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Layer Thickness measurement – Aluminium painted
panels

You shall respect the HSE policy of your laboratory for each performed test.

## Instructions to participant laboratories

## Please read these instructions carefully BEFORE starting the tests.

- 1. 3 specimens (80 x 50 x 1 mm) are supplied to each participant.
  - > Pl1 specimen without any coatings or treatments
  - Pl2 specimen with Unsealed CAA + Primer
  - PI3 specimen with Unsealed CAA + Primer + Top coat

In case of :

- loss or deterioration of PTP sample(s) please contact your sponsor for replacement kit.
- exclusion of a test specimen results by yourself, you shall provide a short root cause analysis.
- 2. Each participant is required to determine the thicknesses of layers for each specimen as indicated below:

## Eddy currents method

The thickness of the coating shall be measured in accordance with **AITM 6-6006 Issue 3** "Measuring coating thickness by equipments of the magnetic and eddy current type". The baseline shall be performed on untreated specimen (PI1) and at least 3 measurements shall be made on each layer. Thus, the CAA, primer and top coat thickness will be determined (PI2 & PI3).

<u>Microscopic method</u> – only for Test Specimen Pl3 (not mandatory if you are not qualified by your sponsor for using this measurement method)

A cross section shall be performed on the test specimens lengthways (after measurement by eddy currents method) in order to measure the thickness of each layer. The measurements shall be performed in accordance with **ISO 1463 (2004)**. For each layer, at least 10 measurements shall be done, uniformly distributed along one of the sides of the test specimens and covering the 20 mm length of the cross section.



The tests shall be performed respecting the following conditions:

- One operator only
- One testing machine only
- Tests performed in sequence

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3. Results for both methods are to be reported as follows:

Characteristic	Unit	Significant digits	Mandatory / Not mandatory	<b>Evaluated</b> Yes/no
Unsealed CAA average thickness (Eddy				
current method) – <u>to be measured on</u>	μm	X,X	At loast one	Yes
Face 1 of PI2			At least one	
Unsealed CAA average thickness		method has to r		
(Microscopic method) – <u>to be measured</u>	μm X,X		useu	Yes
<u>on Pl3</u>				
Unsealed CAA + Primer average				
thickness (Eddy current method) - <u>to be</u>	μm	XX,X	At least one	Yes
measured on Face 2 of Pl2			method has to be	
Primer average thickness (Microscopic			used	Vac
method) – <u>to be measured on Pl3</u>	μΠ	^^,^		res
Unsealed CAA + Primer + Top coat				
average thickness (Eddy current method)	μm	XX,X	At least one	Yes
<ul> <li>to be measured on Face 2 of PI3</li> </ul>			method has to be	
Top coat average thickness (Microscopic		<b>VV V</b>	used	Vac
method) – <u>to be measured on Pl3</u>	μm	^^,		165
For microscopic method, pictures of the sample with measurements		N/A	Mandatory	No

All evaluated characteristics will be analysed according to the algorithm A (ISO 13528 – 2015) and evaluated using z-score.

4. Testing shall start **as soon as test specimens are received**. Please contact the following email address for any technical or administrative query.

Submission date :	June 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	
Technical and administrative support :	info@ptpscheme.com	

5. Instructions for submission of results are detailed on the website:

https://ptpscheme.com

- 6. To ensure the confidential treatment of your results in the final report, you will be allocated a unique identity number when you register for the program.
- 7. Collusion and falsification of your PTP results are totally forbidden. In case of identification or suspicion of collusion or falsification, the laboratory will be excluded from the program and the sponsors will be immediately informed. The sponsors could ask you proofs of your records and analyses, so be sure to conserve data, curves and specimens.
- 8. The tested specimens do not need to be sent back to PTP.

Issue Date	Issue N°	Changes
02/01/2018	1	Document creation
26/03/2018	2	Modification of results submission deadline