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European foreword

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— *Part 1: Dyes on porous surfaces*;

— *Part 2: Simulated weathering conditions*.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a test method for the evaluation of the photocatalytic self-cleaning performance of materials showing photocatalytic activity, usually based on semiconducting metal oxides such as titanium dioxide, by the measurement under solid/solid conditions of the decolouring ability under irradiation with ultraviolet light (UV-A) of a test sample on which a dye solution is sprayed and dried.

This European Standard is intended for use with opaque and rough surfaces of different kinds, such as construction materials in flat sheet, board or plate shape, that are the basic forms of materials for various applications.

This European Standard also applies to fabric, plastic or composites containing photocatalytic materials that are not soluble in acetone. This European Standard does not apply to photocatalytic glass, granular materials (unless they are deposited in compact films or layers over flat solid surface) and flat non porous materials.

The method evaluates only the self-cleaning ability of the material under ultraviolet light irradiation. It cannot be applicable to evaluate other performance attributes of photocatalytic materials, i.e. decomposition of water contaminants in liquid or gas phases contacting the material, and antifogging and antibacterial actions.

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.

CEN/TS 16599, *Photocatalysis - Irradiation conditions for testing photocatalytic properties of semiconducting materials and the measurement of these conditions*

CEN/TS 16981, *Photocatalysis — Glossary of terms*

EN ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025:2005)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in CEN/TS 16981 and the following apply.

3.1
self-cleaning
ability of a material to maintain clean or to clean itself if soiled on its surface

3.2
photocatalytic self-cleaning
self-cleaning ability of a material as a consequence of the irradiation of the material surface with UV‑VIS‑IR radiation

3.3
spraying distance
distance from the outlet of the spraying gun (see experimental setup) and the surface of the test sample

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3.4
covered area
CA
area of the sample where the colour intensity is ≥ exp(−2)≈ 13,5% of the maximum intensity

3.5
dirt parameter
DP
dye amount spread or persistent over the sample surface

3.6
dirt parameter calibration function
mathematical function that describes the relation between the Dirt Parameter and the amount of dye spread over the sample surface

4 Symbols and abbreviations

a, b, c	polynomial constant parameters obtained by the fit using Formula (7)
$A_{net}(\lambda)$	Net Absorbance of the dye covering of the sample surface at the wavelength λ
CA	Covered Area (cm^2)
C_{dye}	concentration of the dye in the spraying solution ($g\ cm^{-3}$)
d_{ac}	density of acetone at the temperature of the measurement ($g\ cm^{-3}$)
DP	dirt parameter (nm): the parameter is indexed depending on the context
DR	deposition rate ($g\ s^{-1}\ cm^{-2}$)
f	volumetric spraying flow ($cm^3\ s^{-1}$)
F_i	mass flow ($g\ s^{-1}$)
k_{dye}	first order kinetic constant of the specified dye for the photocatalytic self-cleaning process (min^{-1})
MW	molecular weight
n	number of steps used for deposition of the dye on the sample surface; typically, n = 5, but can be larger if the surface is excessively wet
R(λ)	spectral reflectance at the wavelength λ of the sample surface; R(λ) has indexes i and j referring to steps of spraying and illumination, respectively
$R_{background}(\lambda)$	reflectance of the pristine surface at the wavelength λ
SC	standard dye covering defined in Table 2 ($g\ cm^{-2}$)
T	temperature in °C
t_i	irradiation time in min
t^{spr}	spraying time (s), calculated as $t^{spr} = t_{std}^{spr}/n$
W	the full width at half maximum (FWHM) of the sprayed dye colour peak (cm)
β	average covering of dye at the surface ($g\ cm^{-2}$); indexes i and j refer to steps of spraying and illumination, respectively
β_o	maximum average covering of dye at the surface ($g\ cm^{-2}$), obtained at t_{std}^{spr}

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λ	wavelength (nm)
λ_{max}	wavelength (nm) at which there is a maximum of absorbance
t_{std}^{spr}	standard spraying time (s)
$\tau_{1/2}^{dye}$	half-life of the dye for the photocatalytic self-cleaning process (min)

5 Principle

This standard concerns the comparison and the quality assurance of photocatalytic materials used as self-cleaning materials. The method described is intended to measure the photocatalytic self-cleaning performance of a photocatalytic material by evaluating its ability to clean its surface, previously covered by a known amount of coloured organic compound, as a consequence of the exposition to ultraviolet light. A controlled amount of a dye solution dissolved in a volatile solvent (acetone) is spread on the tested surface by using a spraying gun.

The photocatalytic material turns out to be covered by the solid dye. The relation between the amount of the spread dye and the spectrophotometric reflectance is defined in the calibration step. The calibration function involves the measurement of the reflectance spectra of the sample surface as a function of the dyes covering. Dyes used in separate experiments are Metanil Yellow, Rhodamine B, and Methylene Blue. The test shall be carried out with the dye showing the maximum optical contrast with the material to be tested. Criteria for the choice of the best dye are here given (see 8.3.2). Optionally, the test can be carried out with the others dyes as the reactivity of each dye can depend on the specimen. The measurement with more than one dye is encouraged, but it is not compulsory. The self-cleaning activity measured by this test shall be referred to the used dye.

The soiled surface is then irradiated in air by UV-A light under defined conditions and the decrease of the dye amount on the surface is monitored by measuring the reflectance spectra of the surface of the test sample in the visible range. By using the calibration function the change of the reflectance spectra can be related to the kinetic of disappearance of the dye from the surface. The photocatalytic self-cleaning performance is determined as the half-life (minutes) of the dyes applied to the surface.

6 Instruments

6.1 Spraying system

The method described in this standard relies on the possibility to cover the sample surface with the dye in a controlled way. A spraying system shall be used to spread over the sample surface a solution of the dye (dye solution) in volatile solvent (acetone). The spraying system consists of a sample support and in a pneumatic system under pressure able to spray the dye solution over the sample for different definite times. The dye solution shall be spread by using a spraying gun that forms a circular spot. This involves a normal (Gaussian) distribution of the amount of dye centred in the spot of the dye on the surface. The amount of solution spread over the test sample is controlled by changing the spraying time (t^{spr}) with a timer that opens and closes, with a precision of ± 0,01 s, the dye solution flow. The relative distance and orientation between the gun and the sample shall be changed in a way to obtain a symmetric covering of the surface of the test sample and the desired surface covered area. Due to the normal distribution of the colour intensity at the test piece surface, the dye surface covered area is defined as the area of the sample where the colour intensity is ≥ exp(−2)approximately 13,5 % of the maximum intensity (see 8.2). The optimal distance from the gun outlet to the surface of the test sample is referred as the spraying distance.

A sketch of the pneumatic spraying system and of the sample support is shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2.