

Subject:	CLARIFICATION REGARDING ETCHING DEGREE SPECIFICATION
Proposal:	<p>Pretreatment WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The etching degree should be specified as 1.0 g/m² or 2.0 g/m² instead of just 1g/m² and 2 g/m². If the main production in the plants is done on sheets or alloys other than AA 6060, the inspector should also check the etching degree with the same material.
QUALICOAT resolution:	TC Meeting held on 12 May 2011 (ratified on 23 November 2011)
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Amendments to the Specifications:	New sentence and specified figures in paragraph 3.2.1

3.2.1 Etching

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The etching degree is measured on extruded sections of alloy AA6060 or AA6063. If the main production in the plants is on sheets or alloys other than AA6060 or AA6063 the inspector should also check the etching degree on the material actually used.

An etching degree is not specified for rolled products or cast accessories. Etching is optional for such products.

Two preliminary pretreatments are defined:

- **Standard pretreatment (compulsory)**

The total etching degree shall be at least 1.0 g/m².

- **SEASIDE pretreatment**

▪ **Type A : simple acid etching**

The total etching degree shall be at least 2.0 g/m².

▪ **Type AA : dual etching (alkaline etching and acid etching)**

The total etching degree shall be at least 2.0 g/m². Each etching degree shall be at least 0.5 g/m².

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