



Standard Test Method for Measuring Paint Spatter Resistance During Roller Application¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the tendency of a paint to spatter when applied with a paint roller to a substrate.

1.2 *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:

D 3924 Specification for Standard Environment for Conditioning and Testing Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Materials²

D 3925 Practice for Sampling Liquid Paints and Related Pigmented Coatings²

2.2 Other Document:

Pictorial Standards of Paint Roller Spatter³

3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 The test paint is applied to a black plastic panel by draw-down. The coated plastic panel is immediately mounted on an essentially vertical surface above a sheet of paper used to catch any spatter. A specially designed notched spool roller (see 5.1) is rolled through the film following a defined procedure, tending to generate spatter. Any spatter falls upon the spatter catch paper and, after drying, is rated against the pictorial standards.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 Paint spatter generated by roller application is dependent on the properties of both the paint being applied and the paint roller cover used for the application. To eliminate the influence of the paint roller cover as a variable, and thus restrict the spatter-inducing variable to the paint under test only, the paint roller cover is replaced by a standard notched spool roller to generate spatter by a mechanism that simulates that of a paint-applying roller cover.

4.2 Although most of the development work to establish this test method was undertaken using latex paints, sufficient work was also done to show its applicability to solvent-reducible paints.

4.3 Tests during the development of this test method showed that the spattering properties of paints, like other physical properties, may in time change. Therefore, the results of this test are valid only for the time when the test is run.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Notched Spool Test Roller* (Fig. 1).⁴

5.2 *Glass Plate*, at least 9 by 19 in. (230 by 485 mm) by ¼ in. (6 mm) thick.

5.3 *U-shaped Film Caster*,⁵ having a 7-mil (175-µm) clearance by 5¼ in. (135 mm) wide.

5.4 *Mechanical Metronome*, with swinging arm adjusted to 80 beats per min..

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 06.01.

³ Copies of the pictorial photographic reference standards are contained in *Pictorial Standards of Coatings Defects* and may be obtained from the Federation of Societies For Coatings Technology, 492 Norristown Rd., Blue Bell, PA 19422.

⁴ The sole source of supply of the notched spool test roller known to the committee at this time is Precision Gage and Tool Co., 28 Volkenand Ave., Dayton, OH 45410. If you are aware of alternative suppliers, please provide this information to ASTM International Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee,¹ which you may attend.

⁵ The sole source of supply of the Dow film canister known to the committee at this time is BYK-Gardner, Inc., Gardner Laboratory, 2435 Linden Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910. If you are aware of alternative suppliers, please provide this information to ASTM International Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee,¹ which you may attend.