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## Foreword

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ISO 1456 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 107, *Metallic and other inorganic coatings*, Subcommittee SC 3, *Electrodeposited coatings and related finishes*.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 1456:2003), which has been technically and editorially revised. This edition also cancels and replaces ISO 1458:2002.

## Introduction

This International Standard is a revised version of ISO 1456:2003: *Metallic coatings — Electrodeposited coatings of nickel plus chromium and of copper plus nickel plus chromium* incorporating ISO 1458:2002: *Metallic coatings — Electrodeposited coatings of nickel*.

Decorative, electrodeposited nickel coatings, with and without copper undercoats and without chromium topcoats, are suitable for applications in which tarnishing could be prevented by avoiding rubbing or handling in service or by the use of topcoats other than chromium. They are also suitable for those applications where tarnishing is of no importance. Corrosion resistance depends on the type and thickness of the coatings.

Decorative, electrodeposited nickel plus chromium and copper plus nickel plus chromium coatings are applied to manufactured articles to enhance their appearance and corrosion resistance. Corrosion resistance depends on the type and thickness of the coatings. In general, multilayer nickel coatings provide better corrosion resistance than single-layer nickel coatings of equal thickness, and micro-discontinuous chromium coatings provide better protection than conventional chromium.



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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements for decorative nickel, nickel plus chromium, copper plus nickel and copper plus nickel plus chromium coatings that are applied to iron, steel, zinc alloys, copper and copper alloys, and to aluminium and aluminium alloys, to provide an attractive appearance and enhanced corrosion resistance. Coating designations are specified that differ in thickness and type, and guidance is given on selecting the coating designation appropriate for the service conditions to which the coated product will be exposed.

This International Standard does not specify the surface condition required by the basis metal prior to the coating process, and is not applicable to coatings on sheet, strip or wire in the non-fabricated form nor to threaded fasteners or coil springs.

Requirements for decorative, electroplated copper plus nickel plus chromium coatings on plastic materials are specified in ISO 4525. ISO 4526 and ISO 6158 specify requirements for coatings of nickel and chromium, respectively, for engineering purposes.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 1463, *Metallic and oxide coatings — Measurement of coating thickness — Microscopical method*

ISO 2064, *Metallic and other inorganic coatings — Definitions and conventions concerning the measurement of thickness*

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