



Standard Guide for Testing Water-Borne Architectural Coatings¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This guide covers the selection and use of procedures for testing water-borne coatings to be used on exterior, interior or both types of surfaces (Note 1). The properties that can be examined or, in some cases, the relevant test procedures are listed in Table 1 and Table 2.

NOTE 1—The term “architectural coating” as used here combines the definition in Terminology D 16 with that in the *FSCT Paint/Coatings Dictionary*², as follows: “Organic coatings intended for on-site application to interior or exterior surfaces of residential, commercial, institutional, or industrial buildings, in contrast to industrial coatings. They are protective and decorative finishes applied at ambient temperatures. Often called Trade Sales Coatings.”

NOTE 2—Architectural coatings that are designed to give better performance than most conventional coatings because they are tougher and more stain and abrasion resistant are covered by Guide D 3730.

1.2 The types of organic coatings covered by this guide are as follows:

- (1) Type 1 Interior Latex Flat Wall Paints,
- (2) Type 2 Exterior Latex House Paints,
- (3) Type 3 Water-Borne Floor Paints, and
- (4) Type 4 Interior Latex Semigloss and Gloss Paints.

1.2.1 Each is intended for application by brushing, rolling, spraying or other means to the material appropriate for its type, which may include plaster, masonry, wallboard, wood, steel, previously painted surfaces, and other architectural substrates.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

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.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

- D 16 Terminology for Paint, Related Coatings, Materials and Applications
- D 185 Test Methods for Coarse Particles in Pigments, Pastes, and Paints
- D 215 Practice for the Chemical Analysis of White Linseed Oil Paints
- D 344 Test Methods for Relative Hiding Power of Paints by the Visual Evaluation of Brushouts
- D 358 Specification for Wood to be Used as Panels in Weathering Tests of Coatings
- D 522 Test Methods for Mandrel Bend Test of Attached Organic Coatings
- D 523 Test Method for Specular Gloss
- D 562 Test Method for Consistency of Paints Measuring Krebs Unit (KU) Viscosity Using a Stormer-Type Viscometer
- D 660 Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Checking of Exterior Paints
- D 661 Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Cracking of Exterior Paints
- D 662 Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Erosion of Exterior Paints
- D 772 Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Flaking (Scaling) of Exterior Paints
- D 869 Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Settling of Paint
- D 968 Test Methods for Abrasion Resistance of Organic Coatings by Falling Abrasive
- D 1006 Practice for Conducting Exterior Exposure Tests of Paints on Wood
- D 1014 Practice for Conducting Exterior Exposure Tests of Paints on Steel
- D 1210 Test Method for Fineness of Dispersion of Pigment-Vehicle Systems by Hegman-Type Gage

³ 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.

