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Introduction

The characterization of an atmospheric corrosion test site or of a service location with respect to its corrosivity can be accomplished by determining the corrosion rate of standard specimens exposed for one year to the atmosphere at the respective location (corrosivity determination). The standard specimens are flat plate specimens of the four standard structural materials: aluminium, copper, steel and zinc. This method represents an economical way of evaluating corrosivity, taking into account all local environmental influences.