention is drawn to the fact that, because of the considerable implications of inadequate corrosion protection, non-compliance with requirements and recommendations given in ISO 12944 (all parts) can result in serious financial consequences.

ISO 12944-1 defines the overall scope of ISO 12944. It gives some basic terms and definitions and a general introduction to the other parts of ISO 12944. Furthermore, it includes a general statement on health, safety and environmental protection, and guidelines for using ISO 12944 (all parts) for a given project.

This document describes the different types of surface to be protected and gives information on surface preparation methods such as chemical and mechanical cleaning. It deals with surface preparation grades, surface profile (roughness), assessment of prepared surfaces, temporary protection of prepared surfaces, preparation of temporarily protected surfaces for further coatings, preparation of existing metal coatings, and environmental aspects. As far as possible, reference is made to the basic International Standards on the surface preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products.

Paints and varnishes — Corrosion protection of steel structures by protective paint systems —

Part 4: Types of surface and surface preparation

1 Scope

This document covers the following types of surfaces of steel structures consisting of carbon or low-alloy steel, and their preparation:

- uncoated surfaces;
- surfaces thermally sprayed with zinc, aluminium or their alloys;
- hot-dip-galvanized surfaces;
- zinc-electroplated surfaces;
- sherardized surfaces;
- surfaces painted with prefabrication primer;
- other painted surfaces.

This document defines a number of surface preparation grades but does not specify any requirements for the condition of the substrate prior to surface preparation.

Highly polished surfaces and work-hardened surfaces are not covered by this document.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1461, *Hot dip galvanized coatings on fabricated iron and steel articles — Specifications and test methods*

ISO 2063 (all parts), *Thermal spraying — Zinc, aluminium and their alloys*

ISO 4628-1, *Paints and varnishes — Evaluation of degradation of coatings — Designation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance — Part 1: General introduction and designation system*

ISO 4628-2, *Paints and varnishes — Evaluation of degradation of coatings — Designation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance — Part 2: Assessment of degree of blistering*

ISO 4628-3, *Paints and varnishes — Evaluation of degradation of coatings — Designation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance — Part 3: Assessment of degree of rusting*

ISO 4628-4, *Paints and varnishes — Evaluation of degradation of coatings — Designation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance — Part 4: Assessment of degree of cracking*

ISO 4628-5, *Paints and varnishes — Evaluation of degradation of coatings — Designation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance — Part 5: Assessment of degree of flaking*

ISO 4628-6, *Paints and varnishes — Evaluation of degradation of coatings — Designation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance — Part 6: Assessment of degree of chalking by tape method*

ISO 8501-1:2007, *Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Visual assessment of surface cleanliness — Part 1: Rust grades and preparation grades of uncoated steel substrates and of steel substrates after overall removal of previous coatings*

ISO 8501-2:1994, *Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Visual assessment of surface cleanliness — Part 2: Preparation grades of previously coated steel substrates after localized removal of previous coatings*

ISO 8501-3, *Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Visual assessment of surface cleanliness — Part 3: Preparation grades of welds, edges and other areas with surface imperfections*

ISO 8501-4, *Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Visual assessment of surface cleanliness — Part 4: Initial surface conditions, preparation grades and flash rust grades in connection with high-pressure water jetting*

ISO 8504 (all parts), *Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Surface preparation methods*

ISO 12944-1, *Paints and varnishes — Corrosion protection of steel structures by protective paint systems — Part 1: General introduction*

ISO 16276 (all parts), *Corrosion protection of steel structures by protective paint systems — Assessment of, and acceptance criteria for, the adhesion/cohesion (fracture strength) of a coating*

EN 10238, *Automatically blast-cleaned and automatically prefabrication primed structural steel products*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 12944-1 and the following apply.

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

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

3.1 abrasive blast-cleaning

impingement of a high-kinetic-energy stream of *blast-cleaning abrasive* (3.2) on to the surface to be prepared

[SOURCE: ISO 11124-1:1993, 2.2]

3.2 blast-cleaning abrasive

solid material intended to be used for *abrasive blast-cleaning* (3.1)

[SOURCE: ISO 11124-1:1993, 2.1]