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## Introduction

This document is one of a series of standards dealing with the sampling and testing of paints, varnishes and related products. It describes a method for determining the water-vapour transmission rate of self-supporting and non-self-supporting coatings.

The water-vapour transmission rate is not necessarily a linear function of film thickness, temperature or relative-humidity difference. A determination carried out under one set of conditions will not necessarily be comparable with one carried out under other conditions. Therefore, it is essential that the conditions of test are chosen to be as close as possible to the conditions of use.

Water-vapour transmission is of greatest interest under conditions of high humidity. For this reason, the wet-cup method has been adopted as the reference method. By agreement, other procedures and conditions, like the dry-cup method, may be used.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determining the water-vapour transmission properties of coatings of paints, varnishes and related products.

It supplements ISO 12572. As far as possible, the procedure, the definitions and the calculations have been taken over from ISO 12572. ISO 12572 can be consulted, if necessary, to obtain a better understanding of the procedure specified in this document.

Water-vapour transmission rates of more than 680 g/(m<sup>2</sup>·d) (i.e. water-vapour diffusion-equivalent air layer thicknesses,  $s_d$ , of less than 0,03 m) are not accurately quantified by the test method described in this document.

## 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.

ISO 1513, *Paints and varnishes — Examination and preparation of test samples*

ISO 2808, *Paints and varnishes — Determination of film thickness*

ISO 3233-1, *Paints and varnishes — Determination of the percentage volume of non-volatile matter — Part 1: Method using a coated test panel to determine non-volatile matter and to determine dry film density by the Archimedes principle*

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 4618, *Paints and varnishes — Terms and definitions*

ISO 15528, *Paints, varnishes and raw materials for paints and varnishes — Sampling*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4618 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### water-vapour transmission rate

$V$

mass of water vapour that is transmitted over a given period through a given surface area of a test piece under specified constant conditions of relative humidity at each face of the test piece

Note 1 to entry: It is measured in grams per square metre per day [g/(m<sup>2</sup>·d)].