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Standard Practice for Xenon-Arc Exposures of Paint and Related Coatings¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers the selection of test conditions for accelerated exposure testing of coatings and related products in xenon arc devices conducted according to Practices G 151 and G 155. This practice also covers the preparation of test specimens, the test conditions suited for coatings, and the evaluation of test results. Table 1 describes commonly used test conditions.

NOTE 1—ISO 11341:1994 also describes xenon-arc exposures of paints and coatings. However, the exposure conditions described in ISO 11341 are different than those listed in Table 1.

1.2 *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:

- D 358 Specification for Wood to Be Used as Panels in Weathering Tests of Coatings²
- D 523 Test Method for Specular Gloss³
- D 609 Practice for Preparation of Cold-Rolled Steel Panels for Testing Paint, Varnish, Conversion Coatings, and Related Coating Products³
- D 610 Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Rusting on Painted Steel Surfaces²
- D 659 Method of Evaluating Degree of Chalking of Exterior Paints⁴
- D 660 Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Checking of Exterior Paints³
- D 662 Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Erosion of Exterior Paints³
- D 714 Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Blistering of Paints³

- D 772 Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Flaking (Scaling) of Exterior Paints³
- D 823 Practices for Producing Films of Uniform Thickness of Paint, Varnish, and Related Products on Test Panels³
- D 1005 Test Methods for Measurement of Dry-Film Thickness of Organic Coatings Using Micrometers³
- D 1186 Test Methods for Nondestructive Measurement of Dry Film Thickness of Nonmagnetic Coatings Applied to a Ferrous Base³
- D 1400 Test Method for Nondestructive Measurement of Dry Film Thickness of Nonconductive Coatings Applied to a Nonferrous Metal Base³
- D 1729 Practice for Visual Appraisal of Colors and Color Differences of Diffusely Illuminated Opaque Materials³
- D 1730 Practices for Preparation of Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Surfaces for Painting⁵
- D 2244 Practice for Calculation of Color Tolerances and Color Differences From Instrumentally Measured Color Coordinates³
- D 2616 Test Method for Evaluation of Visual Color Difference with a Gray Scale³
- D 3359 Test Methods for Measuring Adhesion by Tape Test³
- D 3980 Practice for Interlaboratory Testing of Paint and Related Materials³
- D 4214 Test Methods for Evaluating Degree of Chalking of Exterior Paint Films³
- D 5870 Practice for Calculating Property Retention Index of Plastics⁶
- E 691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method⁷
- E 1347 Test Method for Color and Color Difference Measured by Tristimulus (Filter) Colorimetry³
- G 113 Terminology Relating to Natural and Artificial Weathering Tests of Nonmetallic Materials⁸
- G 141 Guide for Addressing Variability in Exposure Testing on Nonmetallic Materials⁸
- G 147 Practice for Conditioning and Handling of Nonmetallic Materials for Natural and Artificial Weathering Tests⁸

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 06.02.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 06.01.

⁴ Discontinued; see 1990 Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 06.01.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 02.05.

⁶ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.03.

⁷ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.

⁸ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.04.



TABLE 1 Test Cycles Commonly Used for Xenon-Arc Exposure Testing of Paints and Related Coatings^A

Cycle Number	Cycle Description ^B	Uninsulated Black Panel, Temperature ^C	Typical Irradiance ^D	Typical Uses ^E
1	Continuous light 102 min light only at 50 % ± 5 % RH 18 min light and water spray ^F Repeat continuously	63 ± 2°C 145 ± 4°F	0.35 ± 0.02 W/(m ² ·nm) at 340 nm 41.5 ± 2.5 W/m ² from 300-400 nm	General coatings and historical convention ^G
2	18 h continuous light using: 102 min light only at 50 % ± 5 % RH 18 min light and water spray 6 h dark using: 95 % relative humidity (no water spray) Repeat continuously	63 ± 2°C 145 ± 4°F 24 ± 1.5°C 43 ± 3°F	0.35 ± 0.02 W/(m ² ·nm) at 340 nm 41.5 ± 2.5 W/m ² from 300-400 nm	General coatings
3	4 h light at 50 % ± 5 % RH 4 h dark with water spray Repeat continuously	63 ± 2°C 145 ± 4°F	0.35 ± 0.02 W/(m ² ·nm) at 340 nm 41.5 ± 2.5 W/m ² from 300-400 nm	Exterior pigmented stains
4	12 h light at 50 % ± 5 % RH 12 h dark with water spray Repeat continuously	63 ± 2°C 145 ± 4°F	0.35 ± 0.02 W/(m ² ·nm) at 340 nm 41.5 ± 2.5 W/m ² from 300-400 nm	Exterior wood stains and clears
5	8 h light at 50 % ± 5 % RH 10 h light and water spray 6 h dark with water spray Repeat continuously	63 ± 2°C 145 ± 4°F	0.35 ± 0.02 W/(m ² ·nm) at 340 nm 41.5 ± 2.5 W/m ² from 300-400 nm	Marine enamels
6	40 min light at 50 % ± 5 % RH 20 min light and water spray 60 min light at 50 % ± 5 % RH 60 min dark at 95 % ± 5 % RH (water spray on front and back of specimens) Repeat continuously	70 ± 2 °C (158 ± 4 °F) 70 ± 2 °C (158 ± 4 °F) 38 ± 2 °C (100 ± 4 °F)	0.55 ± 0.02 W/(m ² ·nm) at 340 nm 65.5 ± 2.5 W/m ² from 300-400 nm	Automotive exterior ^H
7	3.8 h light at 50 % ± 5 % RH 1.0 h dark at 95 % ± 5 % RH Repeat continuously	89 ± 3 °C (192 ± 5 °F) 38 ± 2 °C (100 ± 4 °F)	0.55 ± 0.02 W/(m ² ·nm) at 340 nm 65.5 ± 2.5 W/m ² from 300-400 nm	Automotive interior ^H

^A The cycles described are not listed in any order indicating importance, and are not necessarily recommended for the applications shown.

^B As stated in 5.2, the spectral power distribution (SPD) of the xenon lamp shall conform to the requirements of Practice G 155 for a xenon lamp with daylight filters.

^C Unless otherwise indicated, black panel temperatures apply during light-only portion of the cycle. The equilibrium black panel temperature is obtained without a spray period. For light intervals shorter than 30 min, the black panel temperature might not reach equilibrium. Unless otherwise specified, add 6°C (11°F) to the temperature given for the uninsulated black panel when an insulated black panel is used. Practice G 151 provides more information on the temperatures indicated by insulated and uninsulated black panels, which can depend on irradiance level, and the type of xenon-arc filter used.

^D The irradiance values given are those that have historically been used. In devices capable of producing higher irradiance, the actual irradiance used may be higher than the stated values. For example, Japanese auto industry specifications allow use of exposures according to Cycle 1 with 300 to 400 nm irradiance of up to 180 W/m².

^E Typical uses does not imply that results from exposures of these materials according to the cycle described will correlate to those from actual use conditions.

^F Unless otherwise specified, water spray refers to water sprayed on the exposed surface of the test specimens.

^G This cycle has been used for coatings by historical convention and may not adequately simulate the effects of outdoor exposure.

^H The SPD of the xenon lamp with the filters required in SAE standards J1960 and J1885 does not meet the requirements of Practice G 155 for a xenon lamp with daylight filters.

G 151 Practice for Exposing Nonmetallic Materials in Accelerated Test Devices That Use Laboratory Light Sources⁸

G 155 Practice for Operating Xenon-Arc Light Apparatus for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials⁸

G 169 Guide for Application of Basic Statistical Methods to Weathering Tests⁸

2.2 ISO Standards:

ISO 11341:1994 Paints and Varnishes—Artificial Weathering and Exposure to Artificial Radiation—Exposure to Filtered Xenon-Arc Radiation⁹

2.3 Society of Automotive Engineers' Standards:

SAE J1885, Accelerated Exposure of Automotive Interior Trim Components Using a Controlled Irradiance Water

Cooled Xenon Arc Apparatus¹⁰

SAE J1960, Accelerated Exposure of Automotive Exterior Materials Using a Controlled Irradiance Water Cooled Xenon Arc Apparatus¹⁰

3. Terminology

3.1 The definitions given in Terminology G 113 are applicable to this practice.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 The ability of a paint or coating to resist deterioration of its physical and optical properties caused by exposure to light, heat, and water can be very significant for many applications. This practice is intended to induce property changes associated with end use conditions, including the effects of sunlight,

⁹ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

¹⁰ Available from Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

