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# Anodizing of aluminium and its alloys — Rating system for the evaluation of pitting corrosion — Grid method

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a grid rating system that provides a means of defining levels of performance of anodic oxidation coatings on aluminium and its alloys that have been subjected to corrosion tests.

This rating system is applicable to pitting corrosion resulting from

- accelerated tests,
- exposure to corrosive environments, and
- practical service tests.

This International Standard takes into account only pitting corrosion of the basis metal resulting from penetration of the protective anodic oxidation coating.

NOTE 1 ISO 8993<sup>[3]</sup> describes a similar rating system based on defined chart scales.

NOTE 2 The grid rating system is frequently used for rating the results of short-term corrosion tests for relatively thin anodic oxidation coating, such as those used in the automotive industry.

## 2 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 2.1

#### **significant surface**

part of the article covered or to be covered by the coating, for which the coating is essential for serviceability and/or appearance

NOTE 1 Adapted from ISO 2064:1996<sup>[1]</sup>, definition 3.1.

NOTE 2 The edges of an article are not normally included in the significant surface.

### 2.2

#### **corrosion pit**

surface corrosion defect at which the anodic oxidation coating is penetrated

NOTE Discoloration or other surface defects which do not penetrate the anodic coating do not count as corrosion pits.

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