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ABSTRACT

This NACE International/SSPC joint standard practice covers the preparation of concrete surfaces before the application of protective coating or lining systems. The standard includes two updated tables, Table 1 details classes of surface preparation, and Table 2 provides minimum acceptance criteria for concrete surfaces before coatings are applied and relevant test methods. The updated Appendix (nonmandatory) includes two additional tables, Table A1 provides typical surface properties of finished concrete, and Table A2 provides an extensive list of surface preparation methods for concrete surfaces. This standard should be used by specifiers, applicators, inspectors, and others who are responsible for defining a standard degree of cleanliness, strength, profile, and dryness of prepared concrete surfaces.

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