
**Preparation of steel substrates before
application of paints and related
products — Test methods for non-
metallic blast-cleaning abrasives —**

**Part 4:
Assessment of hardness by a glass
slide test**

*Préparation des subjectiles d'acier avant application de peintures
et de produits assimilés — Méthodes d'essai pour abrasifs non
métalliques destinés à la préparation par projection —*

Partie 4: Évaluation de la dureté au moyen d'un essai à la lame de verre





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- [Clause 3](#), Terms and definitions, has been added;
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Part 4: Assessment of hardness by a glass slide test

1 Scope

This document specifies a method of assessing of whether a non-metallic blast-cleaning abrasive has a minimum hardness of 6 on Mohs' scale.

This document is a part of the ISO 11127 series dealing with the sampling and testing of non-metallic abrasives for blast-cleaning.

The types of non-metallic abrasive and requirements on each are contained in the ISO 11126 series.

The ISO 11126 and ISO 11127 series have been drafted as a coherent set of International Standards on non-metallic blast-cleaning abrasives. Information on all parts of both series is given in [Annex A](#).

NOTE The test described in this document is a pass/fail test and is not a method for the accurate determination of hardness.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 11127-1, *Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Test methods for non-metallic blast-cleaning abrasives — Part 1: Sampling*

3 Terms and definitions

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Apparatus

4.1 Microscope, having a magnification of $\times 10$.

4.2 Glass microscope slides, manufactured from soda glass with no observable scratches.

NOTE Borosilicate glass slides are unsuitable for this test