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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 1518-1:2019), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

— a total new designation of styli has been created, taking into account the type of the stylus already existing in the designation in previous editions;

— ISO 13076 has been added in 8.5 for lighting conditions for the visual evaluation of the scribe;

— Annex A has been added, giving a comparison of the designation of the scratch styli in the different editions of ISO 1518-1;

— the text has been editorially revised and the normative references have been updated.

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Paints and varnishes — Determination of scratch resistance —

Part 1: Constant-loading method

1 Scope

This document specifies a test method for determining, under defined conditions, the resistance of a single coating or a multi-coat system of paint, varnish or related product to penetration, by scratching with a scratch stylus loaded with a specified load. The stylus penetrates to the substrate, except in the case of a multi-coat system, in which case the stylus can penetrate either to the substrate or to an intermediate coat.

The method specified can be carried out:

a) either as a "pass/fail" test, by testing with a single specified load applied to the stylus to assess conformity with a particular specification; or

b) as an assessment test by applying increasing loads to the stylus to determine the minimum load at which the coating is penetrated.

NOTE Neither this document nor ISO 1518-2 specifies a method using a curved stylus, which is specified in ISO 12137. The choice between the three methods depends on the particular practical problem.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1513, *Paints and varnishes — Examination and preparation of test samples*

ISO 1514, *Paints and varnishes — Standard panels for testing*

ISO 2808, *Paints and varnishes — Determination of film thickness*

ISO 4618, *Paints and varnishes — Terms and definitions*

ISO 13076, *Paints and varnishes — Lighting and procedure for visual assessments of coatings*

ISO 15528, *Paints, varnishes and raw materials for paints and varnishes — Sampling*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4618 apply.

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

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