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Foreword

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ISO 12944-5 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 35, *Paints and varnishes*, Subcommittee SC 14, *Protective paint systems for steel structures*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 12944-5:1998), which has been technically revised. The revision includes a reduction in the number of paint systems and in the number of tables. These changes have also brought about some changes in the numbering of the systems in the tables.

ISO 12944 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Paints and varnishes — Corrosion protection of steel structures by protective paint systems*:

— *Part 1: General introduction*

— *Part 2: Classification of environments*

— *Part 3: Design considerations*

— *Part 4: Types of surface and surface preparation*

— *Part 5: Protective paint systems*

— *Part 6: Laboratory performance test methods and associated assessment criteria*

— *Part 7: Execution and supervision of paint work*

— *Part 8: Development of specifications for new work and maintenance*

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Introduction

Unprotected steel in the atmosphere, in water and in soil is subjected to corrosion that may lead to damage. Therefore, to avoid corrosion damage, steel structures are normally protected to withstand the corrosion stresses during the required service life of the structure.

There are different ways of protecting steel structures from corrosion. ISO 12944 deals with protection by paint systems and covers, in the various parts, all features that are important in achieving adequate corrosion protection. Other measures are possible, but require particular agreement between the interested parties.

In order to ensure effective corrosion protection of steel structures, it is necessary for owners of such structures, planners, consultants, companies carrying out corrosion protection work, inspectors of protective coatings and manufacturers of coating materials to have at their disposal state-of-the-art information in concise form on corrosion protection by paint systems. Such information has to be as complete as possible, unambiguous and easily understandable to avoid difficulties and misunderstandings between the parties concerned with the practical implementation of protection work.

This International Standard — ISO 12944 — is intended to give this information in the form of a series of instructions. It is written for those who have some technical knowledge. It is also assumed that the user of ISO 12944 is familiar with other relevant International Standards, in particular those dealing with surface preparation, as well as relevant national regulations.

Although ISO 12944 does not deal with financial and contractual questions, attention is drawn to the fact that, because of the considerable implications of inadequate corrosion protection, non-compliance with requirements and recommendations given in this standard might result in serious financial consequences.

ISO 12944-1 defines the overall scope of all parts of ISO 12944. It gives some basic terms and definitions and a general introduction to the other parts of ISO 12944. Furthermore, it includes a general statement on health, safety and environmental protection, and guidelines for using ISO 12944 for a given project.

ISO 12944-5 gives some terms and definitions related to paint systems in combination with guidance for the selection of different types of protective paint system.

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