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**Paints and varnishes — Evaluation  
of degradation of coatings —  
Designation of quantity and size of  
defects, and of intensity of uniform  
changes in appearance —**

Part 2:  
**Assessment of degree of blistering**

*Peintures et vernis — Évaluation de la dégradation des revêtements  
— Désignation de la quantité et de la dimension des défauts, et de  
l'intensité des changements uniformes d'aspect —*

*Partie 2: Évaluation du degré de cloquage*



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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 35, *Paints and varnishes*, Subcommittee SC 9, *General test methods for paints and varnishes*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 4628-2:2003), which has been technically revised with the following changes:

- a) a normative reference to ISO 13076 for illumination for the assessment has been added;
- b) a note concerning visibility of S1 size of blisters has been added.

ISO 4628 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Paints and varnishes — Evaluation of degradation of coatings — Designation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance*:

- *Part 1: General introduction and designation system*
- *Part 2: Assessment of degree of blistering*
- *Part 3: Assessment of degree of rusting*
- *Part 4: Assessment of degree of cracking*
- *Part 5: Assessment of degree of flaking*
- *Part 6: Assessment of degree of chalking by tape method*
- *Part 7: Assessment of degree of chalking by velvet method*
- *Part 8: Assessment of degree of delamination and corrosion around a scribe or other artificial defect*
- *Part 10: Assessment of filiform corrosion*

# Paints and varnishes — Evaluation of degradation of coatings — Designation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance —

## Part 2: Assessment of degree of blistering

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 4628 specifies a method for assessing the degree of blistering of coatings by comparison with pictorial standards.

The pictorial standards provided in this part of ISO 4628 illustrate blisters in the sizes 2, 3, 4, and 5, and each size in the quantities (densities) 2, 3, 4, and 5.

ISO 4628-1 defines the system used for designating the quantity and size of defects and the intensity of changes in appearance of coatings and outlines the general principles of the system. This system is intended to be used, in particular, for defects caused by ageing and weathering, and for uniform changes such as colour changes, for example yellowing.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 13076, *Paints and varnishes — Lighting and procedure for visual assessments of coatings*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

#### 3.1

##### **degree of blistering**

rating characterizing blisters in a coating in terms of quantity (density) and size

### 4 Assessment

Assess the quantity and size of the blisters in a coating by means of the pictures given in [Figure 1](#) to [Figure 4](#).

NOTE The S1 size of blisters is not visible with normal corrected vision but only with  $\times 10$  magnification.

Where the area to be examined exhibits blisters of varying size, quote as the size rating that of the blisters which are typical of the test area.

Carry out the assessment under good illumination, as specified in ISO 13076.

If the assessment is to be done using an optical imaging system, calibrate the system using the images given in [Annex A](#).

## 5 Expression of results

Express the ratings for the quantity (density) and size of the blisters as given in [Figure 1](#) to [Figure 4](#), together with the approximate dimensions of the area concerned, or its portion of the total area, expressed as a percentage.

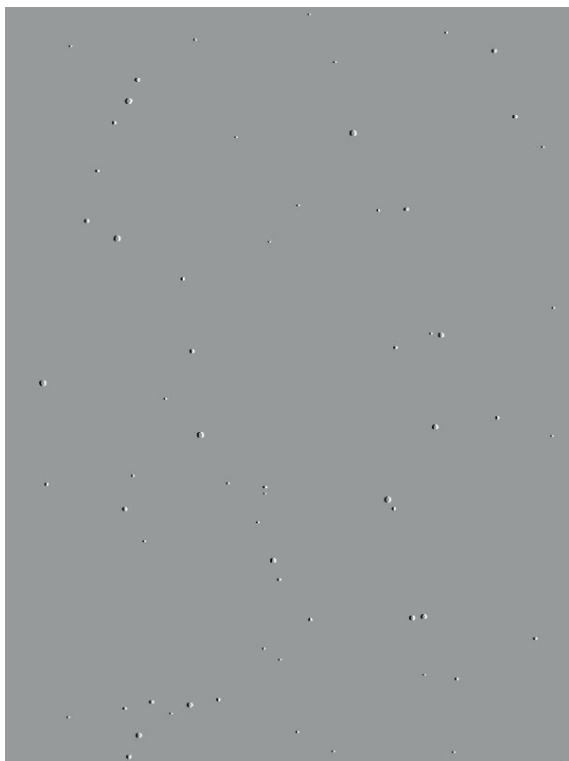
For example, if the coating is assessed as having blisters quantity 2, size 2, i.e. matching [Figure 1 a\)](#), it shall be reported as

— blistering; degree of blistering 2(S2).

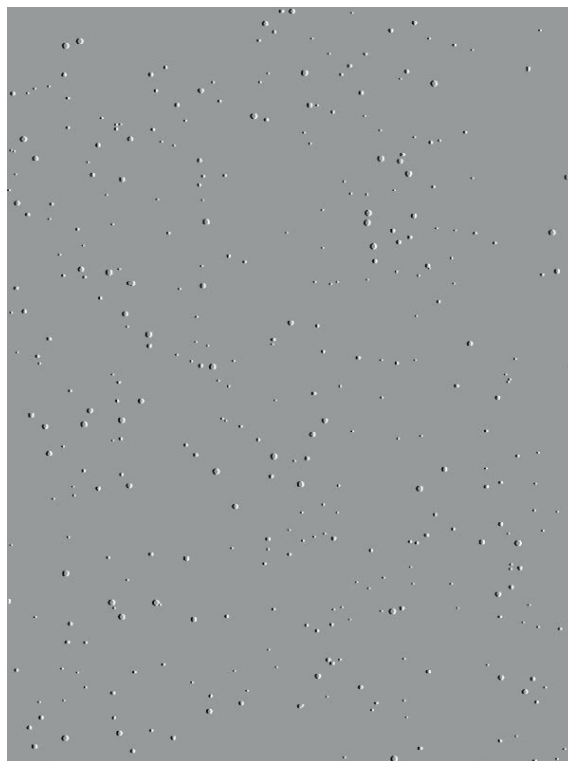
## 6 Test report

The test report shall contain at least the following information:

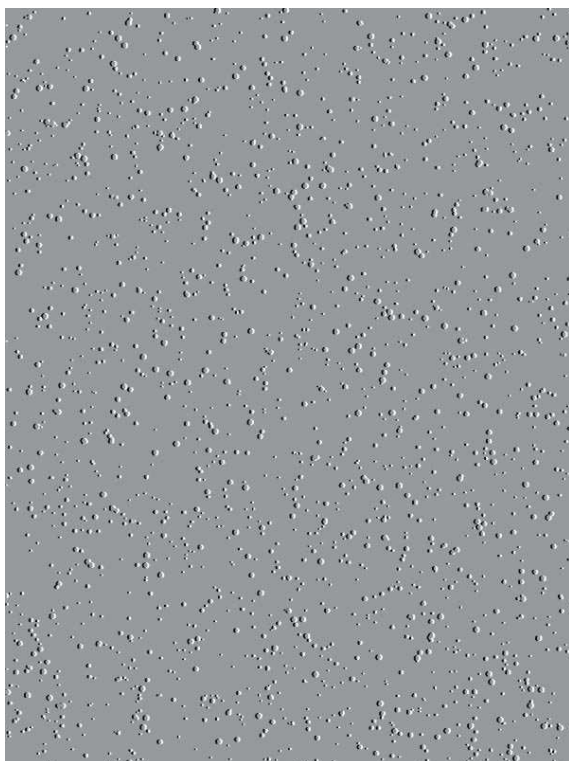
- a) all details necessary to identify the coating examined;
- b) a reference to this part of ISO 4628, i.e. ISO 4628-2;
- c) the type of surface examined, its size and, if appropriate, its location;
- d) the result of the evaluation as indicated in [Clause 5](#);
- e) an indication of the illumination under which the assessment was carried out;
- f) any unusual features (anomalies) noted during the assessment;
- g) the date of the examination.



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**b) Quantity (density) 3 — 3(S2)**

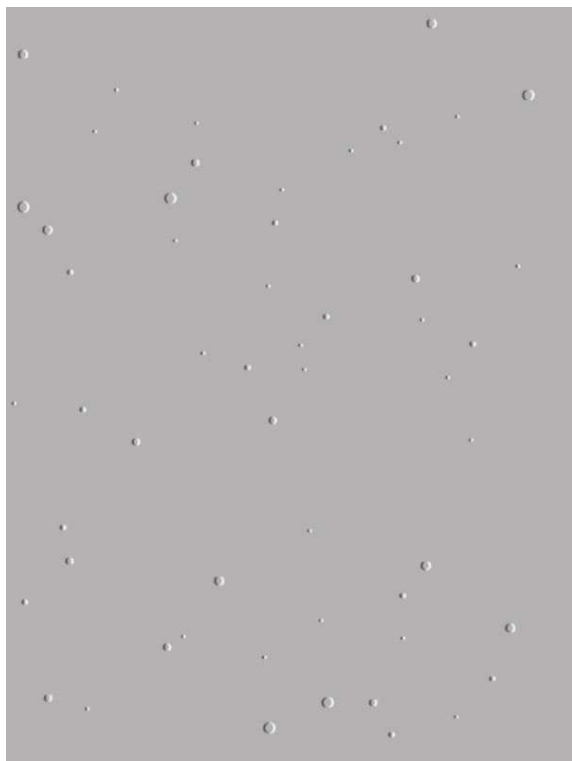


**c) Quantity (density) 4 — 4(S2)**

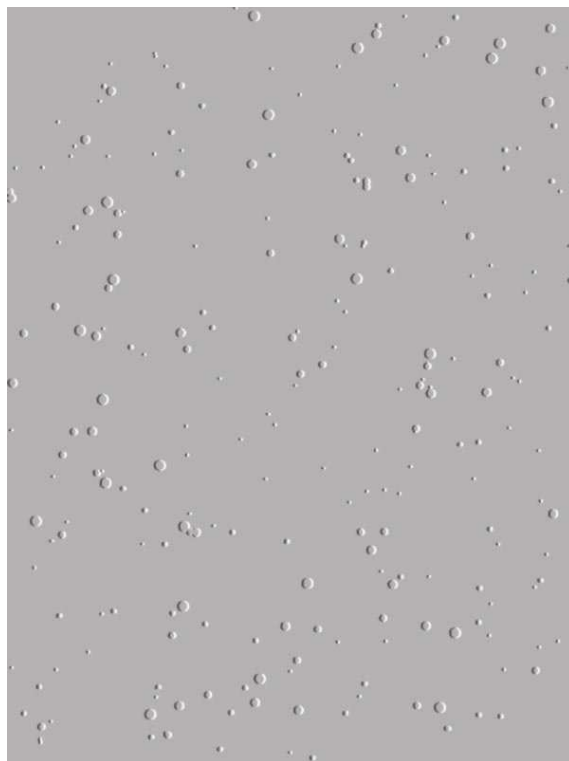


**d) Quantity (density) 5 — 5(S2)**

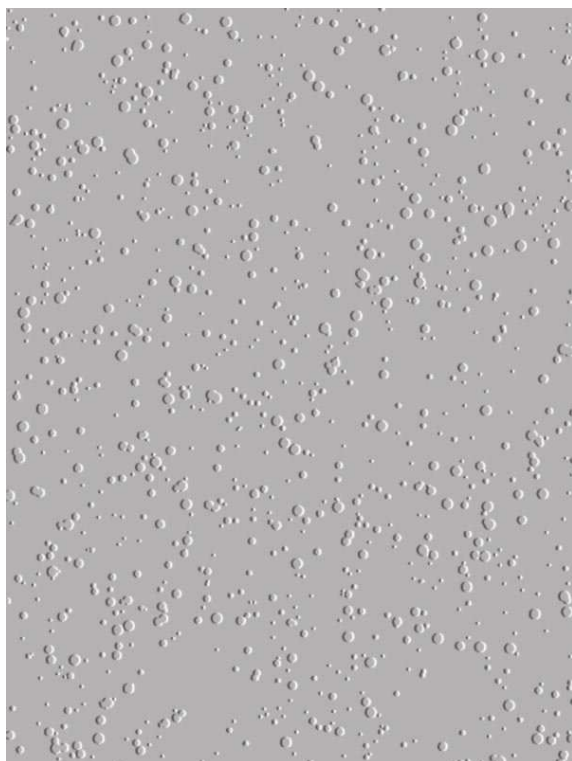
**Figure 1 — Blisters of size 2**



**a) Quantity (density) 2 — 2(S3)**



**b) Quantity (density) 3 — 3(S3)**



**c) Quantity (density) 4 — 4(S3)**



**d) Quantity (density) 5 — 5(S3)**

**Figure 2 — Blisters of size 3**

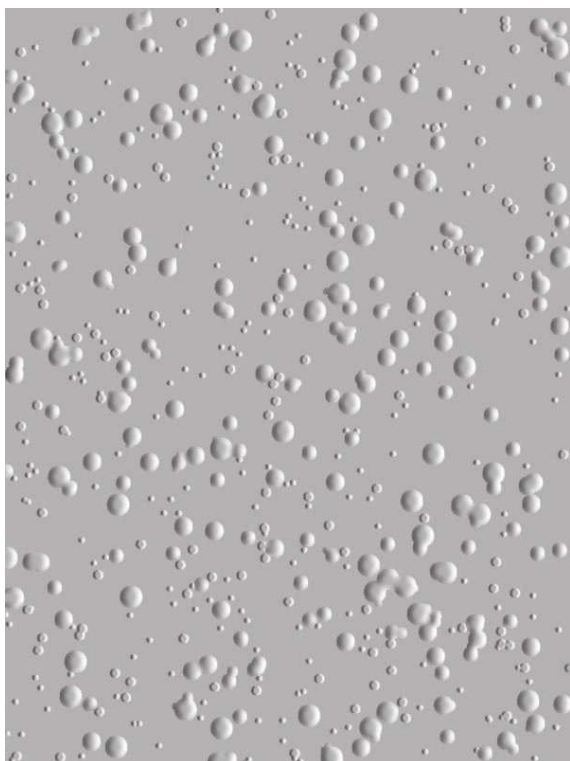




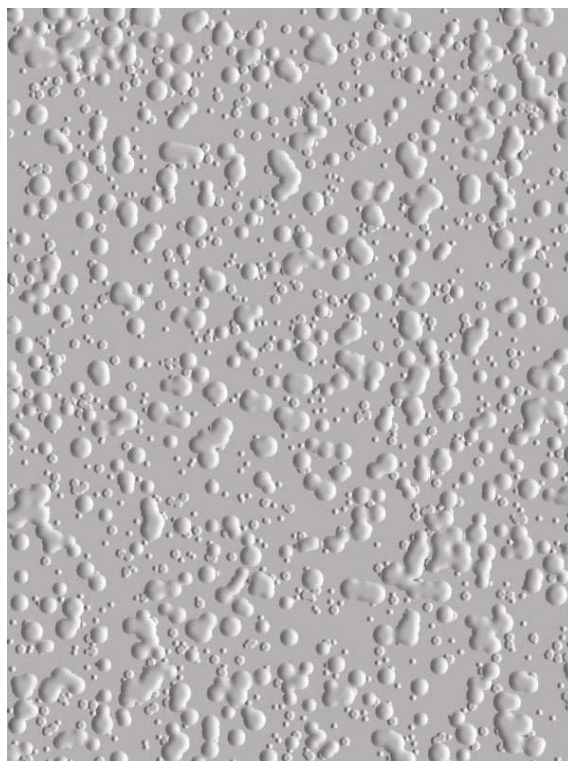
**a) Quantity (density) 2 — 2(S4)**



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**c) Quantity (density) 4 — 4(S4)**



**d) Quantity (density) 5 — 5(S4)**

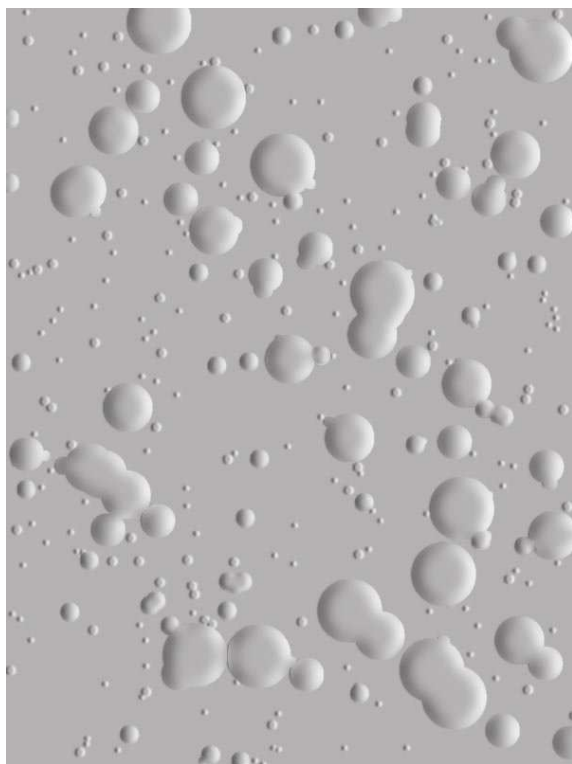
**Figure 3 — Blisters of size 4**



**a) Quantity (density) 2 — 2(S5)**



**b) Quantity (density) 3 — 3(S5)**



**c) Quantity (density) 4 — 4(S5)**



**d) Quantity (density) 5 — 5(S5)**

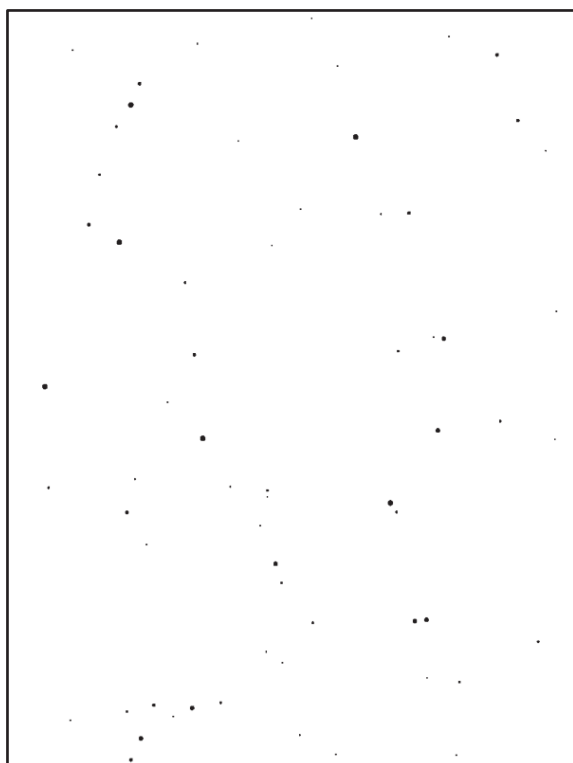
**Figure 4 — Blisters of size 5**

## **Annex A**

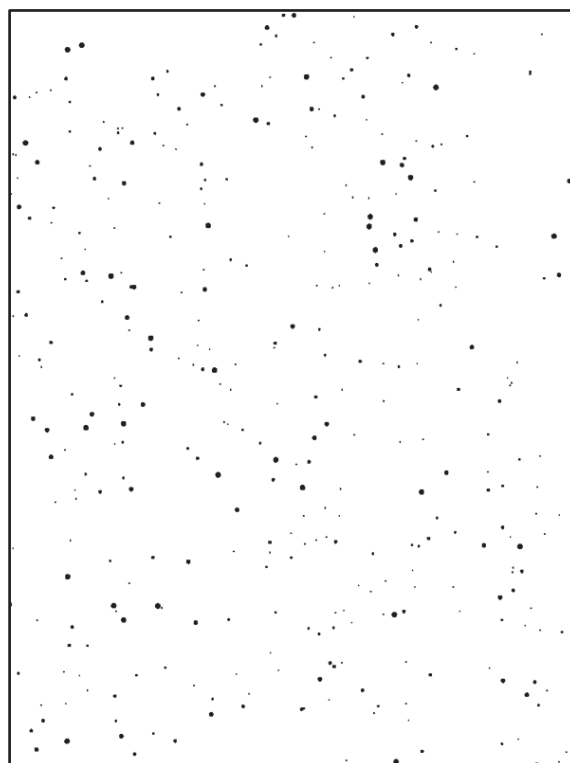
(normative)

### **Calibration images**

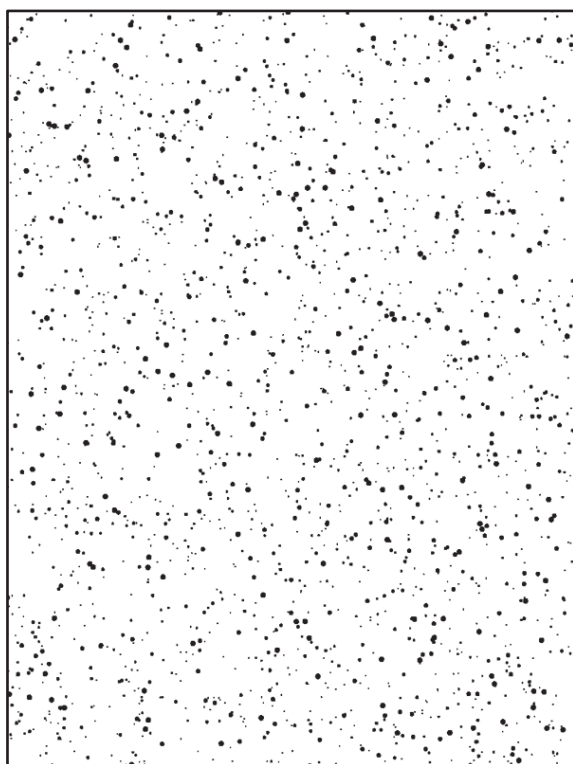
If the assessment is to be done using an optical imaging system, use the images given in [Figure A.1](#) to [Figure A.4](#) to calibrate the imaging system.



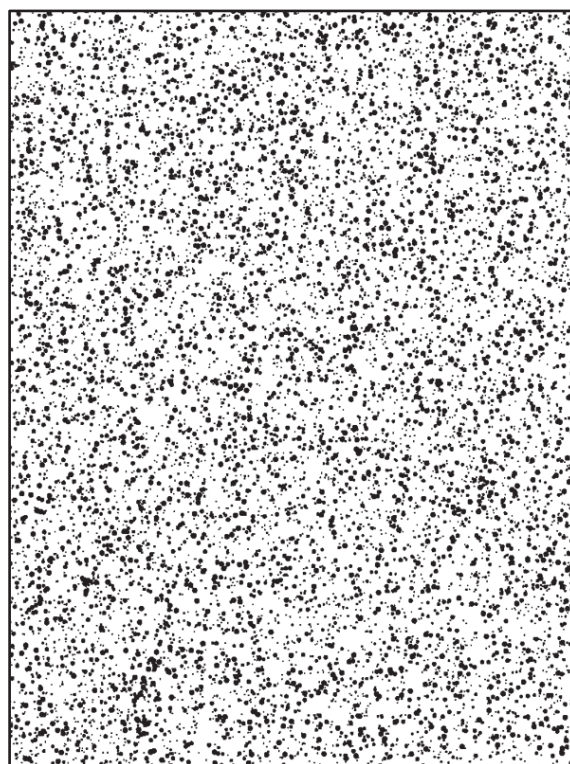
**a) Quantity (density) 2 — 2(S2)**



**b) Quantity (density) 3 — 3(S2)**

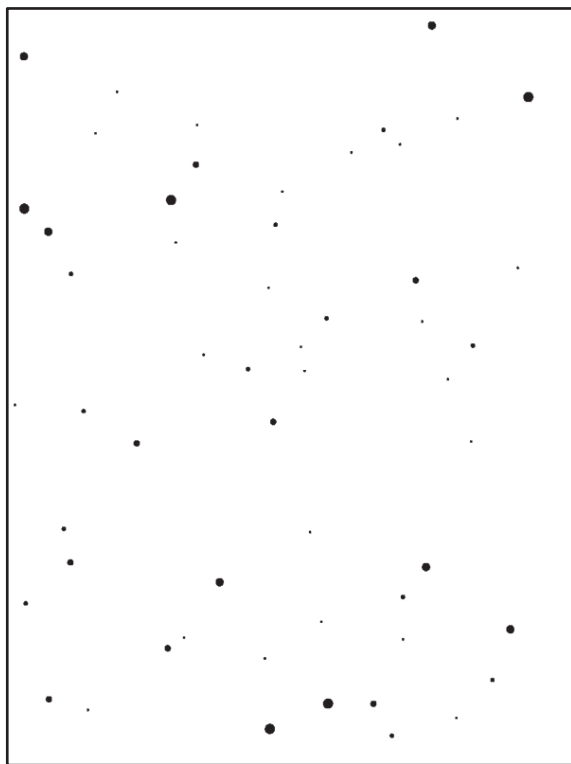


**c) Quantity (density) 4 — 4(S2)**

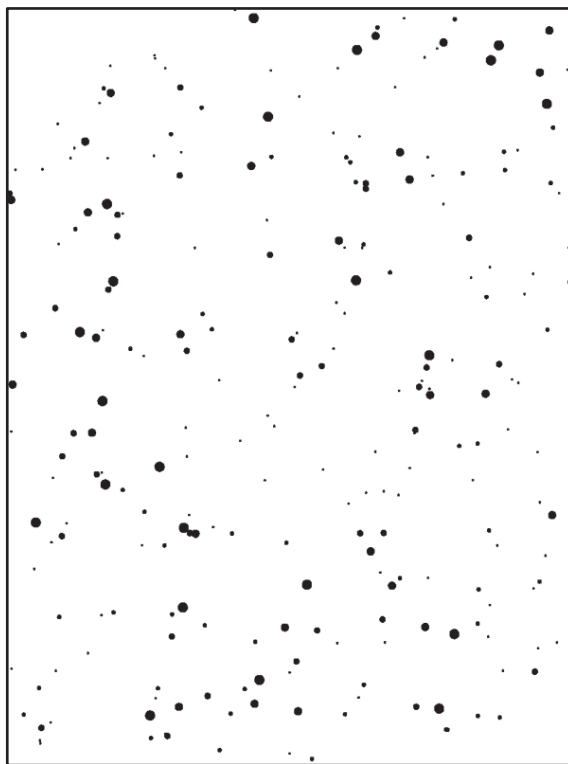


**d) Quantity (density) 5 — 5(S2)**

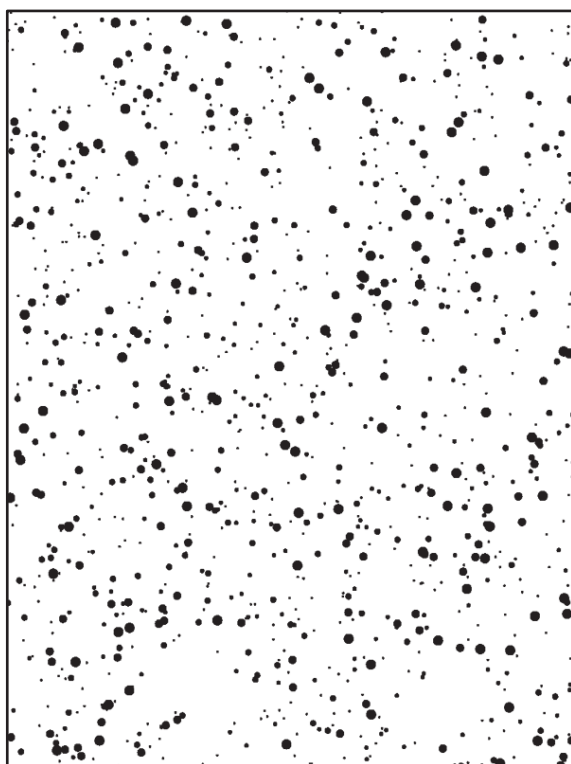
**Figure A.1 — Blisters of size 2**



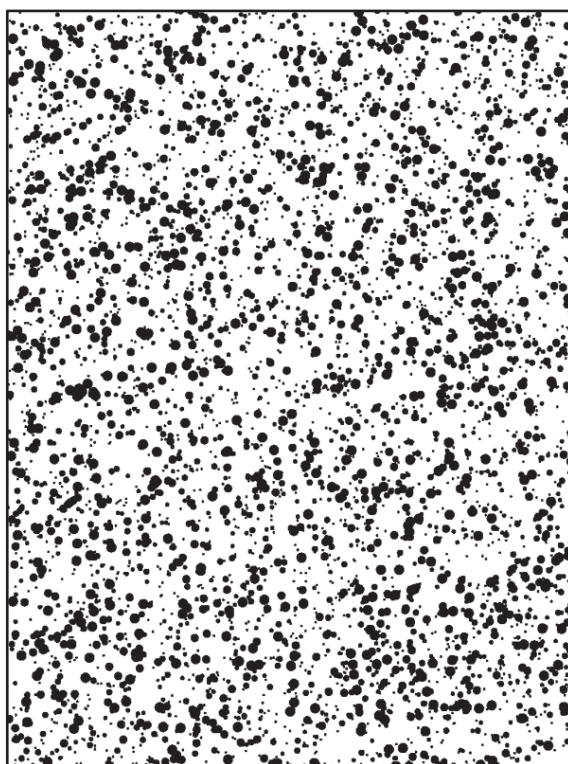
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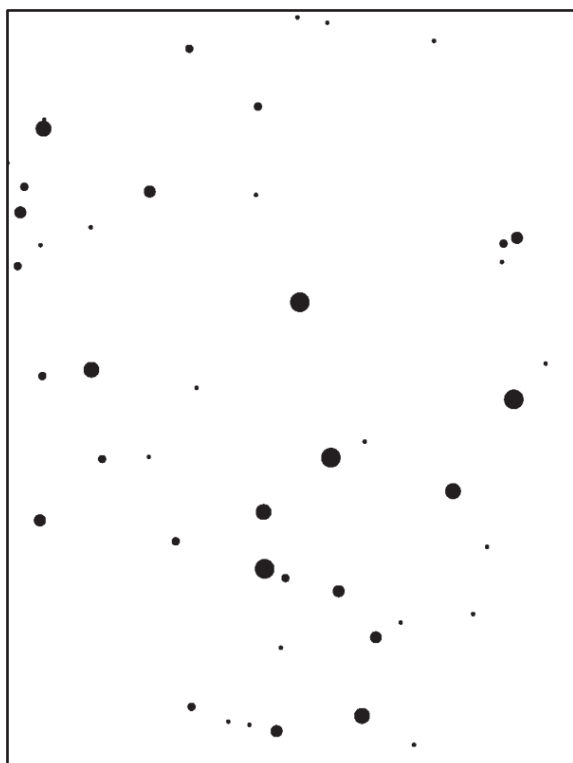


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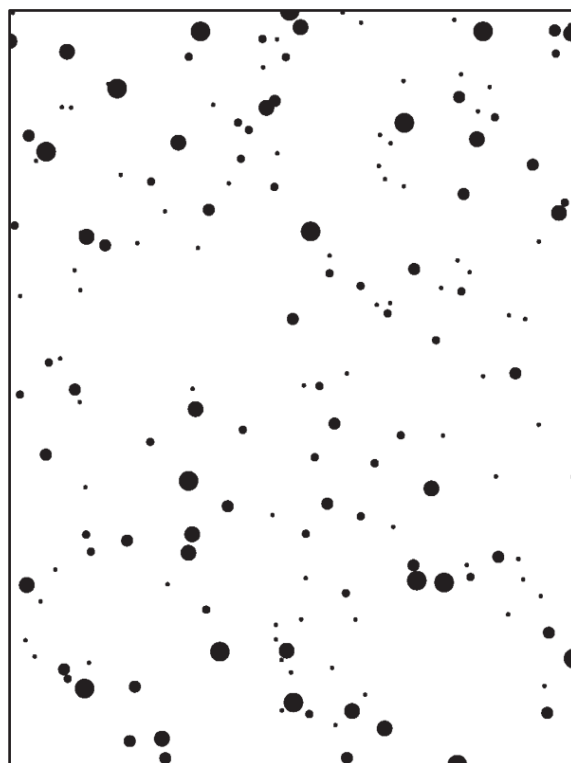


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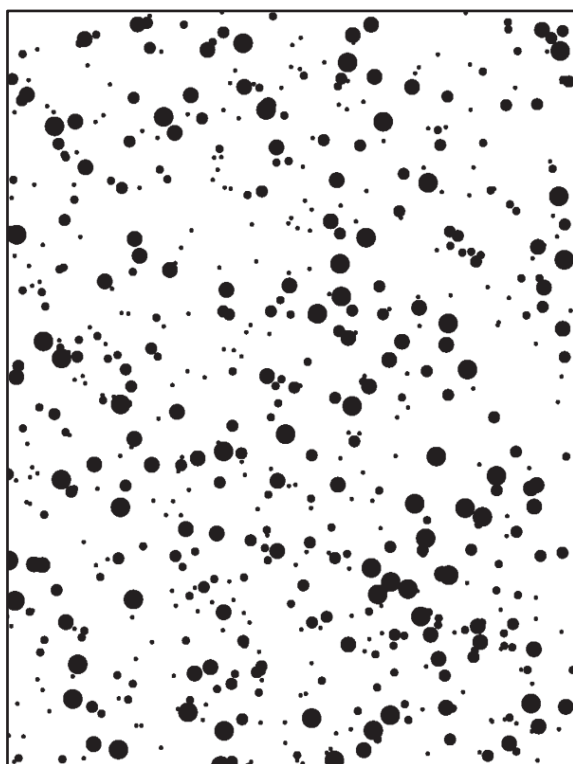
Figure A.2 — Blisters of size 3



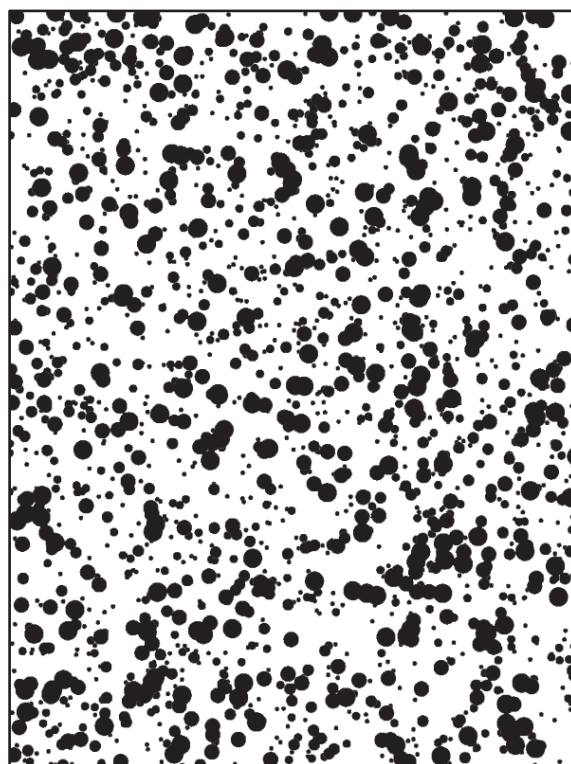
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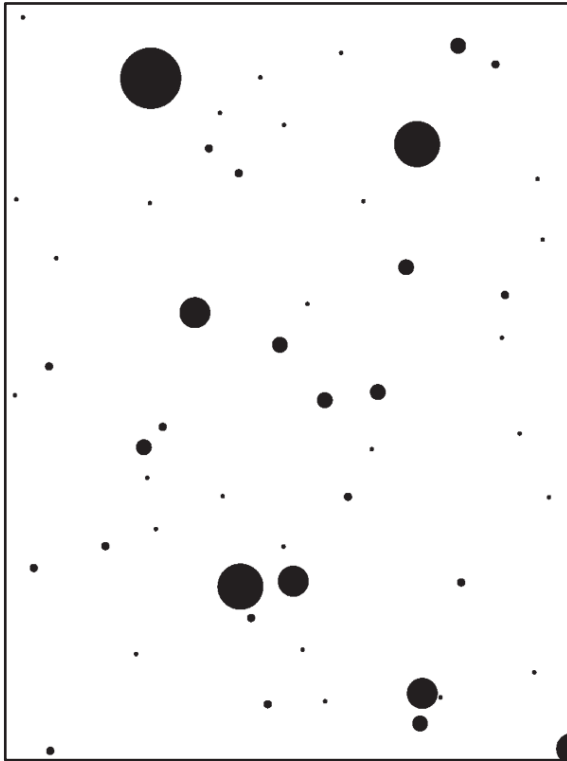


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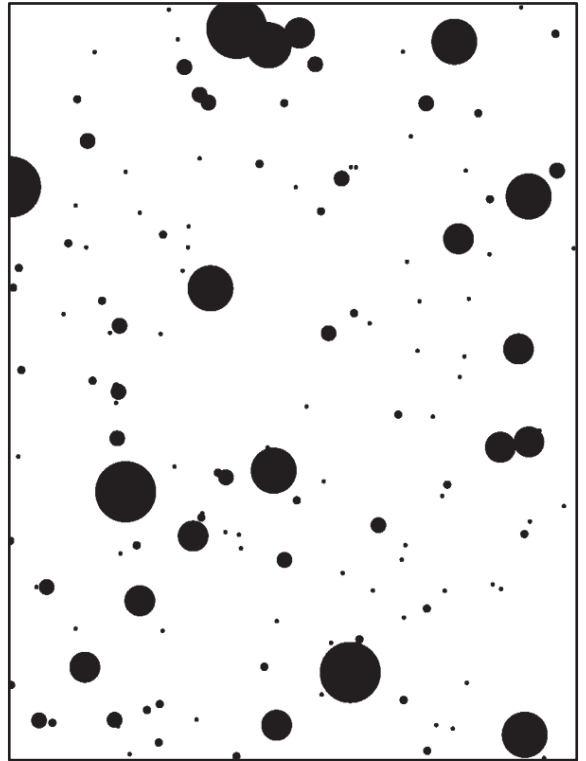


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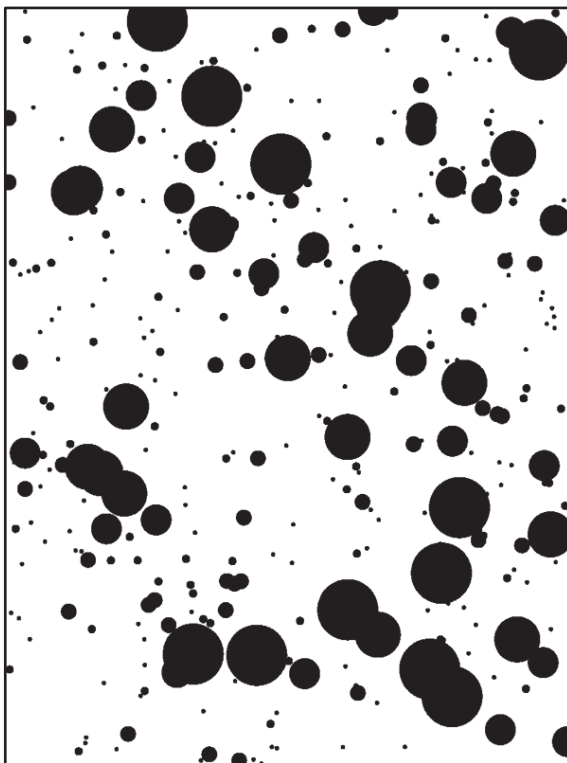
Figure A.3 — Blisters of size 4



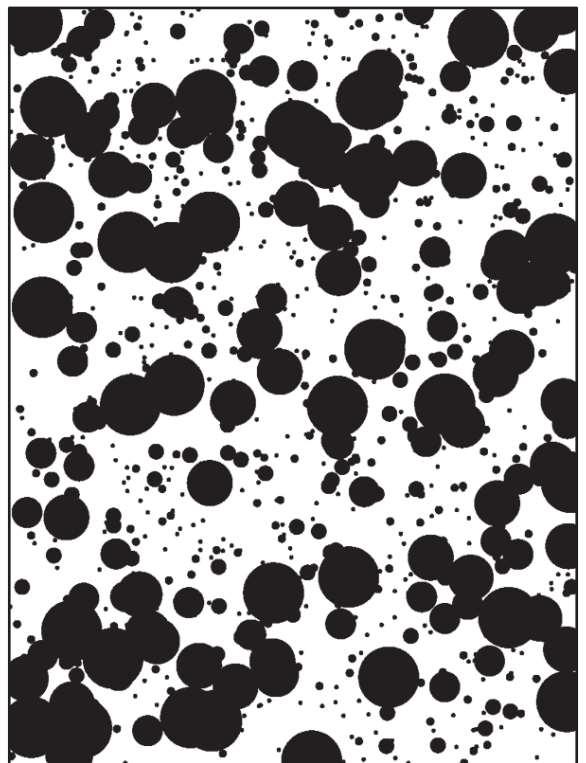
a) Quantity (density) 2 — 2(S5)



b) Quantity (density) 3 — 3(S5)



c) Quantity (density) 4 — 4(S5)



d) Quantity (density) 5 — 5(S5)

Figure A.4 — Blisters of size 5

## Annex B (informative)

### Correlation between ISO 4628-2 and ASTM D 714 rating systems

Quantity (density)		Size	
ASTM	ISO	ASTM	ISO
None	0		
—	1	—	1
Few	2	8	2
Medium	3	6	3
Medium-dense	4	4	4
Dense	5	2	5



## Bibliography

- [1] ISO 4628-1, *Paints and varnishes — Evaluation of degradation of coatings — Designation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance — Part 1: General introduction and designation system*
- [2] ASTM D714, *Standard Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Blistering of Paints*

