

CROSS CUT ADHESION TEST KIT CC3000

SP1680, SP1681, SP1682, SP1683, SP1684

MANUAL

1 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- A knife is a sharp object. Be careful when using it.

2 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The TQC Cross Cut Adhesion Test KIT CC3000 is used to test the adhesion of dry coats of paint on their substrate by means of a series of cuts through the coating. Two series of parallel cuts cross angled to each other to obtain a pattern of 25 or 100 similar squares. The ruled area is evaluated by using a table chart after a short treatment with a stiff brush, or adhesive tape for hard substrates.

The cutting depth of the TQC Cross Cut Adhesion Test KIT CC3000 can be adjusted while the cutter is guided by two ball bearings to assure reproducible results. The depth of the TQC Cross Cut Adhesion Test KIT CC3000 is adjustable to measure coatings up to 250 µm thick.

Each TQC Cross Cut Adhesion Test KIT CC3000 contains a grip with cutter, a brush, an illuminated loupe and a roll of adhesive tape acc. EN ISO 2409.

3 STANDARDS

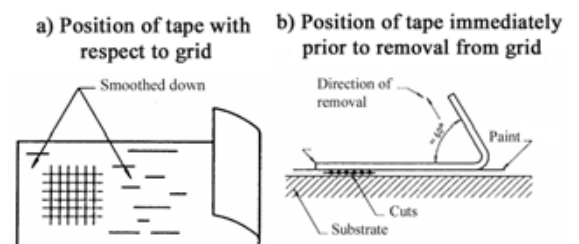
ISO 2409:2003, ASTM D3359

4 WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

CC3000 cross cut handle
Nylon brush
Allen key 2mm
Illuminated magnifier 2x
Knife (type depending on choice of model)
Case
Adhesive tape



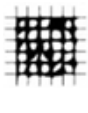
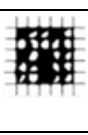
5 PERFORM A MEASUREMENT

- Make sure the surface to be tested is rigid and firm
- Make two cuts/scratch, perpendicular to each other, drawing the handle with the appropriate cutter (depending on coating thickness and substrate) through the coating into the substrate thus making the lattice pattern.
- Brush the pattern lightly with the supplied brush several times back and forth along each of the diagonal lines of the lattice pattern.
- For hard substrates only the test can be extended by applying the adhesive tape



parallel to one set of cuts over the lattice pattern and pull it off steadily in 0.5 to 1 sec. at a 60° angle within 5 minutes after applying.

- Carefully examine the cut area, if required using the magnifier and classify the test

Classification	Description	Appearance of surface of cross-cut area from which flaking has occurred (example for 6 parallel cuts)
0	The edges of the cross-cut are completely smooth: none of the squares of the lattice is detached	
1	Detachment of small flakes of the coating at the intersections of the cuts. A cross-cut area not significantly greater than 5% is affected	
2	The coating has flaked along the edges and/or at the intersections of the cuts. A cross-cut area significantly greater than 5%, but not significantly greater than 15%, is affected	
3	The coating has flaked along the edges of the cuts partly or wholly in large ribbons, and/or it has flaked partly or wholly on different parts of the squares. A cross-cut area significantly greater than 15%, but not significantly greater than 35%, is affected	
4	The coating has flaked along the edges of the cuts in large ribbons and/or some squares have detached partly or wholly. A cross-cut area significantly greater than 35%, but not significantly greater than 65%, is affected	
5	Any degree of flaking that cannot even be classified by classification 4	

Hint: Always make sure the cutter is sharp and undamaged. The ISO-standard advises to replace the cutter when the top of the cutting teeth has flattened with 0,1 mm. Change the cutter by loosening the small bolt at the top using the Allen key. (see picture)



Range: ISO 2409 :2003:

- 1 mm. spacing for coatings up to 60 µm on hard substrates
- 2 mm. spacing for coatings up to 60 µm on soft substrates
- 2 mm. spacing for coatings from 61 to 120 µm on both hard and soft substrates
- 3 mm. spacing for coatings from 121 µm to 250 µm on both hard / soft substrates

ASTM D3359:

- 1 mm. spacing for coatings up to 50 µm
- 1,5 mm. spacing for coatings from 50 to 125 µm

6 MAINTENANCE

- Though robust in design, this instrument is precision-machined. Never drop it or knock it over
- Always clean the instrument after use.
- Clean the instrument using a soft dry cloth. Never clean the instrument by any mechanical means such as a wire brush or abrasive paper. This may cause, just like the use of aggressive cleaning agents, permanent damage.
- Always keep the instrument in its case when not in use.

7 DISCLAIMER

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