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Standard Guide for Analysis of Electrocoat Bath Samples[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This guide covers the selection of test methods for determination of the important parameters that affect the performance of electrocoating paints.

1.2 The test methods involved are D4370, D4399, D4584, and D5145.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*[2]

D4370 Test Methods for Acid and Base Milliequivalent Content of Electrocoat Bath

D4399 Test Method for Measuring Electrical Conductivity of Electrocoat Baths

D4584 Test Method for Measuring Apparent pH of Electrocoat Baths

D5145 Test Methods for Nonvolatile and Pigment Content of Electrocoat Baths

3. Significance and Use

3.1 This guide indicates test procedures recommended for the maintenance of acceptable performance of the paint in an electrocoating bath. Several critical parameters must be determined throughout the operation of the bath. These parameters must be adjusted when deviations from the norm occur.

3.2 The test methods for electrocoat baths are unique, as the aqueous samples have a nonvolatile content between 8 and 25 %. Constant agitation must be present when the samples are taken and during the measurement of some of the parameters.

4. Test Methods

4.1 *Acid and Base Content*—Test Methods D4370 covers the determination of acid and base milliequivalent content of electrocoat baths.

4.2 *Electrical Conductivity*—Test Method D4399 describes the determination of the electrical conductivity of electrocoat baths.

4.3 *pH Determination*—Test Method D4584 describes the measurement of the apparent pH of paints and ultrafiltrates of electrocoat baths.

4.4 *Nonvolatile and Pigment Content*—Test Method D5145 covers the determination of nonvolatile and inorganic pigment content of electrocoat baths.

5. Precision

5.1 The referenced test methods have precision limits listed. Reference to the individual standards for precision statements is recommended.

6. Keywords

6.1 electrical conductivity; electrocoat baths; nonvolatile content; pH; pigment content

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[2] For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.