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The main changes are as follows:

- definition (3.6) added;
- [Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#) have been technically revised;
- Annex A has been removed and references added to bibliography.

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This document is one of a number of parts of ISO 11124 (all parts) [\[1\]](#) specifying requirements for metallic abrasives for blast-cleaning.

Test methods for metallic blast-cleaning abrasives are given in the various parts of ISO 11125 (all parts) [\[2\]](#).

The requirements for non-metallic abrasives commonly used for blast-cleaning are specified in the various parts of ISO 11126 (all parts) [\[3\]](#). Test methods to be used to define these requirements are contained in the various parts of ISO 11127 (all parts) [\[4\]](#).

Abrasive blast-cleaning techniques are widely used to clean and prepare surfaces. During the development of a series of International Standards dealing with the preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products, it was decided that a need existed for a series of International Standards covering those blast-cleaning abrasives commonly used in preparation of steelwork.

The type of blast-cleaning abrasive used and its particle shape can significantly affect the surface appearance and profile form of the treated surface. ISO 8501-1 [\[5\]](#) provides informative photographic examples of the change in appearance imparted to steel when blast-cleaned with different abrasive types.

ISO 8503-2 [\[6\]](#) describes the assessment of the surface roughness of prepared surfaces using comparators. [Table 1](#) of this document identifies the type of comparator to be used with each of the blast-cleaning abrasives considered.