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## PREFACE

This standard was prepared by the Association's Committee on Paints and Related Materials, under the direction of the Chemical Standards Board. It is one of a series of product standards for paints cross-referred to in AS 2312, Guide to the Protection of Iron and Steel Against Exterior Atmospheric Corrosion.

Matters considered to be contractual in nature, i.e. subject to agreement, are not covered in the body of the standard but are referred to in Appendix A.

This standard relies essentially on product performance with specified properties for compliance; however, some compositional requirements are included.

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## PAINTS FOR STEEL STRUCTURES—FULL GLOSS EPOXY (TWO-PACK)

## SECTION 1. SCOPE AND GENERAL

**1.1 SCOPE.** This standard specifies requirements for a two-pack full gloss epoxy paint, intended to be used for the protection of iron and steel against exterior atmospheric corrosion. It is suitable for application by spraying (conventional air or airless). It may also be applied by roller or, for small areas, by brush.

**NOTES:**

1. Information required to be supplied with the purchase order is set out in Appendix A.
2. The paint is available in a range of colours.

**1.2 USES.** Paint complying with this standard is intended to be used as a topcoat in paint systems for the protection of iron and steel against corrosion involving damp and wet areas, high humidity, coastal/marine and industrial fallout.

This paint complies with the provisions of Paint Reference No 24 and may be used with the appropriate primer in systems MP5-A, MP5-E and MP6-E of AS 2312.

Epoxy paints should not be used in exterior applications where the retention of colour and gloss is required for long periods of time.

Additional information on the use and application of epoxy paints is given in Appendix B.

**1.3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS.** A list with titles of the documents referred to in this standard is given in the Annex.

**1.4 DEFINITIONS.** For the purpose of this standard, the definitions given in AS 2310 and the following apply:

**1.4.1 Component**—the term used to describe each of two parts of the paint, i.e. the epoxy resin base and the hardener supplied in separate containers.

**1.4.2 Paint**—the mixture of the two components in the proportions recommended by the manufacturer.

**1.5 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.** Epoxy paints contain epoxy resin and organic amines in chemical combination. During mixing and application, protective clothing such as overalls and gloves should be worn to minimize skin contact (see Appendix B).

As the paint is intended for industrial use only, lead pigments may be present in some colours.

**NOTE:** State regulations exist which apply to labelling for lead content.