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coating powders at a given temperature**

*Poudres pour revêtement —*

*Partie 6: Détermination du temps de gélification à une température  
donnée de poudres thermodurcissables*



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- *Part 1: Determination of particle size distribution by sieving*
- *Part 2: Determination of density by gas comparison pycnometer (referee method)*
- *Part 3: Determination of density by liquid displacement pycnometer*
- *Part 4: Calculation of lower explosion limit*
- *Part 5: Determination of flow properties of a powder/air mixture*
- *Part 6: Determination of gel time of thermosetting coating powders at a given temperature*
- *Part 7: Determination of loss of mass on stoving*
- *Part 8: Assessment of the storage stability of thermosetting powders*

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## Coating powders —

### Part 6:

## Determination of gel time of thermosetting coating powders at a given temperature

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 8130 specifies a method for the determination of the time for a thermosetting coating powder to gel at a specified temperature, normally 180 °C.

NOTE 1 The determination of the gel time is a very simple method for the characterization and quality control of coating powders. However, the gel time determined by this method is not directly related to the time for a coating powder to cure in practical applications.

The method is not applicable to coating powders with ultra-short gel times (less than 15 s).

### 2 Normative reference

The following standard contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 8130. At the time of publication, the edition indicated was valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 8130 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the standard indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 8130-9:1992, *Coating powders — Part 9: Sampling*.

### 3 Definition

For the purposes of this part of ISO 8130, the following definition applies.

**3.1 gel time:** The time taken for a specified volume of coating powder to become non-deformable, under specified conditions, after melting.

### 4 Principle

A test portion of a specified volume of coating powder is heated to a specified temperature in a depression in a heating block. The time at which threads can no longer be pulled from the molten product is determined.

### 5 Materials

**5.1 Test substances** of known melting point for checking the temperature of the heating block (6.1).

NOTE 2 For a test temperature of 180 °C, D-camphor is a suitable material.

**5.2 Release agent**, such as an aerosol dispersion of polytetrafluoroethylene.

### 6 Apparatus

**6.1 Heating block**, consisting of an electrically heated steel block of sufficient mass to maintain temperature stability, i.e. to ensure that the temperature selected within the range of 130 °C to 230 °C does not vary by more than  $\pm 1$  °C. The temperature shall be controlled by means of a thermoregulator.

The block shall have a spherical, polished depression, with a diameter of  $(16 \pm 0,1)$  mm and a radius of curvature of  $(10 \pm 0,1)$  mm in the centre of the top surface to contain the test portion.