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PAINTING

1. PURPOSE

This procedure is intended as an information aid to inspection painting.

2. SCOPE

This procedure included the key elements of surface preparation, coating application, qualification of painting shop, and measuring hardness that is applicable ***for header boxes and steel structure parts of air cooler*** that will be procured in ***“Toase-eh Park Sanati Gohar Ofogh Petrochemical Co. CONCEPTUAL, BASIC and DETAIL DESIGN ENGINEERING OF STYRENE PARK OFFSITE”***.

As per related documents, just ladder & steel structure shall be painted. The other parts: Fan ring, plenum, bundle frame, support mechanism & fan drive, grating & header walk way parts shall be hot dip galvanized.

3. REFERENCE

ISO 8501-1 Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products - Visual assessment of surface cleanliness -





Part1 Rust grades and preparation grades of uncoated steel substrates and of steel substrates after overall removal of previous coatings.

ISO 8501-2 Part 2: Preparation grades of previously coated steel substrates

after localized removal of previous coatings.

ASTM A123 Specification for zinc (Hot-Dip Galvanized) Coatings on Iron and Steel.

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4. DEFINITION

4.1. V (Vendor): Damafin

4.2. S.S.P.C: The Society for Protective Coating

5. RESPONSIBILITY

This procedure is managed by the Quality Engineering Department of Damafin.

6. SURFACE BLASTING

For Header boxes:

SURFACE PREPRATION ACCEPTANCE DEGREE: STANDARD SIS, SA 2 1/2.

6.1. QUALITIES OF SURFACE FINISH




6.1.1. General

This procedure qualities of surface finish for all steels that are prepared by dry methods of blast-cleaning for the application of paints and nonmetallic coatings. It applies both to uncoated steel, whether new or weathered, and to steel from which an old protective coating has to be removed.

The quality of blast cleaned steel surface is defined is terms of cleanliness. There are no simple precise means of measuring these characteristics but the first can be estimated from the appearance of the surface and the second can generally be controlled within broad limits by the choice of blast cleaning procedure, and notably of the type and grade of abrasive.

6.1.2. Before Blasting

Many Materials, if nor removed from the surface, will affect the life of coating. These include oil, grease, soil, weld spatter, and slag that make it impossible to obtain proper adhesion to the metal surface.

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Hand toll cleaning is the method used for the removal of loose mill scale, loose rust, loose or otherwise defective coating, weld flux, slag and spatter from metal surface by hand brushing, hand chipping or scarping using wire, fiber or bristle brushes, sandpaper, steel wool, hand scarpers or chisels, and chipping hammers.

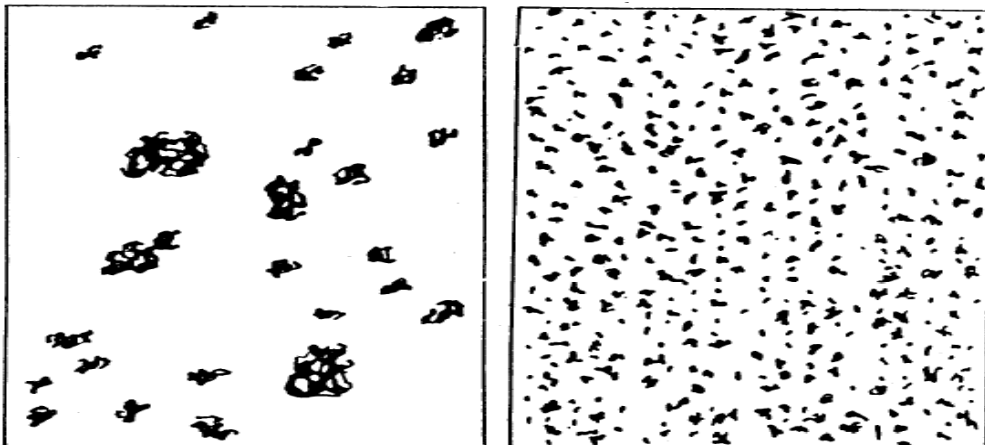
6.2.2. Surface cleanliness

SECOND QUALITY (Near White) (SSPC-SP10), (SIS 05 59 00: SA 2 ½)

The entire surface shall show blast- cleaning pattern and shall be completely free from any contamination by oil, grease, dirt or other matter, except that tightly-bonded residues of mill scale or rust shall be permissible up to the following limits:

- For the whole surface: An average at least 95% of the surface shall be clean bare steel.
- For any single square of 25mm (1in) side, at least 90% of the square shall be clean bare steel.





WHOLE SURFACE (5% Mill scale residues)



Coarse

Fine

MAXIMUM PERMITTED IN ANY SINGLE 25mm x 25mm (1in x 1in)

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(10% Mill scale residues)

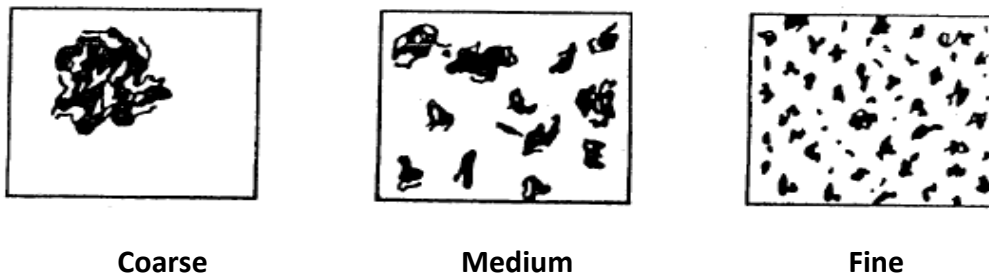


Figure.6.1. Diagrammatic indications of second quality






Cleaning, the type and grade of abrasive and the blast cleaning procedure adopted.

Quality of surface finish	First quality	Second quality	Third quality
General appearance	Whole surface to show blast-cleaning pattern		
Description of finish :			
Clean bare steel	Whole surface	At least 95% of surface	At least 80% of surface
Extent of residue	Nil	Not more than 10% of any single square of 25mm(1in) side	Not more than 40% of any single square of 25mm(1in) side
Type of residue permitted:			
Millscale	Nil	Tightly-bonded residue	Tightly-bonded residue
Rust	Nil	Nil	Nil
Paint or other coating	Nil	Nil	Nil
Loose abrasive and dust	Nil	Nil	Nil

6.3. CONTROL AND INSPECTION

Methods of controlling the quality of surface finish, both with regard to cleanliness, are in course of development. For the time being, some measure of control can be exercised by comparison with agreed reference panels prepared beforehand to show the type of finish required. The following procedures have been found useful:

A sample piece at least 150 mm x 100 mm made from the metal identical to the base metal being treated and in the same surface condition, is held temporarily in position on the base. An area containing the sample piece is then blast-cleaned to the desired finish. The sample

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piece is detached and placed in a clean, dry, airtight container, for later examination in the laboratory.

6.4. Blast-Cleaning Operation

6.4.1. Before Blast Cleaning

Many Materials, if not removed from the surface, will affect the life of coating. These include oil, grease, soil, weld spatter, and slag that make it impossible to obtain proper adhesion to the metal surface.

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6.4.2. The compressed air used for blast cleaning should be free of condensed water or oil by making certain that separators.






6.4.3. Because abrasive blast cleaning is hazardous operation, all work shall be conducted in compliance with applicable occupational and environmental health and safety rules and regulations.

6.4.4. As a preliminary to blast cleaning, all surfaces shall be solvent cleaned in accordance with SSPC-SP 1, sufficient to remove any visible deposits of oil, grease, drilling and cutting compounds. This method shall also be used as surface preparation, prior to painting galvanized surfaces.

6.4.5. All surfaces that require painting shall be near-white blast cleaned to pictorial standard Sa 2-1/2 of SS 05 59 00/ISO 8501-1/BS 7079: Part A1 read in conjunction with the descriptive standards of SSPC-SP10 and the relevant sections of SSPC-SP COM as listed in Section 10.2 of SSPC-SP10.

6.5. Blast Cleaning Abrasives

The selection of abrasive size and type shall be based on the type, grade, and surface condition of the steel to be cleaned, type of blast cleaning system employed, the finished

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surface to be produced (cleanliness and roughness), and whether the abrasive will be recycled.

The cleanliness and size of recycled abrasive shall be maintained to ensure compliance with this procedure. The blast cleaning abrasive shall be dry and free of oil, grease, and other contaminations.

6.6. Weather Considerations

Blast cleaning operations shall not be conducted on surface that will be wet after blasting and before coating, when the surface are less than 3° above the dew point, when the relative humidity of the air is greater than 85%, or when the ambient temperature is below 5°C, or outside daylight hours.

7. PAINTING

7.1. Specification

7.1.1. HEADERS: ALL CARBON STEEL HEADER BOXES

OPERATION TEMP. RANGE. : ≤ 100 °C

Surface Preparation: SA2 1/2






Primer: Zinc Ethyl silicate : 75 microns

Intermediate: 1- Tie coat, epoxy polyamide, 30 microns

2- Mid Coat, High Build Epoxy: 125 microns

Finish coat: Acrylic polyurethane: 75 microns

- TOTAL DRY FILM (DFT) 305 μ

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- RAL: 7038 (Grey)

- ADHESION DEGREE: ACCORDING TO ASTM D - 3359 / 4A

7.2. Specification for Structural Steel works

Header walk way & support mechanism & Bolts/Nuts shall be hot dip galvanized according to ASTM A123.

STRUCTURE PARTS

OPERATION TEMP. RANGE.: ≤ 100 °C

Surface Preparation: SA2 1/2

Primer: *Zinc Ethyl silicate* : 75 microns

Intermediate: 1- Tie coat, epoxy polyamide, 30 microns

2- Mid Coat, High Build Epoxy: 125 microns

Finish coat: *Acrylic polyurethane*: 75 microns






- TOTAL DRY FILM (DFT) 305 μ

- RAL: 7038 (Grey)

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7.3. Curing And recoating time:

For the time and temperature required for curing, touch dry and over coating time

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see paint manufacturer's instructions and data sheets

7.4. Cleaning and Preparation of Surfaces

7.4.1. Before application of any coating, all surfaces to be coated should be thoroughly cleaned and properly prepared to the requirements of the specification. All dust, dirt, oil, grease, moisture, soot.

7.4.2. Before painting; Surfaces that have been dry blasted should be brushed with clean brushes, blown with compressed air free of oil and moisture to eliminate any traces of blast products, dust, or dirt from the surface. This also serves to remove abrasive from pockets and corners.

7.4.3. Blast cleaned surfaces should be further treated, primed or painted on the same day they are blasted, preferably within 8h, or in any event before any visible flash rusting occurs. Re-blasting will be necessary on any surface if rust bloom forms before coating can be applied.





7.5. Qualification of Painting

7.5.1. Coating Storage and Handling

All coating and thinners should be stored in areas or structures that are well-ventilated and not subject to excessive heat, open flames, electrical discharge, or direct rays of the sun.

Materials susceptible to damage at low temperatures should be stored to prevent freezing, such as in heated areas. If a coating is stocked for a considerable length of time (several months), it is desirable to invert the containers at monthly intervals. This will prevent hard settling and thus make mixing quicker and easier when the coating is to be used.

Coating containers should remain unopened until needed, and the oldest should be used first.

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Where a skin has formed in the container, the skin should be cut loose from the side of the container, removed, and discarded.

7.5.2. Mixing Coating

All coatings should be thoroughly and completely mixed in clean containers before use.

Some coatings may require straining after mixing, to ensure homogeneity and to remove skins and foreign matter. The strainers should be of a type to remove only skins, etc., but not to remove pigment.

Coatings should be agitated enough during application to ensure homogeneity. Some materials may even require constant agitation during use.

7.6. Qualification of painting shop





7.6.1. Weather Considerations

-**Drying:** Most coatings will not dry properly at low temperatures and high relative humidities, nor will they perform well if applied over wet surfaces.

- **Low temperature:** The typical minimum temperature (air, material and surface) is usually 5°C (40°F), but may be as low as -18°C (0°F) for "cold-curing" one or two component system or 10°C (50°F) for conventional two component system.

- **High temperature:** The maximum reasonable surface temperature for application is 50°C (125°F). To keep the temperature down it may be desirable, where practical, to paint under cover at a shop or to protect the surface from the sun.

- **Moisture:** Painting should not be performed in rain, snow, fog or mist, or when the temperature of the surface is less than 3°C (5°F) above the dew point. This especially true in spring and fall when days are warm and night are cool. Wet surface should not be painted unless the coating is specifically designed for that condition. Relative humidity is usually an

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indicator of condensing conditions and specifications often contain an 85% upper limit.

When coatings must be applied in damp or cold weather, the substrate should be painted under cover, or protected from the surrounding air, and the steel heated to a satisfactory temperature. The steel should remain under cover until the applied coating is dry or until weather conditions permit its exposure in the open.

7.6.2. Equipment's

The equipment should be suitable for the intended purpose.

The equipment should be kept in a suitably clean condition to permit proper coating application without depositing dirt, dried coating, and other foreign materials in the film.

The air supply for conventional and hot spray application should be free of moisture or oil.

Any solvents left in the equipment should be completely removed before applying coating to the surface being painted.

7.7. Measurement of Dry Film Thickness (D.F.T) With Electronic Gages





7.7.1. Instruments complying with this test method measure thicknesses by placing a probe on the coated surface and use electronic circuitry to convert a reference signal into coating thickness.

7.7.2. Verification of Calibration of Apparatus

Following the manufacturer's instructions, measure the thickness of a series of calibration standards covering the expected range of coating thickness.

7.7.3. Procedure:

- Use the instrument only after calibration has been verified in accordance with section 2.4.2.

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- Ensure that the coating is dry prior to use of the instrument.
- Inspect the probe tip and surface to be measured to ensure that they are clean.
- Take readings in locations free of electrical or magnetic fields. The location should also be free of vibration.
- Make measurements at least 13mm (1/2 in) away from any edge or corner of the specimen. If necessary to measure closer than 13 mm (1/2 in), verify the effect (if any), the edge has on the measurement.
- Take a sufficient number of readings to characterize the surface.
- Certain characteristics of samples may affect the accuracy of the calibrations. These include:
 - Surface profile of the substrate
 - Surface profile of the coating
 - Thickness of the substrate
 - Geography of the sample surface (curves with small radius, small diameter, complex curve, etc.)

7.7.4. Report




Report the following information:

- Instrument used, serial number
- Range, and mean of the thickness readings

7.8. FILM DEFECTS

All coats should have nearly smooth surfaces relatively free of dry spray, overspray, orange peel, fish eyes, pinholes, craters, bubbles, or other significant defects.

Bleed-through, insufficient hiding, skips, and misses are not acceptable.

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Runs and sags should be brushed out during application or removed by blasting if the coating has cured.

Abrasive, dirt, or other debris that becomes embedded in the paint film should be removed prior to the application of subsequent coats.

8. ADHERENCE TEST

8.1. Scope

8.1.1. These test methods cover procedures for assessing the adhesion of coating films to metallic substrates by applying and removing pressure- sensitive tape over cuts made in the film.

8.1.2. Test method A is primarily intended for use at job sites while Test Method B is more suitable for use in the laboratory. Also, Test Method B is not considered suitable for films thicker than 5 miles (125µm).

8.1.3. These test methods are used to establish whether the adhesion of a coating to a substrate is at a generally adequate level. They do not distinguish between higher levels of adhesion for which more sophisticated methods of measurement are required.






Note-1: It should be recognized that differences in adherability of the coating surface can affect the result obtained with coating having the same inherent adhesion.

8.1.4. In multicoat system adhesion failure may occur between coats so that the adhesion of the coating system to the substrate is not determined.

8.2. Summary of Test Method

8.2.1. Test Method A

An X-cut is made in the film to the substrate, pressure- sensitive tape is applied over the cut and then removed, and adhesion assessed qualitatively on the 0 to 5 scale.

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8.2.2. Test Method B

A lattice pattern with either six or eleven cuts in each direction is made in the film to the substrate, pressure-sensitive tape is applied over the lattice and then removed, and adhesion is evaluated by comparison with descriptions and illustrations.

8.3. Significance and Use

8.3.1. If a coating is to fulfill its function of protecting or decorating a substrate, it must adhere to it for the expected service life. Because the substrate and its surface preparation (or lack of it) has a drastic, effect on the adhesion of coatings, a method of evaluation adhesion of a coating to different substrates or surface treatments, or of different coatings to the same substrate and treatment, is of considerable usefulness in the industry.

8.3.2. The limitations of all adhesion methods and the specific limitation of this test method to lower levels of adhesion (see 1.3) should be recognized before using it.

TEST METHOD A—X—CUT TAPE TEST

8.4. Apparatus and Materials





8.4.1. Cutting Tool— Sharp razor blade, scalpel, knife or other cutting devices. It is of particular importance that the cutting edges are in good condition.

8.4.2. Cutting Guide — Steel or other hard metal straightedge to ensure straight cuts.

8.4.3. Tape — One –inch(25mm) Wide semitransparent pressure – sensitive tape with an adhesion strength agreed upon by the supplier and the user is needed.

8.4.4. Rubber Eraser, on the end of a pencil.

8.4.5. Illumination— A light source is helpful in determining whether the cuts have been made through the film to the substrate.

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8.5. Procedure

8.5.1. Select an area free of blemishes and minor surface imperfections. For tests in the field, ensure that the surface is clean and dry. Extremes in temperature or relative humidity may affect the adhesion of the tape or coating.

8.5.2. Make two cuts in the film each about 1.5 in (40mm) long that intersects near their middle with a smaller angle of between 30° and 45°. When making the incisions, use the straightedge and cut through the coating to the substrate in one steady motion.

8.5.3. Inspect the incisions for reflection of light from the metal substrate to establish that the coating film has been penetrated. If the substrate has not been reached make another X in a different location. Do not attempt to deepen a previous cut as this may affect adhesion along the incisions.

8.5.4. Remove two complete laps of the pressure-sensitive tape from the roll and discard. Remove an additional length at a steady (that is, not jerked) rate and cut a piece about 3in (75mm) long.






8.5.5. Place the center of the tape at the intersection of the cuts with the tape running in the same direction as the smaller angle. Smooth the tape into place by finger in the area of the incisions and then rub firmly with the eraser on the end of a pencil. The color under the transparent tape is a useful indication of when good contact has been made.

8.5.6. Within 90±30 s of application, remove the tape by seizing the free end and pulling it off rapidly (not jerked) back upon itself at as close to an angle of 180° as possible.

8.5.7. Inspect the X-cut area for removal of coating from the substrate or previous coating and rate the adhesion in accordance with the following scale

5A No peeling or removal,

4A Trace peeling or removal along incisions or at their intersection.

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3A Jagged removal along incisions up to 1/16 in(1.6mm) on either side.

2A Jagged removal along most of incisions up to 1/8 in(3.2mm) on either side.

1A Removal from most of the area of the x under the tape

0A Removal beyond the area of the x

8.5.8. Repeat the test in two other locations on each test panel. For large structure make sufficient tests to ensure that the adhesion evaluation is representative of the whole surface.

8.5.9. After making several cuts examine the cutting edge and, if necessary, remove any flat spots or wire-edge by abrading lightly on a fine oil stone before using again. Discard cutting tools that develop nicks or other defects that tear the film.

8.6. Precision and Bias

8.6.1. Repeatability

Provided adhesion is uniform over a large surface, result obtained by the same operator should be considered suspect if they differ by more than 1 rating unit for two measurements.

8.6.2. Reproducibility






Two results, each the mean of triplicates, obtained by different operators should be considered suspect if they differ by more than 1.5 rating units.

8.6.3. Bias cannot be established for these test methods.

TEST METHOD B — CROSS — CUT TAPE TEST

8.7. Apparatus and Materials

8.7.1. Cutting Tool— Sharp razor blade, scalpel, knife or other cutting devices. Having a

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cutting-edge angle between 15 and 30° that will make either a single cut or several cuts at once. It is of particular importance that the cutting edge or edges be in good condition.

8.7.2. Cutting Guide — If cuts are made manually (as opposed to a mechanical apparatus) a steel or other hard metal straight edge or template to ensure straight cuts.

8.7.3. Rule — Tempered steel rule graduated in 0.5 mm for measuring individual cuts.

8.7.4. Tape — as described in 3.5.3

8.7.5. Rubber Eraser, on the end of a pencil.

8.7.6. Illumination— as described in 5.5.

8.7.7. Magnifying Glass — an illuminated magnifier to be used while making individual cuts and examining the test area.

8.8. Procedure

8.8.1. Where required or when agreed upon, subject the specimens to a preliminary test before conducting the tape test.





After drying or testing the coating, conduct the tape test at room temperature.

8.8.2. Select an area free of blemishes and minor surface imperfections, place on a firm base, and under the illuminated magnifier, make parallel cuts as follows:

8.8.2.1. For coatings having a dry film thickness up to and including 2.0 mils (50µm) space the cuts 1mm apart and make eleven cuts unless otherwise agreed upon.

8.8.2.2. For coating having a dry film thickness between 2.0 mils (50µm) and 5.0 mils (125µm), space the cuts 2mm apart and make six cuts. For films thicker than 5.0 mils use Test Method A.

8.8.2.3. Make all cuts about ¾in (20mm) long. Cut through the film to the substrate in one steady motion using just sufficient pressure on the cutting tool to have the cutting edge

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reach the substrate. When making successive single cuts with the aid of a guide, place the guide on the uncut area.

8.8.3. After making the required cuts brush the film lightly with a soft brush or tissue to remove any detached flakes or ribbons of coatings.

8.8.4. Make the additional number of cuts at 90° to and centered on the original cuts.

8.8.5. Brush the area as before and inspect the incisions for reflection of light from the substrate. If the metal has not been reached make another grid in a different location.

8.8.6. Remove two complete laps of tape and discard. Remove an additional length at a steady (that is, not jerked) rate and cut a piece about 3 in. (75mm)

8.8.7. Place the center of the tape cover the grid and in the area of the grid smooth into place by a finger. To ensure good contact with the film rub the tape firmly with the eraser on the end of a pencil. The color under the tape is a useful indication of when good contact has been made.

8.8.8. Within 90±30 s of application, remove the tape by seizing the free end and rapidly (not jerked) back upon itself at as close to an angle of 180° as possible.






8.8.9. Inspect the grid area for removal of coating from the substrate or from a previous coating using the illuminated magnifier. Rate the adhesion in accordance with the following scale illustrated in Fig.1.

5B The edges of the cuts are completely smooth; none of the squares of the lattice is detached

4B Small flakes of the coating are detached along edges and at intersection; less than 5% of the area is affected.

3B Small flakes of the coating are detached along edges and at intersections of cuts. The area affected is 5 to 15% of the lattice.


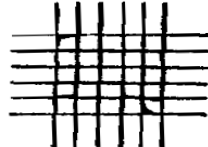
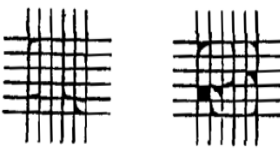
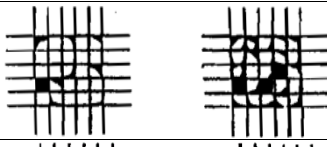


2B The coating has flaked along the edges and on parts of the squares. The area affected

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is 15 to 35% of the lattice.

1B the coating has flaked along the edges of cuts in large ribbons and whole squares have detached. The area affected is 35 to 65% of the lattice.

CLASSIFICATION OF ADHESION TEST RESULT

Classificatio	PERCENT AREA REMOVED	SURFACE OF CROSS CUT
5 B	0 % NONE	
4 B	Less than 5 %	
3 B	5 – 15 %	
2 B	25 – 35 %	
1 B	35 – 65 %	
0 B	Greater than 65%	

8.8.10. Repeat the test in two other locations on each test panel.

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8.9. Precision and Bias

8.9.1. Repeatability

Provided adhesion is uniform over a large surface, result obtained by the same operator should be considered suspect if they differ by more than 1 rating unit for two measurements.

8.9.2. Reproducibility

Two results, each the mean of triplicates, obtained by different operators should be considered suspect if they differ by more than two rating units.

8.9.3. Bias cannot be established for these test methods.

9. SAFETY EMPRISES:

Safety precaution are not addressed separately for each of the above operations.




Each has its own safety-related hazards, and U.S occupational Health and Safety Administration regulations should be followed. Materials Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for the solvents and cleaning compounds provided by the manufacturer should also be consulted for proper worker protection.

M.S.D.S Products is flammable, keep away from heat and open flame, keep container closed use with adequate ventilation avoid prolonged and repeat contact with skin.

Irritating to eyes and skin may cause sensitization.

In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

Blasting equipment shall be of an approved design and manufacturer's instructions shall be adhered to. In particular the following shall be adhered to:




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- Remote operation by operator.
- Dead man's device on nozzle.
- External hose couplings. Internal connections are forbidden.
- Adequate safety clothing.

Operators shall wear air fed helmets at all times during blasting.

10. PAINT DATA SHEET

Paint data sheets are in attached pages.

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GALVANIZING:

11. PURPOSE

This procedure covers the requirements for inspection the zinc coating (galvanizing) by the hot-dip process on iron and steel products made from rolled pressed and forged shapes, castings, plates, bars, and strips of Air-cooled heat exchangers that will be procured in “Toase-eh Park Sanati Gohar Ofogh Petrochemical Co. CONCEPTUAL, BASIC and DETAIL DESIGN ENGINEERING OF STYRENE PARK OFFSITE”.

12. SCOPE

This standard specifies the general properties of and methods of test for coatings applied by the hot dipping in zinc (containing not more than 2% of other metals) on fabricated iron and steel articles.

Fan ring, plenum, bundle frame, support mechanism & fan drive , grating & header walk way parts shall be **HOT DIP GALVANIZED** in accordance with ASTM-A123 or EN ISO 1461 and shall be inspected in accordance to this procedure.

Bolts, Nuts, Washer, PLUG AND PLUG GASKET shall be **HOT DIP GALVANISED** in accordance with ASTM-A153 or EN ISO 1461 or DECROMATE in accordance with ASTM-F1136.





13. REFERENCE

- ASTM A123: Zinc (Hot-Dip Galvanized) Coatings on Iron and Steel Products
- ASTM A 780: Standard practice for repair of damaged and uncoated areas of Hot – Dip Galvanized Coatings.
- ASTM A153

14. DEFINITION

14.1. Coating thickness

Total thickness of zinc that expressed in micrometer.

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14.2. Signification surface

The part of the article covered or to be covered by the coating and for which the coating is essential for serviceability and/or appearance.

14.3. Control sample

The article or group of articles from a lot that is selected for sampling.

14.4. Reference area

The area within which a specific number of single measurements have to be made.

14.5. Local coating thickness

The mean value of coating thickness obtained from the specific number of measurements within a reference area for a magnetic test.

14.6. Mean coating thickness

The average value of the local thicknesses either on one large article or on all articles in the control sample.

14.7. Minimum value

Within a reference area, the lowest mean obtained from the specified number of measurements in a magnetic test.

14.8. Uncoated area




Areas on the iron or steel articles that do not react with the molten zinc.

14.9. Average coating thickness

The average of three specimen coating thicknesses.

14.10. Bath Composition

The molten metal in the working volume of the galvanizing bath shall contain no less than an average value of 98.0% zinc by weight.

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15. Coating Properties

15.1. Surface condition

The surface of the basis metal should be clean before dipping into the molten zinc. Pickling in acid is the recommended method of cleaning the surface. Excessive pickling should be avoided.

Surface contamination that cannot be removed by pickling, e.g., carbon films (such as rolling oil residues), oil, grease, paint, welding slag and similar impurities should be removed prior to pickling.

Removing such impurities is in charge of the vendor.

15.2. The influence of steel surface roughness on the hot dip galvanized coating thickness






The surface roughness of the steel surface has an influence on the thickness and structure of the coating. The effect of surface unevenness of the basis metal generally remains visible after galvanizing.

A rough steel surface as obtained by grit blasting, course grinding etc., prior to pickling, gives a thicker coating than a surface that is obtained by pickling alone.

Flame-cutting changes the steel composition and structure in the flame-cut zone, so that the coating thickness given in tables 2 are more difficult to obtain. In order to obtain these coating thicknesses more reliably, flame-cut surfaces should be ground off by the fabricator.

16. Sampling

The test specimens shall be selected at random from each lot. In this case, the minimum number of specimens from each lot shall be as follows (Table 16):

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Number of pieces in Lot	Number of specimens
3 or less	ALL
4 to 500	3
501 to 1200	5
1201 to 3200	8
3201 to 10000	13
10001 and over	20

A lot is one or more articles of the same and size comprising a single order or a single delivery load, whichever is the smaller.





16.1. Reference areas

The number and position of reference areas and their sizes for the magnetic test shall be chosen with regard to the shapes and sizes of the article(s) in order to obtain a result as representative as possible of mean coating thickness or mass per unit area as applicable. On a long article in the control sample, the reference areas shall be cut approximately 100 mm from each end and the approximate center and shall comprise the whole cross-section of the article.

The number of reference areas, dependent upon the size of the individual articles in the control sample, shall be as follows:

a) For articles with significant surface area greater than 2m² (large articles):

At least three reference areas shall be taken on each article in the control sample. On each article (taken separately) in the control sample the mean coating thickness within the

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reference area shall be equal or greater than the mean coating thickness values in Table 2.

b) For articles with significant surface area over 10,000 mm² and up to 2 m² (inclusive):

On each article in the control sample there shall be at least one reference area.

c) For articles with significant surface area between 1,000 mm² and 10,000 mm² (inclusive):

On each article in the control sample there shall be one reference area.

d) For articles with less than 1,000 mm² significant surface area:

Enough articles shall be grouped together to provide at least 1,000 mm² surface for an individual reference area. The number of reference areas shall be as given in the last column of Table 1.

Hence the total number of articles tested equals the number of articles required to provide one reference area multiplied by the appropriate number from the last column of Table 1 related to the size of the lot (or the total number of articles galvanized if that is less).

*NOTE: 10,000 mm² = 100 cm²

1,000 mm² = 10 cm²




2 m² is typically 200cm x 100 cm

10,000 mm² is typically 10 cm x 10 cm

1,000 mm² is typically 10 cm x 1 cm

In cases b), c) and d), the thickness on each reference area shall be equal to or greater than the 'local coating thickness' values given in Table 2 as appropriate. The mean thickness on all reference areas in a sample shall be equal to or greater than the mean coating thickness values given in Table 2 as appropriate.

When more than five articles have to be taken to make up a reference area of at least 1,000 mm², a single magnetic measurement shall be taken on each article if a suitable area of

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significant surface exists: if not, the gravimetric test shall be used.

Within each reference area, which should be at least 1,000 mm², a minimum of five magnetic test readings shall be taken coated areas. If any of the individual readings is lower than the values in Table2 (EN ISO 1461 Table 2) , this is irrelevant, as only the mean value over the whole of each reference area is required to be equal or greater than the local thickness given in the table. Thickness measurements shall not be taken on cut surfaces or areas less than 10 mm from edges, flame cut surfaces or corners.

17. Coating thickness:

The average of the thickness values taken for each specimen shall be not less than one coating thickness grade lower than the values listed in the appropriate specification. If these coating thickness measurements are made on an article with different thicknesses of steel, the values in the appropriate specification apply to each thickness of steel on the article.

To avoid possible sources of error in the use of electronic thickness testing gauge, certain precautions should be taken:

- Reading should not be taken near an edge, hole or inside corner.
- Readings should not be taken on curved surfaces without proper recalibration.
- The test surface should be free from dirt, grease, oxides and corrosion products.
- Test points should be chosen to avoid obvious peaks or irregularities in the coating.
- Minimum measuring value should be considered.

The electronic thickness testing gauge should be frequently recalibrated against non-magnetic film standards of known thickness.

The electronic thickness testing gauge has typical accuracies of plus or minus 5 percent.






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Table 17 – Coating minimum thickness on samples that are not centrifuged (EN ISO 1461





Table D.1)

Article and its thickness	Local coating thickness (minimum) μm	Mean coating thickness (minimum) μm
Steel \geq 6 mm	70	85
3 mm to \geq Steel < 6mm	55	70
1.5 mm to \geq Steel < 3 mm	45	55
Steel < 1.5 mm	35	45
Castings \geq 6 mm	70	80
Castings < 6mm	60	70

17.1. Acceptance criteria

When tested in accordance with Sec.7 for the appropriate number of reference areas given in Sec.8 the coating thickness shall be not less than the values given in Table 2 as appropriate. Except in the case of dispute, the non-destructive test shall be used unless the purchaser specifically accepts that his articles may be cut for mass loss determinations. Where articles include a number of different thicknesses of steel, each thickness range shall be regarded as a separate article and the relevant values in Tables 2, as appropriate, shall apply.

If the thickness of coating on a control sample does not conform to these requirements, twice the original number of articles (or all the articles if that is the lesser number) shall be taken from the lot and tested. If this larger control sample passes, the whole inspection lot shall be accepted. If the larger control sample does not pass, the articles that do not conform to the

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requirements shall either be discarded or the purchaser may authorize them to be re galvanized.

18. Testing for adherence

Adhesion between zinc and basis metal generally does not need to be tested as adequate bonding is characteristic of the galvanizing process and the coated work should be able to withstand – without peeling or flaking – handling consistent with the nature and thickness of the coating and the normal use of the article. In general, thicker coatings require more careful handling than thinner coatings. Bending or forming after hot dip galvanizing are not considered to be normal handling.

Should it be necessary to test the adhesion, e.g. in the case of work pieces that are to be subject to high mechanical stresses, any test shall only be on significant surfaces, i.e. in areas in which good adhesion is important for the proposed application.

A crosshatch test will give some guidance on the mechanical properties of the coating but in some cases may be more demanding than the application requires. Other impingement tests and cutting tests may also be developed for hot dip galvanized coatings and will be further considered for possible eventual issue as a separate document.



One method is recognized for testing galvanized coatings for adhesion:

The stout knife test while it is not a true measure of the adhesive strength of the galvanized coating to the base steel, it serves as an indicator of the adherence properties of the coating.

19. After treatment

Normally articles should not be stacked together while hot or wet. Small articles dipping in bulk in baskets or on jigs may centrifuged immediately after withdrawal from the zinc to remove any surplus metal.

To retard the possible formation of wet storage stain on the surface, articles that are not to be

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Painted can be given a suitable surface treatment after hot dip galvanizing.

20. VISUAL INSPECTION

20.1. Appearance

At acceptance inspection, the significant surface(s) of all the hot dip galvanize article(s), when examined by normal corrected vision, shall be free from nodules, blisters (i.e. raised areas without solid metal beneath), roughness and sharp points (if they can cause injury) and uncoated areas.

The occurrence of darker or lighter area (e.g. cellular pattern or dark grey areas) or some surface unevenness shall not be cause for rejection, also wet storage stain (white or dark corrosion product – primarily basic zinc oxide – formed during storage in humid conditions after hot dip galvanizing) shall not be cause for rejection, providing the coating thickness remains above the specified minimum value.






- It is not possible to establish a definition of appearance and finish covering all requirements in practice.

Flux residues shall not be permitted. Lumps and zinc ash shall not be permitted where they may affect the intended use of the hot dip galvanized article or its corrosion resistance requirement.

Articles that fail visual inspection shall be renovated or re-galvanized and resubmitted for inspection.

20.2. Bare Spots

Because of zinc's sacrificial action, small localized flaws are somewhat self-healing and have little effect on the service life of coating. Where considered necessary, such spots may be repaired using one repairing method indicated in this procedure. Any unreparable, uncoated areas should be rejected. Some of the causes of bare spots on galvanized steel are described

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below.

20.2.1. Inadequate Surface Preparation

Thorough preparation n of the steel is the foundation of good galvanizing. Remnants of paint, oil, grease, scale, or rust are the most common causes of uncoated spots. Such residues are not wetted by the molten zinc and, therefore, prevent normal coating reactions.

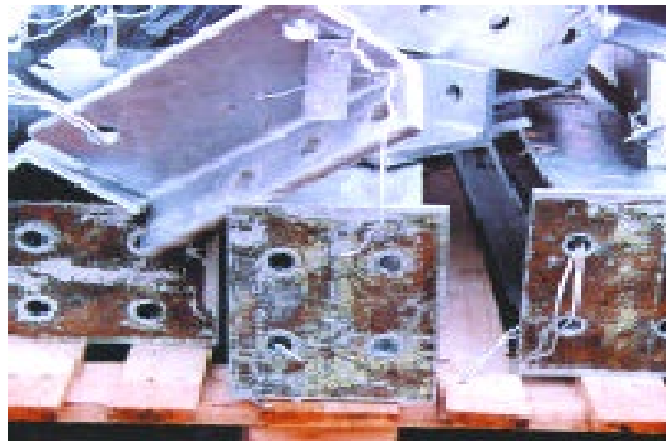


Figure20. 1. Inadequate surface preparation

20.2.2. Welding Slag

Slag deposits from welding are resistant to normal pickling acids and must be completely removed before the work enters the galvanizing process. Grinding or grit-/sand-blasting are strongly recommended for this purpose and are more effective than hand-chipping and wire-brushing. These areas require repair.






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Figure20.2 . Welding Slag

20.2.3. Rolling Defects in Steel






These defects may be broadly classified as discontinuities in the steel that have been closed and elongated during rolling but have not bonded. Examples are laminations, laps and folds, and non-metallic impurities rolled into metal surfaces. Defects of this type are sometimes detected before or after pickling, but may not become apparent until opened by the heat of the galvanizing bath. Minor flaws in the steel may be removed by local grinding, but little reclamation is possible where the steel surface is seriously defective.

20.2.4. Oxidized Steel

If the time between fluxing and galvanizing is prolonged or the drying temperature is too high, the corrosion protection afforded the cleaned steel by a pre-flux may be lost. This is indicated by a rusty appearance on the un-galvanized article. The appearance of the galvanized coating is similar, in extreme cases, to that resulting from under preparation.

20.2.5. Excess Aluminum

A condition sometimes referred to as “black spots” may occur if the aluminum content of a galvanizing bath on which a flux blanket is used becomes too high. Minimal trouble should be experienced if the aluminum content of the bath is maintained below approximately 0.01 percent, which is well above the range needed to brighten the coating.

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20.3. Articles in Contact

The zinc in the galvanizing bath should have free access to all parts of the surface. Articles entering and passing through the galvanizing bath should not be in tight contact with each other.

20.3.1. General Roughness

A rough coating is usually caused by excessive growth or unevenness of the alloy layers. This condition is attributable to the steel's chemical composition or its original surface condition.

Since the irregularity of the alloy layers tends to increase with their thickness, heavy coatings are usually rougher than lighter ones. Where a heavy coating results, some degree of roughness may be unavoidable. The importance attached to surface roughness varies with the nature of the product. For certain articles, such as tube and pipe, which are sold largely on the basis of visual, appear, a smooth appearance may be essential. Also, where one surface is required to mate with another, such as pole line insulator caps, a rough coating may be detrimental to the intended product function or assembly. Such cases are the exception, however. In most instances, the degree of roughness is not critical. Provided it is within reason and adhesion is good, the material should be accepted.

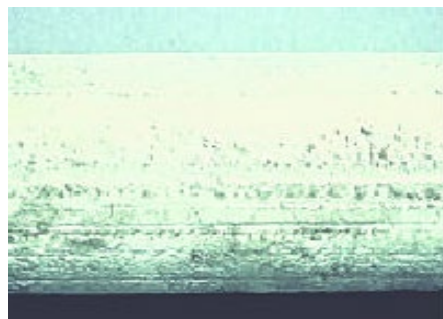




Figure20. 3.Rough, bumpy coatings

20.3.2. Dross Protrusions

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Dross is the zinc-iron alloy that settles to the bottom of the zinc bath.

Dross inclusions in the coating resulting from agitation of the dross layer can produce surface protrusions. Because dross has a corrosion rate similar to zinc's, it has little effect on the normal life of the coating and its presence in the form of finely dispersed pimples is not seriously objectionable.




However, extensive dross inclusions are normally grounds for rejection since they tend to make the coating more susceptible to mechanical damage and may cause premature discoloration of the surface upon weathering.



Figure20. 4. Dross protrusions

20.3.3. Lumpiness and Runs

The coating's surface uniformity is controlled primarily by the drainage of the zinc as the work leaves the galvanizing bath. A lumpy and uneven coating result when the rate of withdrawal is too fast or when the bath temperature is too low to allow molten zinc to drain back into the bath as the item is removed. Excessive zinc may also occur because of delayed drainage from bolt holes, folds, seams and other pockets where zinc collects, and is a direct consequence of product design. The additional zinc, though wasteful, is clearly not detrimental except in those instances where a smooth finish is essential. A similar effect may result when articles are withdrawn in contact with each other.

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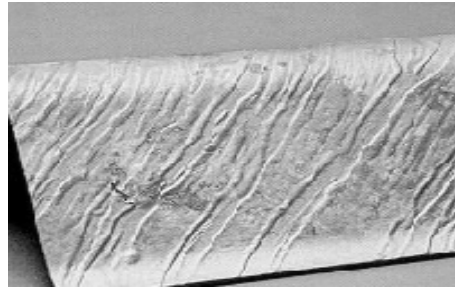







Figure 20.5. Lumpiness and runs

20.3.4. Flux Inclusions

Flux inclusions occur when the wet galvanizing process is employed. In the wet process, a layer of zinc-ammonium chloride is floated on top of the molten zinc. The material to be galvanized passes through the flux immediately prior to immersion in the zinc bath. The flux is carefully pushed to the side in order for the item to be removed. Flux inclusions may originate in several ways. Stale kettle flux, for example, tends to adhere to the steel instead of separating cleanly from the surface as the work is dipped. This may occur even with active flux if residual grease, scale, or other surface contaminants, which resist the cleansing action of the flux blanket, are present. In both instances, the inclusions are often associated with bare spots in the coating. Resulting black spots formed by the included flux particles are flux is removed.



Figure 20.6. Flux inclusion

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20.3.5. Ash Inclusions

Zinc ash is the oxide film that develops on the surface of the galvanizing bath. As with flux, ash may be burnt on the steel during dipping or picked up from the top of the bath during withdrawal. Ash inclusions can occur on work that is cumbersome and requires slow withdrawal from the bath. This ash has no adverse effect on service life. Zinc ash that is not detrimental to the appearance of the finished product or that does not interfere with the product's function is not cause for rejection. Gross oxide lumps due to improper skimming of the exit surface of the bath can reduce the effective thickness of the coating and are unacceptable.

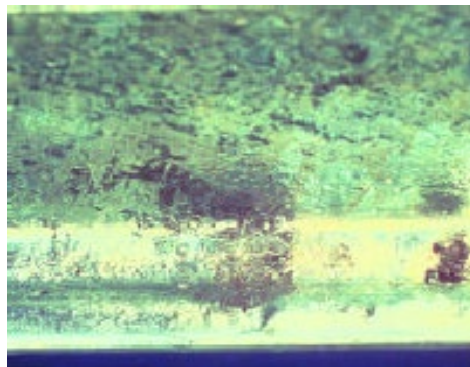






Figure 20.7. Ash Inclusions

20.3.6. Matte Gray or Mottled Coating

This condition develops during cooling and is caused by lack of a free zinc layer on the coating surface. It usually appears as a localized dull patch or spider web-like area on an otherwise normal surface; although in extreme cases it may extend over the entire surface of the steel. It is not cause for rejection unless specifically stated and agreed to by the galvanizer and the fabricator.

A matte gray coating is most frequently found on heavy sections that cool slowly, with certain types of steel, such as those with relatively high silicon or phosphorus content, or severely

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cold-worked steel, all of which may exhibit abnormally rapid alloy growth.

Where the condition is caused by the nature of the base steel, the galvanizer has no control over its occurrence. Galvanizers generally do not have prior knowledge of steel's chemical composition. A lower galvanizing temperature and shorter immersion time followed (if the type of product is suitable) by rapid quenching in water to arrest the alloy growth may be successful in marginal cases. However, such measures are not always effective and matte areas in the coating may be unavoidable.

Due to the steel's chemical nature, these coatings are often thicker than the bright galvanized coatings and provide service life in proportion to the increased thickness. After exposure, these coatings may take on a light yellow to brown dusty appearance as the alloy layers weather. The appearance of this light residue colored by the iron content of the corrosion-resistant layers should not be considered a sign of failure.





20.3.7. Rust Stains

These are caused by seepage from joints and seams after galvanizing or by material being stored under or in contact with rusty steel. Rust stains of this type are superficial and should not be confused with failure of the underlying coating. Rust stains caused by seepage from an assembly can indicate a need for a modification of the design. Surface rust stains are not cause for rejection of the galvanized product.

20.3.8. Wet Storage Stain

Wet storage stain is the buildup of zinc oxide and zinc hydroxides on the galvanized surface. As the name implies, wet storage stain occurs when the steel is exposed to a humid or moist environment without access to freely circulating air.

Tightly stacked or nested galvanized items are particularly vulnerable to wet storage stain, especially if they are stored as unopened bundles for more than a few weeks.

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Although in extreme cases the protective value of the coating may be impaired, attack is often superficial, despite the relative bulkiness of the zinc hydroxide.

Where the surface staining is light and smooth without growth of the zinc oxide layer, as judged by lightly rubbing fingertips across the surface, the staining will gradually disappear and blend in with the surrounding zinc surface as a result of normal weathering in service. If the affected area is not fully exposed in service or is subject to a humid environment, wet storage stain must be removed, even if it is superficial, to allow formation of the basic zinc carbonate film, which normally contributes to the corrosion resistance of the galvanized coating.

Medium to heavy buildup of white corrosion product must be removed; otherwise, the essential protective film of basic zinc carbonates cannot form in affected area. Light deposits can be removed by brushing with a stiff bristle (not wire) brush. A coating thickness check should be performed on the affected areas to ensure that sufficient zinc coating remains after the removal of the wet storage stain.

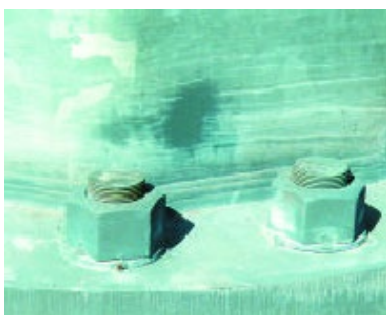


Figure 20.8. Dark gray area



Figure 20.9. Typical coating

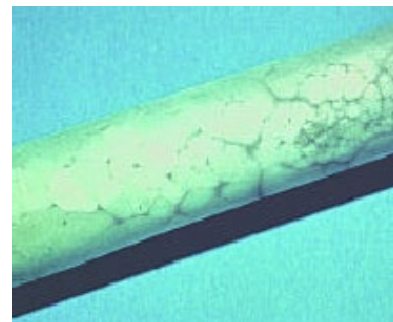






Figure 20.10. Mottled, Spider Web like

In advanced stages of wet storage stain, the typical white or gray corrosion product may blacken. When this occurs, a significant amount of coating has been lost to corrosion and the service life is decreased.

In extreme cases where heavy white deposits or red rust have formed as a result of prolonged storage under poor conditions, corrosion products must be removed and the damaged area

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repaired as detailed in ASTM A 780.

Where the affected area is extensive, or when the wet storage stain would impair the use of the article for its intended service, re-galvanizing may be necessary.

Unless present prior to shipment from the galvanizer, the development of wet storage stain is not cause for rejection. The customer must exercise proper caution during transportation and storage to protect against wet storage stain.

21. TOUCH-UP AND REPAIR

21.1. When is Touch-up Necessary?

Occasionally during the hot-dip galvanizing process, bare spots or minor imperfections may occur that, if allowed to go un-repaired, will allow base metal corrosion. Sometimes after leaving the galvanizer's plant, the coating is damaged during shipping or by welding during field erection. If the total area is less than ½ of 1% of the surface area to be coated on the article the area may be repaired. If the area to be repaired exceeds those limits, the material must be re-galvanized.



21.2. Touch-up and repair the bare spot or damaged area with thermal zinc spraying

Renovation shall be by thermal zinc spraying (EN 22063 is relevant) or by a suitable zinc rich paint within the practical limits of such systems.

The treatment shall include the removal of any scale, cleaning and any necessary pretreatment to ensure adhesion.

21.2.1 Surface Preparation

According to ASTM-A780, the surface to be reconditioned shall be free of oil, grease, weld flux residue, and weld spatter and corrosion products. The blast cleaning must extend into the surrounding undamaged galvanized coating.

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21.2.2. Application

Zinc spraying of the clean, dry surface by skilled workers should take place as soon as possible after preparation (within four hours) and prior to development of visible oxides. Spraying in horizontal overlapping lines yields a more uniform thickness than the cross-hatch technique. The zinc coating can be sealed with a thin coating of low viscosity polyurethane, epoxy-phenolic, epoxy, or vinyl resin. For details of the application sequence and procedures, consult ANSI/AWS C2.18-93.

Zinc spraying can be done either in the galvanizer's plant or on the job site, but the transport of blasting and metal spraying equipment to the job site may make it uneconomical compared to other touch-up and repair methods. If high humidity conditions exist during spraying, adhesion may be degraded.

21.2.3 Coating Thickness:

The coating thickness of the renovated area shall be at least 30 micrometers more than the local coating thickness requirements in table 2 or 3 for the relevant hot dip galvanized coating.





21.2.4. Coating Appearance:

The surface of the sprayed zinc coating on the repair area should be free of lumps, coarse areas and loose particles.

21.2.5. Adhesion:

Adhesion of the zinc spray to the base metal is by mechanical means and is dependent on the quality of surface preparation and cleaning. The higher the surface profile, the better the mechanical bond. Adhesion values of 1000 psi are typical. The temperature of the zinc upon impact with the base metal is not high enough to result in the alloy coating produced by hot dipping.

21.2.6. Abrasion Resistance:

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Abrasion resistance of zinc spray coatings is moderate compared to hot-dip galvanized surfaces.

21.2.7. Mechanical Properties:

The relatively low temperature of application has no adverse effect on the steel properties. Metallizing does improve some properties such as surface frictional coefficients and corrosion fatigue resistance.

21.2.8. High Temperature:

Sprayed zinc coatings are suitable for constant exposures up to approximately 390 °F (200 °C) and short-term exposure at higher temperatures.



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SAND BLASTING :

Blast Material : Accept

Surface Preparation : Accept

PAINTING :

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Max Thk.= Min Thk.= Average Thk.= Accept

Inter mediate Coat : D.F.T : μ

Max Thk.= Min Thk.= Average Thk.= Accept

Finish Coat : D.F.T : μ

Max Thk.= Min Thk.= Average Thk.= Accept

TOTAL DRY FILM (DFT) :

ADHESION :

Adhesion Accordance to :

Primer Coat: Accept Intermediate Coat : Accept Finish Coat : Accept

Instrument for paint thickness measurment :

Vendor

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