



Standard Practice for Unfiltered Open-Flame Carbon-Arc Exposures of Paint and Related Coatings¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This practice covers the selection of test conditions for accelerated exposure testing of coatings and related products in unfiltered open-flame carbon-arc devices conducted according to Practice [G151](#) and [G152](#). This practice also covers the preparation of test specimens, the test conditions suited for coatings, and the evaluation of test results.

1.2 This practice covers unfiltered open-flame carbon-arc exposures of paints and related coatings, and covers the exposure cycle that has been commonly referred to as the “dew cycle.” Practice [D822/D822M](#) describes filtered open-flame carbon-arc devices, and Practice [D5031/D5031M](#) describes enclosed carbon-arc exposures. The radiation from an unfiltered open-flame carbon arc produces shorter wavelengths and higher levels of short wavelength radiation than either filtered open-flame or enclosed carbon arcs.

1.3 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[D358](#) Specification for Wood to Be Used as Panels in

[Weathering Tests of Coatings \(Withdrawn 2014\)](#)³

[D523](#) Test Method for Specular Gloss

[D609](#) Practice for Preparation of Cold-Rolled Steel Panels for Testing Paint, Varnish, Conversion Coatings, and Related Coating Products

[D610](#) Practice for Evaluating Degree of Rusting on Painted Steel Surfaces

[D659](#) Method for Evaluating Degree of Chalking of Exterior Paints (Withdrawn 1990)³

[D660](#) Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Checking of Exterior Paints

[D662](#) Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Erosion of Exterior Paints

[D714](#) Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Blistering of Paints

[D772](#) Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Flaking (Scaling) of Exterior Paints

[D822/D822M](#) Practice for Filtered Open-Flame Carbon-Arc Exposures of Paint and Related Coatings

[D823](#) Practices for Producing Films of Uniform Thickness of Paint, Varnish, and Related Products on Test Panels

[D1005](#) Test Method for Measurement of Dry-Film Thickness of Organic Coatings Using Micrometers

[D1186](#) Test Methods for Nondestructive Measurement of Dry Film Thickness of Nonmagnetic Coatings Applied to a Ferrous Base (Withdrawn 2006)³

[D1400](#) Test Method for Nondestructive Measurement of Dry Film Thickness of Nonconductive Coatings Applied to a Nonferrous Metal Base (Withdrawn 2006)³

[D1729](#) Practice for Visual Appraisal of Colors and Color Differences of Diffusely-Illuminated Opaque Materials

[D1730](#) Practices for Preparation of Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Surfaces for Painting

[D2244](#) Practice for Calculation of Color Tolerances and Color Differences from Instrumentally Measured Color Coordinates

[D2616](#) Test Method for Evaluation of Visual Color Difference With a Gray Scale

[D3980](#) Practice for Interlaboratory Testing of Paint and

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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.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.