

Subjects:	MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY COATING MANUFACTURERS & PRETREATMENT OF TEST PANELS BY THE LABORATORIES
Proposal of the “FLORIDA” Working Group:	Powder suppliers should be requested to send an already coated panel for each colour, together with the material to be coated by the laboratory. The laboratory can then measure the gloss and check whether it corresponds to the chosen gloss category. If this is the case, the laboratory will then proceed to prepare the other panels and perform all the other tests.
Proposal of the “PRETREATMENT” Working Group:	The test panels for granting or renewing an approval should only be pretreated with alternative pretreatment systems.
QUALICOAT resolutions:	Meeting held on 21 November 2007 <i>(ratified on 26 June 2008)</i>
Date of application:	January 2009
Amendments to the Specifications:	Section 4.1.2 Tests for granting an approval Section 4.2 Renewal of approved systems

4.1.2 Tests for granting an approval

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The paint manufacturer must send coating materials and coated panels to the laboratory in charge, together with the relevant technical data sheet for each colour. The data sheet should include at least the following information: colour, gloss value and curing conditions,

The inspector prepares the test panels in the testing laboratory using approved chromium free pretreatment systems and the coating materials supplied by the manufacturer. After checking the colour and gloss, he performs the above tests on the panels. The test panels may also be coated elsewhere provided that the inspector is present during the whole time of treatment. The inspector must always select the minimum stoving time and temperature specified by the manufacturer.

4.2 Renewal of approved systems

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There are three options for sampling systems to be tested for renewal of approvals:

- The inspector takes samples of the required colours during routine inspections at the coating plants.
- The inspector takes samples directly at the system supplier's premises.
- The coating manufacturer sends coating materials and coated panels to the laboratory in charge, together with the relevant technical data sheet for each colour. The data sheet should include at least the following information: colour, gloss value and curing conditions. In countries where there is neither a national association nor a testing laboratory, the paint manufacturer sends the selected colours to a laboratory approved by QUALICOAT.