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## Introduction

The definitions in this document have been drawn up with the objective of achieving a proper balance between precision and simplicity. The main objective of this document is to provide definitions that can be understood to have the same meaning by all concerned. Some corrosion terms in present use have developed through common usage and are not always logical. It has not, therefore, been possible to define certain terms in the form they are used in some countries. Because of the occasional conflicts between tradition and logic, some definitions inevitably represent a compromise.

An example of this kind of conflict is the term “corrosion”. This has been used to mean the process, results of the process and damage caused by the process. In this document, corrosion is understood to mean the process. Any detectable result of corrosion in any part of a corrosion system is termed “corrosion effect”. The term “corrosion damage” covers any impairment of the function of the technical system of which the metal and the environment form a part. Consequently, the term “corrosion protection” implies that the important thing is to avoid corrosion damage rather than to prevent corrosion, which in many cases is impossible and sometimes not necessary.

# Corrosion of metals and alloys — Vocabulary

## 1 Scope

This document defines terms relating to corrosion that are widely used in modern science and technology. In addition, some definitions are supplemented with short explanations.

NOTE 1 Throughout the document, IUPAC rules for electrode potential signs are applied. The term “metal” is also used to include alloys and other metallic materials.

NOTE 2 Terms and definitions related to the inorganic surface treatment of metals are given in ISO 2080.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms related to corrosion in general

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

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

### 3.1

#### **corrosion**

physicochemical interaction between a metallic material and its environment that results in changes in the properties of the metal, and that may lead to significant impairment of the function of the metal, the environment or the technical system, of which these form a part

Note 1 to entry: This interaction is often of an electrochemical nature.

### 3.2

#### **corrosive agent**

substance that will initiate or promote *corrosion* (3.1) when in contact with a given metal

### 3.3

#### **corrosive environment**

environment that contains one or more *corrosive agents* (3.2)

### 3.4

#### **corrosion system**

system consisting of one or more metals and those parts of the environment that influence *corrosion* (3.1)

Note 1 to entry: Parts of the environment may be, for example, coatings, surface layers or additional *electrodes* (7.1.2).

### 3.5

#### **corrosion effect**

change in any part of the *corrosion system* (3.4) caused by *corrosion* (3.1)

### 3.6

#### **corrosion damage**

*corrosion effect* (3.5) that causes impairment of the function of the metal, the environment or the technical system, of which these form a part