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practice—a definitive procedure for performing one or more specific operations or functions that does not produce a test result. (Compare *test method*.)

Discussion—A practice is not a downgraded test method. Examples of practices include procedures for conducting interlaboratory testing programs or other statistical procedures; for writing statements on sampling or precision and bias; and for selection, preparation, application, inspection, necessary precautions for use or disposal, installation, maintenance, and operation of testing equipment.

specification—a precise statement of a set of requirements to be satisfied by a material, product, system, or service that indicates the procedures for determining whether each of the requirements is satisfied.

Discussion—It is desirable to express the requirements numerically in terms of appropriate units together with their limits.

terminology—a document comprising definitions of terms; descriptions of terms; and explanations of symbols, abbreviations, or acronyms.

test method—a definitive procedure for the identification, measurement, and evaluation of one or more qualities, characteristics, or properties of a material, product, system, or service that produces a test result. (Compare *practice*.)

A new edition of the Book of Standards is published annually because of additions of new standards and significant revisions to existing standards. Approximately 30 % of each volume is new or revised. Each volume contains all actions approved by the Society at least six months before the publication date. New and revised standards approved by the Society between the annual editions of any given volume are made available as separate copies. Users are cautioned to follow the most current issue of a standard except when a specific edition of a standard is cited, for example, as in a contract.

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Standard Practice for Operating Salt Spray (Fog) Testing Apparatus¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice describes the apparatus, procedure, and conditions required to create and maintain the salt spray (fog) test environment. Suitable apparatus which may be used is described in Appendix X1. This practice does not prescribe the type of test specimen or exposure periods to be used for a specific product, nor the interpretation to be given to the results.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. The inch-pound units in parentheses are provided for information.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- B 368 Method for Copper-Accelerated Acetic Acid-Salt Spray (Fog) Testing (CASS Test)²
- D 609 Practice for Preparation of Cold-Rolled Steel Panels for Testing Paint, Varnish, Conversion Coatings, and Related Coating Products³
- D 1193 Specification for Reagent Water⁴
- D 1654 Test Method for Evaluation of Painted or Coated Specimens Subjected to Corrosive Environments³
- E 70 Test Method for pH of Aqueous Solutions with the Glass Electrode⁵
- E 691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method⁶
- G 85 Practice for Modified Salt Spray (Fog) Testing⁷

3. Significance and Use

3.1 This practice provides a controlled corrosive environment which has been utilized to produce relative corrosion resistance information for specimens of metals and coated

metals exposed in any particular test chamber.

3.2 Correlation and extrapolation of corrosion performance based on exposure to the test environment provided by this practice are not always predictable. Correlation and extrapolation should be considered only in cases where appropriated corroborating long-term atmospheric exposures have been conducted.

3.3 The reproducibility of results in the salt spray exposure is highly dependent on the type of specimens tested and the evaluation criteria selected, as well as the control of the operating variables. In any testing program, sufficient replicates should be included to establish the variability of the results. Variability has been observed when similar specimens are tested in different fog chambers even though the testing conditions are nominally similar and within the ranges specified in this practice.

4. Apparatus

4.1 The apparatus required for salt spray (fog) exposure consists of a fog chamber, a salt solution reservoir, a supply of suitably conditioned compressed air, one or more atomizing nozzles, specimen supports, provision for heating the chamber, and necessary means of control. The size and detailed construction of the apparatus are optional, provided the conditions obtained meet the requirements of this practice.

4.2 Drops of solution which accumulate on the ceiling or cover of the chamber shall not be permitted to fall on the specimens being exposed.

4.3 Drops of solution which fall from the specimens shall not be returned to the solution reservoir for respraying.

4.4 Material of construction shall be such that it will not affect the corrosiveness of the fog.

5. Test Specimens

5.1 The type and number of test specimens to be used, as well as the criteria for the evaluation of the test results, shall be defined in the specifications covering the material or product being tested or shall be mutually agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller.

6. Preparation of Test Specimens

6.1 Specimens shall be suitably cleaned. The cleaning method shall be optional depending on the nature of the surface and the contaminants. Care shall be taken that

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 02.05.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 06.01.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 11.01.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 15.05.

⁶ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.

⁷ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.12.

specimens are not recontaminated after cleaning by excessive or careless handling.

6.2 Specimens for evaluation of paints and other organic coatings shall be prepared in accordance with applicable specification(s) for the material(s) being tested, or as agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier. Otherwise, the test specimens shall consist of steel meeting the requirements of Practice D 609 and shall be cleaned and prepared for coating in accordance with the applicable procedure of Practice D 609.

6.3 Specimens coated with paints or nonmetallic coatings shall not be cleaned or handled excessively prior to test.

6.4 Whenever it is desired to determine the development of corrosion from an abraded area in the paint or organic coating, a scratch or scribed line shall be made through the coating with a sharp instrument so as to expose the underlying metal before testing. The conditions of making the scratch shall be as defined in Test Method D 1654, unless otherwise agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller.

6.5 Unless otherwise specified, the cut edges of plated, coated, or duplex materials and areas containing identification marks or in contact with the racks or supports shall be protected with a suitable coating stable under the conditions of the test, such as ceresin wax.

NOTE 1—Should it be desirable to cut test specimens from parts or from preplated, painted, or otherwise coated steel sheet, the cut edges shall be protected by coating them with paint, wax, tape, or other effective media so that the development of a galvanic effect between such edges and the adjacent plated or otherwise coated metal surfaces, is prevented.

7. Position of Specimens During Exposure

7.1 The position of the specimens in the salt spray chamber during the test shall be such that the following conditions are met:

7.1.1 Unless otherwise specified, the specimens shall be supported or suspended between 15 and 30° from the vertical and preferably parallel to the principal direction of flow of fog through the chamber, based upon the dominant surface being tested.

7.1.2 The specimens shall not contact each other or any metallic material or any material capable of acting as a wick.

7.1.3 Each specimen shall be so placed as to permit free settling of fog on all specimens.

7.1.4 Salt solution from one specimen shall not drip on any other specimen.

NOTE 2—Suitable materials for the construction or coating of racks and supports are glass, rubber, plastic, or suitably coated wood. Bare metal shall not be used. Specimens shall preferably be supported from the bottom or the side. Slotted wooden strips are suitable for the support of flat panels. Suspension from glass hooks or waxed string may be used as long as the specified position of the specimens is obtained, if necessary by means of secondary support at the bottom of the specimens.

8. Salt Solution

8.1 The salt solution shall be prepared by dissolving 5 ± 1 parts by mass of sodium chloride in 95 parts of water conforming to Type IV water in Specification D 1193 (except that for this practice limits for chlorides and sodium may be ignored). The salt used shall be sodium chloride substantially free of nickel and copper and containing on the dry basis not more than 0.1 % of sodium iodide and not

more than 0.3 % of total impurities. Some salts contain additives that may act as corrosion inhibitors; careful attention should be given to the chemical content of the salt. Upon agreement between the purchaser and the seller, analysis may be required and limits established for elements or compounds not specified in the chemical composition given above.

8.2 The pH of the salt solution shall be such that when atomized at 35°C (95°F) the collected solution will be in the pH range from 6.5 to 7.2 (Note 3). Before the solution is atomized it shall be free of suspended solids (Note 4). The pH measurement shall be made at 25°C (77°F) using a suitable glass pH-sensing electrode, reference electrode, and pH meter system in accordance with Test Method E 70.

NOTE 3—Temperature affects the pH of a salt solution prepared from water saturated with carbon dioxide at room temperature and pH adjustment may be made by the following three methods:

(1) When the pH of a salt solution is adjusted at room temperature, and atomized at 35°C (95°F), the pH of the collected solution will be higher than the original solution due to the loss of carbon dioxide at the higher temperature. When the pH of the salt solution is adjusted at room temperature, it is therefore necessary to adjust it below 6.5 so the collected solution after atomizing at 35°C (95°F) will meet the pH limits of 6.5 to 7.2. Take about a 50-mL sample of the salt solution as prepared at room temperature, boil gently for 30 s, cool, and determine the pH. When the pH of the salt solution is adjusted to 6.5 to 7.2 by this procedure, the pH of the atomized and collected solution at 35°C (95°F) will come within this range.

(2) Heating the salt solution to boiling and cooling to 35°C (95°F) for maintaining it at 35°C (95°F) for approximately 48 h before adjusting the pH produces a solution the pH of which does not materially change when atomized at 35°C (95°F).

(3) Heating the water from which the salt solution is prepared to 35°C (95°F) or above, to expel carbon dioxide, and adjusting the pH of the salt solution within the limits of 6.5 to 7.2 produces a solution the pH of which does not materially change when atomized at 35°C (95°F).

NOTE 4—The freshly prepared salt solution may be filtered or decanted before it is placed in the reservoir, or the end of the tube leading from the solution to the atomizer may be covered with a double layer of cheesecloth to prevent plugging of the nozzle.

NOTE 5—The pH can be adjusted by additions of dilute cp hydrochloric acid or cp sodium hydroxide solutions.

9. Air Supply

9.1 The compressed air supply to the nozzle or nozzles for atomizing the salt solution shall be free of oil and dirt (Note 6) and maintained between 69 and 172 kN/m² (10 and 25 psi).

NOTE 6—The air supply may be freed from oil and dirt by passing it through a water scrubber or at least 610 mm (2 ft) of suitable cleaning material such as sheep's wool, excelsior, slag wool, or activated⁷ alumina. Commercial cartridge filters which include an expiration indicator may also be used.

10. Conditions in the Salt Spray Chamber

10.1 *Temperature*—The exposure zone of the salt spray chamber shall be maintained at $35 \pm 1.1 - 1.7^\circ\text{C}$ ($95 \pm 2 - 3^\circ\text{F}$). The temperature within the exposure zone of the closed cabinet shall be recorded at least twice a day at least 7 h apart (except on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays when the salt spray test is not interrupted for exposing, rearranging, or removing test specimens or to check and replenish the solution in the reservoir).

NOTE 7—A suitable method to record the temperature is by a continuous recording device or by a thermometer which can be read from outside the closed cabinet. The recorded temperature must be