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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 4524-3:1985), which has been technically revised.

The main change compared to the previous edition is as follows: due to currently strong restrictions on the use of cadmium, the cadmium sulphide paper test prescribed by the last edition of this document has been deleted.

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Part 3: Electrographic tests for porosity

1 Scope

This document specifies four electrographic tests for assessing the porosity of electrodeposited gold and gold alloy coatings for engineering, and decorative and protective purposes.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Nioxime paper test

4.1 Applicability

This method is suitable for the examination of gold coatings on undercoats of nickel or tin-nickel alloy.

4.2 Materials

4.2.1 General

During the test, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and only distilled water or water of equivalent purity.

4.2.2 Nioxime paper

Soak filter or duplicating paper for 10 min in an 8 g/l solution of nioxime (cyclohexan-1,2-dione dioxime).

Remove the excess solution by blotting and hang the paper up to dry.

4.2.3 Moistened blotting paper

Soak a good quality white blotting paper in water and dry it to a degree that consistently produces sharply defined electrograms.