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## Foreword

This Singapore Standard was prepared by the Technical Committee on Surface Coatings under the purview of the Chemical Standards Committee.

This standard is a revision of SS 150 : 2015. The main changes in the revised edition are as follows:

- a) Deleted classification of Type 1 paint which is suitable for interior and exterior use;
- b) Amended scope to cover suitability of SS 150 for interior use on walls and ceilings only and deleted the dilution of paint for first coat application as this can be stated in the agreement between paint manufacturer and the contractor;
- c) Updated the normative references;
- d) Reduced the hard-drying time, lead content requirement and VOC; and
- e) Inserted new testing clause and emissions limits requirement for formaldehyde and total volatile organic compound (TVOC).

This standard incorporates Amendment No. 1, January 2024 denoted by A1 A1.

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In preparing this standard, reference was made to the following publications:

- 1. Federal Test Method Standard No. 141 C, Method No. 6271.2 – ‘Mildew resistance’
- 2. EN 16516:2017, Construction products: Assessment of release of dangerous substances – Determination of emissions into indoor air

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- 1. Clause 3.1 and Annex E from ISO 16000-9:2006, Indoor air — Part 9: Determination of the emission of volatile organic compounds from building products and furnishing — Emission test chamber method
- 2. Clause 3.2 from ISO 11890-2:2013, Paints and varnishes — Determination of volatile organic compounds(VOC) and/or semi volatile organic compounds (SVOC) content — Part 2: Gas-chromatographic method
- 3. Annex D.2 from ISO 16000-11:2006, Indoor air — Part 11: Determination of the emission of volatile organic compounds from building products and furnishing — Sampling, storage of samples and preparation of test specimens. A1

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## Specification for emulsion paint for decorative purposes

### 1 Scope

Ⓐ This standard applies to a ready-for-use, air drying emulsion, flat finish for interior walls and ceilings, applied on masonry surfaces including concrete, bricks, stucco, concrete block, cement sheets sidings, skimmed coats, plastered walls, and dry wall boards. Ⓐ The recoating of previously painted surfaces which are in a sound condition and suitable for receiving such a coating is also covered by this standard.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this standard. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ASTM D5116	Standard guide for small-scale environmental chamber determinations of organic emissions from indoor materials/products
BS 4800	Schedule of Ⓐ paint Ⓐ colours for building purposes
IEC 62321-7-2	Determination of certain substances in electrotechnical products – Part 7-2: Hexavalent chromium – Determination of hexavalent chromium (Cr(VI)) in polymers and electronics by the colorimetric method
ISO 11890-1	Paints and varnishes – Determination of volatile organic compound (VOC) content – Part 1 : Difference method
ISO 11890-2	Paints and varnishes – Determination of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and/or semi volatile organic compounds (SVOC) content – Part 2 : Gas-chromatographic method
Ⓐ ISO 16000-3	Indoor air – Part 3: Determination of formaldehyde and other carbonyl compounds in indoor and test chamber air – Active sampling method
ISO 16000-6	Indoor air – Part 6: Determination of organic compounds (VVOC, VOC, SVOC) in indoor and test chamber air by active sampling on sorbent tubes, thermal desorption and gas chromatography using MS or MS FID Ⓐ
ISO 16000-9	Indoor air – Part 9: Determination of the emission of volatile organic compounds from building products and furnishing – Emission test chamber method
SS 5	Methods of test for paints, varnishes and related materials Part A1 : Sampling Part A2 : Examination and preparation of samples for testing Part B2 : Determination of non-volatile matter content Part B4 : Condition in container Part B7 : Density Part B9 : Brushing properties Part B12 : Consistency of paints using the Stormer viscometer

Part B13 : Fineness of grind

Part C4 : Determination of low concentrations of mercury in paint by atomic absorption spectroscopy

Part C6 : Determination of low concentrations of lead, cadmium and cobalt in paint by atomic absorption spectroscopy

Part D6 : Hard dry time – Test using a mechanical recorder

Part E1 : Determination of gloss value at 20°, 60°, and 85°

Part E2 : Determination of contrast ratio (opacity) of light-coloured paints at a fixed spreading rate

Part E3 : Visual comparison of the colours of paints

Part F6 : Determination of wet-scrub resistance

Part G2 : Alkali resistance (spotting method)

Part G11 : Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources – General guidance

Part G12 : Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources – Xenon-arc lamps

NOTE – IEC 62321-7-2 is used for the evaluation of Cr(VI) content in electrotechnical products and can also be used for coatings.