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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 3:  
Assessment of degree of rusting**

*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 3: Évaluation du degré d'enrouillement*





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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 4628-3:2003), 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 on the rusted area of the degree of rusting Ri 5 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 degree 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 3: Assessment of degree of rusting

### 1 Scope

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

The pictorial standards provided in this part of ISO 4628 show coated steel surfaces which have deteriorated to different degrees by a combination of rust broken through the coating and visible underrust.

NOTE 1 The pictorial standards have been selected from the “European rust scale” published by the European Confederation of Paint, Printing Ink and Artists’ Colours Manufacturers’ Associations (CEPE), Brussels. The correlation between the ISO scale and the “European rust scale” is given in [Annex B, Table B.1](#).

NOTE 2 The correlation between the ISO scale and the rating system of ASTM D 610 is given in [Annex B, Table B.2](#).

NOTE 3 The rust formation on uncoated steel surfaces is designated in accordance with ISO 8501-1 (rust grades A, B, C, and D).

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 4628-1:2016, *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*

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 rusting

#### Ri

rating characterizing the degree of rust formation (rust broken through and visible underrust) on a coating

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