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This Standard was prepared under the direction of the Multitechnics Standards Policy Board by the Standards Australia Committee on Corrosion of Metals, at the request of the Department of Defence, to replace the Australian Defence Standard, DEF(AUST) 143 *Corrosion and its prevention at bimetallic contacts*.

In the future it is intended to expand the scope of this Standard to cover corrosion of dissimilar metals in contact when subjected to corrosive environments other than marine environments.

This Standard provides an original test method to derive ratings of galvanic corrosion activity of metallic couples immersed in artificial seawater, based on their current/time relationships.

It also lists for reference, the galvanic series comprising a number of individual metals and alloys after immersion for one hour and also for a 28 day period, in artificial seawater.

In preparing this Standard, cognizance was taken of DEF(AUST) 143 and the following documents:

PD 6484 *Commentary on corrosion at bimetallic contacts and its alleviation*

ASTM D 1141 *Substitute ocean water*

Department of Defence Navy Corrosion Source documents

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