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Assess the quantity and size of dust particles on steel surfaces prepared for painting. Dust particles on blast-cleaned steel surfaces may reduce the adhesion of applied coatings, and by absorbing moisture may promote the corrosion of the steel surface.



Accumulation of dust particles occurs more naturally on horizontal surfaces, the interior of pipes and in structural cavities. Inspection should be carried out to ensure that such areas are adequately cleaned and free from dust particles before painting.

The Dust Test Comparator shows 5 classifications of dust particles and 4 sections of contrasting backgrounds where the Tape can be applied.

The Dust Tape Test is suitable for the assessment of dust particles retained after blast-cleaning on rust grades A, B and C.

Because of the limited elasticity of the Tape, it is not possible to penetrate into the deep pits present on blast-cleaned steel rust grade D.

### Specification

Tape adhesion strength: 190nN/metre.

Tape width: 25mm (1").

Tape length: 60 metres.

Tape Storage: Do not expose the Tape to any extremes of temperature or daylight.

Tape Shelf Life: We would recommend that the Tape is used within a 12-month period from date of purchase.

### Compliance

ISO 8502-3.



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### Supply

Supplied in an industrial foam-filled Carrying Case with Dust Test Tape (60m roll), Dust Test Comparator and X10 Illuminated Magnifier.



### Ordering

- P4001 Dust Tape Test. Includes Dust Test Tape & Dust Test Comparator
- PS201 Spare Dust Test Tape 25mm (1"). 60m Roll
- PS202 Spare Dust Test Comparator
  
- NPC05 Dust Test Tape Conformance Certificate
- NPC06 Dust Test Comparator Conformance Certificate





## Paint Inspection Kit

The Dust Tape Test is also supplied in the Paint Inspection Kit. The Paint Inspection Kit contains all the equipment for the testing of blast-cleaned steel and coating inspection using the following equipment.

Testex Replica Tape / Replica Tape Gauge. Surface Profile measurement of blast-cleaned steel.

Bresle Test. Measurement of salts and corrosion products on blast-cleaned steel.

Dust Tape Test. Assessment of the quantity and size of dust particles on blast-cleaned steel.

Dewpoint Meter. Testing for the probability of condensation on blast-cleaned steel.

Wet Film Gauge. Wet film thickness measurement of the coating.

Coating Thickness Meter. Dry film thickness measurement of the coating.

## Ordering Information

K3001. Paint Inspection Kit

NK002. Paint Inspection Kit Calibration Certificates



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## Instructions

### Evaluation

At the beginning of each series of tests, remove and discard the first three turns of the Dust Test Tape from the roll.



Remove a piece of Tape about 250mm long. Holding the Tape only at the ends, press approximately 200mm of the freshly exposed Tape onto the blast-cleaned surface.

Place your thumb across one end of the Tape and move the thumb along the Tape whilst maintaining a firm pressure and constant speed along the Tape. Carry out this procedure three times in each direction.

Remove the Tape from the blast-cleaned surface and place it on the Dust Test Comparator in a section which contrasts to the colour of the dust (adhere the Tape with thumb pressure).

Assess the quantity and size of dust particles on the Tape by visually comparing an area of the Tape with equivalent-sized areas of the pictorial references shown on the Comparator. Record the rating corresponding to the reference that is the closest match.

It is not unusual after carrying out the test to find that the Tape displays an overall discolouration, usually reddish-brown or black, sometimes with the presence of discrete visible particles, depending on the abrasive used.

The discolouration is caused by microscopic dust particles from the blast-cleaned surface (particles less than 50µm) that can cause low paint adhesion.

Report any overall discolouration as quantity rating 5, size class 1.

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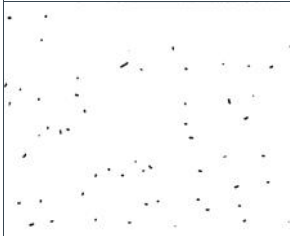


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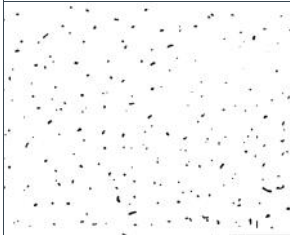
## Dust Size Classes



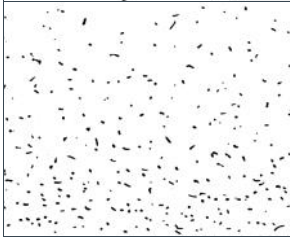
**1.** Particles not visible under X10 magnification.



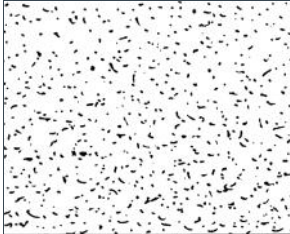
**2.** Particles visible under X10 magnification but not with normal or corrected vision (usually particles less than 50µm in diameter).



**3.** Particles just visible with normal or corrected vision (usually particles between 50µm and 100µm in diameter).



**4.** Particles between 0.5mm and 2.5mm in diameter.



**5.** Particles larger than 2.5mm in diameter.

# About Us

Paint Test Equipment is a global leader in the manufacture of specialist test equipment specifically for the industrial painting and coating industries for the protection of steel assets from corrosion, mainly in the oil, renewables and steel construction sectors. We have over 30 years experience and extensive knowledge in delivering practical solutions in supporting our customers with world class products for corrosion prevention.

Prevention of corrosion on steel is essential to extend the asset lifetime, optimise performance and minimise downtime for expensive maintenance work. Using Paint Test Equipment products ensures that industrial coatings are applied to the highest achievable quality standards of ISO compliance.

We supply small, medium and multinational companies with the full range of technologies and innovations in our unrivalled portfolio of products for our customers to grow their business and enhance profits through cost effective corrosion management equipment.

Paint Test Equipment is committed to providing proactive and innovative solutions to meet customer requirements for the highest quality, user friendly inspection equipment. Paint Test Equipment is the partner of choice.

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