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European foreword

This document (EN 13523-3:2021) 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 are:

- a) the contents of EN 13523-3:2014 and EN 13523-15:2015 have been merged;
- b) the definition for metamerism index has been added (3.4);
- c) the list of the existing parts of EN 13523 has been updated;
- d) 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 and metamerism — Instrumental comparison*
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- *Part 5: Resistance to rapid deformation (impact test)*
- *Part 6: Adhesion after indentation (cupping test)*
- *Part 7: Resistance to cracking on bending (T-bend test)*
- *Part 8: Resistance to salt spray (fog)*
- *Part 9: Resistance to water immersion*
- *Part 10: Resistance to fluorescent UV radiation and water condensation*
- *Part 11: Resistance to solvents (rubbing test)*
- *Part 12: Resistance to scratching*
- *Part 13: Resistance to accelerated ageing by the use of heat*

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- *Part 27: Resistance to humid poultice (Cataplasma test)*
- *Part 29: Resistance to environmental soiling (Dirt pick-up and striping)*

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1 Scope

This document specifies procedures for determining the instrumental colour difference (CIELAB) of an organic coating on a metallic substrate compared to another one used as a reference (usually called reference) and the metamerism depending on the illuminant.

When two colour specimens have identical spectral reflectance curves, they are matching under any illuminant irrespective of its spectral characteristics. This is termed a “spectral match”. It is also possible for two colour specimens having different spectral reflectance curves to match visually under a given light source but not to match under another light source with different spectral characteristics; such matches are termed “metameric”.

One quantitative description of metamerism is the so-called “metamerism index”.

Information on the metamerism index is of limited value where ΔE (instrumental colour difference for a given illuminant) is $> 0,5$. The metamerism index is not suited for determining the absolute colour difference or colour consistency of a given specimen at change of illuminant.

The colour difference under the reference illuminant is to be measured in colour coordinates L^* , a^* and b^* .

Excluded from this method are organic coatings producing fluorescence and/or which are multicoloured, pearlescent or metallic.

Establishing a reference as well as the magnitude of an acceptable colour difference are not covered by this method.

Two methods are given in this document:

- a) instrumental colour difference measurement using a tristimulus colourimeter;
- b) instrumental colour difference measurement using a spectrophotometer or equivalent.

It is advised that care is taken when measuring e.g.

- textured surfaces;
- fluorescent coatings;
- metameric coatings;
- multi-coloured, pearlescent, metallic or special colour effect coatings.

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 13523-0:2021, *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 23270)*

EN ISO/CIE 11664-4, *Colorimetry - Part 4: CIE 1976 $L^*a^*b^*$ colour space (ISO/CIE 11664-4)*

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