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of coating thickness -- Magnetic method
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Foreword

This Standard equivalently adopted ISO 2178:1982 Non-Magnetic Coatings on Magnetic Substrates - Measurement of Coating Thickness - Magnetic Method (English Version).

This Standard replaced GB/T 4956-1985 Non-Magnetic Coatings on Magnetic Substrates - Measurement of Coating Thickness - Magnetic Method.

This Standard made the following editorial modifications according to ISO 2178:1982:

- a) Use "this Standard" to replace "this International Standard";
- b) Cancel the Foreword of the international standard;
- c) For ease of use, quote the national standard using the international standard;
- d) Add the normative references.

This Standard was proposed by China Machinery Industry Federation.

This Standard shall be under the jurisdiction of National Technical Committee on Metallic and

Non-Metallic Coating of Standardization Administration of China.

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The historical edition replaced by this Standard is as follows:

--- GB/T 4956-1985.

Non-Magnetic Coatings on Magnetic Substrates -
Measurement of Coating Thickness - Magnetic Method

1 Scope

This Standard specifies the method of using coating thickness instruments of the magnetic type

for nondestructive measurements of the thickness of non-magnetic coatings (including vitreous

and porcelain enamel coatings) on magnetic basis metals.

The method is applicable only for measurements on reasonably flat specimens. In the case of

nickel coatings on non-magnetic substrates, the preferred method is that specified in GB/T 13744.

2 Normative References

The provisions in following documents become the provisions of this Standard through reference in this Standard. For dated references, the subsequent amendments (excluding corrigendum) or revisions do not apply to this Standard, however, parties who reach an agreement based on this Standard are encouraged to study if the latest versions of these documents are applicable. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document applies.

GB/T 12334 Metallic and other inorganic coatings - Definitions and conventions concerning the measurement of thickness (idt ISO 2064)

GB/T 13744 Measurement of coating thickness for electrodeposited nickel coatings on magnetic and non - Magnetic substrates (eqv ISO 2361)

3 Principle

Coating thickness instruments of the magnetic type measure either the magnetic attraction between a permanent magnet and the basis metal, as influenced by the presence of the coating,

or the reluctance of a magnetic flux path passing through the coating and the basis metal.

Coated standards consist of coatings of known, uniform thickness permanently bonded to a basis metal.

5.3.1 The surface roughness and magnetic properties of the basis metal of the calibration

standards shall be similar to those of the test specimen. To confirm their suitability, a comparison of the readings obtained from the basis metal of the uncoated calibration standard

and that of the uncoated test specimen is recommended.

5.3.2 In some cases, the calibration of the instrument has to be checked by rotating the probe

through increments of 90° (see 4.7 and 4.8).

5.3.3 The thickness of the basis metal of the test specimen and of the calibration standard has

to be the same, if the critical thickness, defined in 4.3, is not exceeded.

It is often possible to back up the basis metal of the calibration standard or of the test specimen

with a sufficient thickness of similar metal to make the readings independent of the basis metal

thickness.

5.3.4 If the curvature of the coating to be measured is such as to preclude calibration on a flat

surface, the curvature of the coated standard, or of the substrate on which the calibration foil is

placed, shall be the same as that of the test specimen.

6.1 General

Operate each instrument in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, giving appropriate

attention to the factors listed in Clause 4,

Check the calibration of the instrument (see Clause 5) at the test site, each time the instrument

is put into service, and at frequent intervals during use, to ensure proper performance,

The following precautions shall be observed.

6.2 Basis metal thickness

Check whether the basis metal thickness exceeds the critical thickness. If not, either use the

back-up method described in 5.3.3 or ensure that the calibration has been made on a calibration

standard having the same thickness and magnetic properties as the test specimen.

6.3 Edge effects

Do not make measurements in the proximity of a discontinuity, such as an edge, hole, inside

corner, of a test specimen, unless the validity of the calibration for such measurements has been

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