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## European foreword

This document (EN 13523-11:2019) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 139 “Paints and varnishes”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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The main changes compared to EN 13523-11:2011 are:

- a) the absorbent material is described in more detail: e.g. synthetic material shall not be used;
- b) other solvents such as acetone and methyl isobutyl ketone are also allowed;
- c) the description of the test panel is given in more details;
- d) it is stated that the solvent used shall be also at room temperature before use;
- e) it is amended that visual inspection of the rubbed area shall be carried out during the test and immediately after the rubbing operation;
- f) “strokes” are changed to “rubs”;
- g) a figure of the test apparatus is added;
- h) items c), f) and i) have been added to the test report (Clause 13);
- i) the text has been editorially revised and the normative references have been updated.

The EN 13523 series, *Coil coated metals — Test methods*, consists of the following parts:

- *Part 0: General introduction*
- *Part 1: Film thickness*
- *Part 2: Gloss*
- *Part 3: Colour difference — Instrumental comparison*
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- *Part 5: Resistance to rapid deformation (impact test)*
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- *Part 8: Resistance to salt spray (fog)*
- *Part 9: Resistance to water immersion*
- *Part 10: Resistance to fluorescent UV radiation and water condensation*
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## 1 Scope

This part of the EN 13523 series specifies the procedure for evaluating the degree of curing by assessing the resistance of a cured organic coating film, applied on a metallic substrate, to a specified organic solvent.

## 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.

EN 13523-0:2014, *Coil coated metals — Test methods — Part 0: General introduction*

EN 23270, *Paints and varnishes and their raw materials — Temperatures and humidities for conditioning and testing (ISO 3270)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 13523-0 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 <http://www.iso.org/obp>

## 4 Principle

The surface of the organic coating is rubbed with an absorbent material soaked in a specified organic solvent at a specified load. The rubbing is carried out in parallel with the rolling direction. The rubs are counted as a double rub, i.e. one rub forward and one rub backward constitute a double rub.

## 5 Material

### 5.1 Absorbent material

Cotton wool of sufficient quantity to stay wet for the duration of the test and to prevent contact between the test panel and the artificial finger used under the conditions of the test.

Other materials such as textile or felt pads may be used but will give different results. If another material than cotton wool is used, this shall be stated in the test report. Synthetic materials shall not be used.

Materials with a hard surface shall not be used.

### 5.2 Solvent

Butanone (methyl ethyl ketone, MEK, CAS-No 78-93-3) shall be used if not otherwise specified.

Other similar organic solvents might be used upon agreement, such as Acetone (CAS-No 67-64-1), Methyl-Isobutyl-Ketone (MiBK, CAS-No 108-10-1).

The solvent used shall be stated in the test report.

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