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The main changes are as follows:

- the introduction has been clarified (1 bracket shifted);
- [5.1 Table 1](#) formatted and for Znph second line added to describe types of Znph; new [Table 1](#) copied on [Table C.1](#)
- [5.2](#) and ff.: all terms are uniformed from “phosphate coating” or “conversion coating” to “phosphate conversion coating” (when applicable);
- [5.2](#) and ff.: “after-treatment” was changed to “post treatment”; other definitions and spelling changed according to ISO 2080;
- [6.3 Table 2](#): definition of T1 recharged, second sentence deleted (this is content of T2);
- [6.3](#): last sentence updated to describe impact of neutral salt spray test;
- [6.4](#): revision of [6.4](#), thickness measurement replaced by area related mass;
- [Annex B](#): last sentence of [B.1](#) deleted: [Table B.1](#) updated;
- [Annex B](#): [Table B.1](#) and [B.3](#) headlines updated;
- [Annex B](#): [Table B.4](#) headline updated;

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Phosphate conversion coatings are produced by treating substrates with appropriate solutions. The main constituents of these solutions are the appropriate dihydrogen orthophosphates.

They are intended to

- impart corrosion resistance,
- improve adhesion to paints and other organic finishes,
- facilitate cold-forming operations, such as wire drawing, tube drawing and extrusion, and
- modify surface frictional properties to facilitate sliding.

Phosphate conversion coatings are produced by treatment with solutions, the main constituents of which are the appropriate dihydrogen orthophosphates. These phosphate conversion coatings are applied principally to ferrous materials and zinc, and differ in coating mass per unit area and apparent density, depending on

- the construction material and surface condition of the components,
- previous mechanical and chemical treatment of the components, and
- processing conditions for phosphating.

All phosphate conversion coatings are crystalline and porous but can be sealed substantially by subsequent sealant processes.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements for phosphate conversion coatings which are usually destined for application on ferrous materials, aluminium, zinc, and their alloys (see [Annex B](#)).

## 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 2080, *Metallic and other inorganic coatings — Surface treatment, metallic and other inorganic coatings — Vocabulary*

ISO 3892, *Conversion coatings on metallic materials — Determination of coating mass per unit area — Gravimetric methods*

ISO 4519, *Electrodeposited metallic coatings and related finishes — Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes*

ISO 9227, *Corrosion tests in artificial atmospheres — Salt spray tests*

ISO 9588, *Metallic and other inorganic coatings — Post-coating treatments of iron or steel to reduce the risk of hydrogen embrittlement*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 2080 apply.

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

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

## 4 Information to be supplied by the purchaser to the processor

The following information shall be provided by the purchaser:

- a) a description of the phosphate conversion coating according to this document, i.e., ISO 9717 (see [5.2](#));
- b) in cases of phosphating steel parts with tensile strength  $\geq 1\ 000$  MPa, also in locally restricted areas (e.g. for case-hardened or cold-formed structures or in weld seam areas) the safety against brittle fracture (hydrogen embrittlement) is of primary importance. The phosphating process shall be carried