



## Standard Terminology Relating to Porcelain Enamel and Ceramic-Metal Systems<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 These definitions pertain to the terminology used in the porcelain enamel and ceramic-coated metal industries.

1.2 Words adequately defined in standard dictionaries are not included. Included are words that are peculiar to these industries.

1.3 Hyphenated words, double words, or phrases are listed alphabetically under the first word; additional important words are cross-referenced.

1.4 When a word or phrase, listed as a synonym, is not separately defined, the defined word or phrase is the accepted or preferred form.

### 2. Referenced Documents

#### 2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 424 Specification for Steel, Sheet, for Porcelain Enameling<sup>2</sup>

A 919 Terminology Relating to Heat Treatment of Metals<sup>3</sup>

C 282 Test Method for Acid Resistance of Porcelain Enamels (Citric Acid Spot Test)<sup>4</sup>

C 283 Test Method for Resistance of Porcelain Enameled Utensils to Boiling Acid<sup>4</sup>

C 285 Test Methods for Sieve Analysis of Wet-Milled and Dry-Milled Porcelain Enamel<sup>4</sup>

C 313 Test Method for Adherence of Porcelain Enamel and Ceramic Coatings to Sheet Metal<sup>5</sup>

C 314 Test Method for Flatness of Porcelain Enameled Panels<sup>6</sup>

C 346 Test Method for 45-Deg Specular Gloss of Ceramic Materials<sup>4</sup>

C 347 Method of Test for Reflectivity and Coefficient of

Scatter of White Porcelain Enamels<sup>7</sup>

C 374 Test Methods for Fusion Flow of Porcelain Enamel Frits (Flow-Button Methods)<sup>4</sup>

C 448 Test Methods for Abrasion Resistance of Porcelain Enamels<sup>4</sup>

C 614 Test Method for Alkali Resistance of Porcelain Enamels<sup>4</sup>

C 633 Test Method for Adhesion or Cohesive Strength of Flame-Sprayed Coatings<sup>4</sup>

C 743 Test Method for Continuity of Porcelain Enamel Coatings<sup>4</sup>

C 756 Test Method for Cleanability of Surface Finishes<sup>4</sup>

### 3. Terminology

**abrasion resistance**—the degree to which a porcelain enamel will resist attack by abrasive materials.

NOTE 1—See Test Methods C 448.

**acid annealing**—an annealing process in which ferrous metal shapes are coated with acid before and in conjunction with the annealing.

**acid resistance**—the degree to which a porcelain enamel will resist attack by acids.

NOTE 2—See Test Method C 283 and Test Method C 282.

**adherence**—(1) the degree of adhesion of a porcelain enamel or other ceramic coating to a metal substrate.

NOTE 3—See Test Method C 313.

(2) Stress necessary to cause separation of one material from another at their interface.

NOTE 4—See Test Method C 633.

**aging**—the storing of porcelain enamel slips or powders before use. The change occurring in slips or powders with the lapse of time.

**air atomizing**—air used to atomize powder and to control powder/air mix and powder cloud density.

**air fluidizer**—air used to impart fluid-like properties to powder via a fluid bed.

**alkali resistance**—for porcelain enamels, the degree to which

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<sup>2</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.03.

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<sup>4</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 02.05.

<sup>5</sup> Discontinued; see 1989 Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 15.02.

<sup>6</sup> Discontinued; see 1980 Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Part 17.

<sup>7</sup> Discontinued; see 1990 Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 15.02.



a porcelain enamel will resist attack by aqueous alkaline solutions.

NOTE 5—See Test Method C 614.

**alligator hide**—a defect characterized by an extreme roughness of the porcelain enamel surface: a severe case of orange peel.

**aluminum enamel**—a porcelain enamel specifically designed for application to aluminum.

*annealing*—see Terminology A 919.

*annealing acid*—see **acid annealing** and **annealing**.

**anti-scale compound**—a preparation that is applied to burning tools to protect them from scaling in service.

**back emission**—the electrical breakdown of air due to excessive charge build-up in the porcelain enamel powder film during powder application. This is due to the self-limiting characteristic of electrostatic powders.

**back ionization**—see **back emission**.

**ball mill**—*in porcelain enamels*, a dense, ceramic-lined rotating cylinder in which ceramic materials are wet or dry ground, generally using pebbles or porcelain balls as grinding media.

**base coat**—for two coat-one fire application, the thin layer of bonding frit applied first and used to promote adherence after firing to the metal substrate.

**base metal**—the metal to which porcelain enamel is applied.

*basis metal*—see **base metal**.

*basket, pickle*—see **pickle basket** and **pickling**.

**batch smelter**—any smelter that operates as a periodic unit, being charged, fired, and discharged according to a predetermined cycle.

**beading**—(1) the application of porcelain enamel, usually of a contrasting color, to the edge or rim of porcelain enameled articles.

(2) Removal of excess slip from the edge of dipped ware.

(3) In dry processing enameling, a bead of porcelain enamel along the edge of ware.

**beading enamel**—any of the special porcelain enamels used for beading.

**bisque**—a coating of wet-process porcelain enamel that has been dried, but not fired.

*blackboard enamel*—see **chalkboard enamel**.

**black edging**—a black porcelain enamel applied over the ground coat and exposed in specified areas by brushing the cover coat bisque prior to firing (see also **edging**).

**black speck**—a defect that appears in the fired cover coat as a small dark spot.

**blank**—the piece cut from metal sheet that is to be used in forming the finished article.

**blemish**—in dry process enameling, an insignificant imperfection in the porcelain enamel surface.

**blister**—a defect caused by gas evolution consisting of a bubble that forms during fusion and remains when the porcelain enamel solidifies.

**blow-off resistance**—the degree to which a deposited layer of powder resists being blown off by a standard jet of air.

**blue enamel**—(1) in dry-process porcelain enameling, an area

of enamel coating so thin that it appears blue in color.

(2) In wet-process enameling, a cover coat applied too thin to hide the substrate.

**boiling**—a defect visible in the fired porcelain enamel caused by gas evolution which results in the formation of blisters, pinholes, black specks, dimples, or spongy surface.

**bolt-hole brush**—a special round brush used to remove porcelain enamel bisque from in and around small openings in the ware.

*bond*—see **adherence**.

**box furnace**—a furnace in which, periodically, a load of ware is introduced; fired, and removed.

**break out**—in dry process enameling, a defect characterized by an area of blisters with well defined boundaries.

*bright annealing*—see Terminology A 919.

**brush**—to remove bisque in a definite pattern by means of a brush.

*brush, bolt-hole*—see **bolt-hole brush**.

*brushing*—see **brush**.

**bubble structure**—size and spatial distribution of voids within the fired porcelain enamel.

**buck**—a special support for ware during the firing of porcelain enamel on heavy ware.

*burning*—see **firing**.

**burning bars, points, or tools**—equipment used to suspend or support ware during the firing operations.

**burning tool mark**—a defect in the porcelain enamel appearing on the surface opposite to the point of contact with the supporting burning tool.

**button test**—a test designed to determine relative fusibility of porcelain enamel frit or powder and so called because the completed specimens resemble buttons.

NOTE 6—See **flow button** and Test Methods C 374.

**cast iron enamel**—a porcelain enamel specifically designed for application to cast iron.

**ceramic coating**—an inorganic, essentially nonmetallic coating, on metal.

*ceramic colorant*—see **color oxide**.

**ceramic ink**—an ink containing a ceramic pigment that develops its color on firing. Also known as stamping, screening, or printing ink.

**ceramic-metal coating**—a mixture of one or more ceramic materials in combination with a metallic phase applied to a metallic substrate which may or may not require heat treatment prior to service. This term may also be used for coatings applied to nonmetallic substrates, for example, graphite.

*cermet coating*—see **ceramic-metal coating**.

**chalkboard enamel**—a special type of mat porcelain enamel used to provide a writing surface for chalk.

**chalky or chalked**—the condition of a porcelain enameled surface that has lost its natural gloss and become powdery.

**charge decay**—loss of charge on the deposited powder due to electrical leakage.

**charge decay rate**—loss of charge per unit of time.

**charge retention**—the ability of an electrically charged layer to retain its initial charge.

**charge to mass ratio**—ratio of the charge on a powder expressed in coulombs to the mass of the powder expressed in kilograms.

**chipping**—fracturing and breaking away of fragments of a porcelain enameled surface.

**cleanability**—the relative ease with which soils or stains can be removed from a material.

NOTE 7—See Test Method C 756.

**cleaner**—a solution, usually alkaline, used to remove oil, grease, drawing compounds, and loose dirt from metal as a step in preparing the surface for porcelain enameling.

**clear frit**—a frit that remains essentially transparent or nonopaque when processed into a porcelain enamel.

*coating*—see **ceramic coating** and **ceramic-metal coating**.

**coefficient of scatter**—the rate of increase of reflectance with thickness at infinitesimal thickness of porcelain enamel over an ideally black backing.

NOTE 8—See Test Method C 347.

**cold-rolled steel**—a low-carbon, cold-reduced and annealed sheet steel.

**color oxide**—a material used to impart color to a porcelain enamel.

**colored frit**—a frit containing a colorant in order to produce a strong color in the porcelain enamel.

**comb-rack**—(1) a burning tool shaped like a comb used for supporting ware during firing.

(2) A comb-like tool for supporting ware during the metal pickling operation.

**comeback**—the time required for a box furnace to return to temperature after the introduction of a load of ware.

**cone-screen test**—a method for testing fineness of enamel with a cone-shaped sieve. (see also **screen test**)

**consistency**—the properties of a slip that control its draining, flowing, and spraying behavior.

**continuity of coating**—the degree to which a porcelain enamel or ceramic coating is free of defects, such as bare spots, boiling, blisters or copperheads, that could reduce its protective properties.

NOTE 9—See Test Method C 743.

**continuous cleaning (coating)**—a term describing a type of porcelain enamel designed to provide the continuous removal, at normal use temperatures, of food soils accumulated on the interior surfaces of ovens.

**continuous furnace**—a furnace into which ware is fed continuously and through which it progresses during firing.

**continuous smelter**—a type of smelter into which the raw mix is fed continuously and from which the molten product is discharged continuously.

**contrast ratio**—the ratio of the reflectance of a coating over black backing to its reflectance over a backing of reflectance of 0.80 (80 percent).

NOTE 10—See Test Method C 347.

**cooling zone**—that part of the continuous furnace in which the ware is allowed to cool after firing.

**copper enamel**—a porcelain enamel specifically designed for application to copper.

**copperhead**—a defect occurring in sheet metal ground coat that appears as a small freckle or pimple-like spot, reddish brown in color.

**cover coat**—a porcelain enamel finish applied and fused over a ground coat or direct to the metal substrate.

**covering power**—the degree to which a porcelain enamel coating obscures the underlying surface.

**cracking**—a defect in the bisque consisting of fractures or separations.

**crackled**—a mottled textural effect in a wet process porcelain enamel resembling a wrinkled surface.

**crawling**—a defect in the porcelain enamel appearing as agglomerates or irregularly shaped islands.

**craze, crazing**—a defect appearing as one or more fine cracks in the porcelain enamel.

**crinkled**—a textural effect in a porcelain enamel surface having the appearance of fine wrinkles or ridges.

**crossbend test**—a test in which fired or bisque porcelain enamel panels are progressively distorted by bending to determine the resistance of the coating to cracking.

**cup gun**—a spray gun with a fluid container as an integral part.

**cupping**—the pouring of slip over areas of a part during draining to produce uniform application.

**curling**—a defect similar to crawling.

**curtains**—a defect in sheet steel ground coatings characterized by a draped pattern of darkened areas that are sometimes blistered. May also appear in cover coats applied over the ground coat or direct-on.

**decarburized enameling steel**—a special type of steel sheet of extremely low carbon content, suitable for porcelain enamel cover coat application direct to the metal (Type I of Specification A 424).

*decarburized steel*—see **decarburized enameling steel**.

**decking**—the multiple layer loading of ware for firing.

**de-enameling**—the removal of porcelain enamel from the base metal.

**deflocculating**—the thinning of the consistency of a slip by adding a suitable electrolyte.

**delayed fishscaling**—a fishscaling defect that occurs after the final porcelain enamel processing (see also **fishscaling**).

**devitrification**—a surface defect manifested by loss of gloss as a result of crystallization.

**dimple**—a shallow depression in the porcelain enamel, sometimes a defect.

**dipping**—the process of coating a metal shape by immersion in slip, removal, and draining. In dry process enameling, the method of coating by immersing the heated metal shape for a short time in powdered frit.

*dipping weight*—see **pick-up**.

**direct fire**—a method of maturing porcelain enamel wherein the products of combustion come in contact with the ware.

*direct-on*—see **cover coat**.

**double draining**—a defect evidenced by flowing of the slip on the ware, which occurs after it appears that draining has been completed.



**double-face ware**—ware that has a finish coat on both surfaces.

**draining**—the part of the dipping or flowcoating process in which the excess slip flows from suitably positioned ware.

**drain line**—a nonuniform thickness of coating appearing as a line or streak in dipped or flow-coated ware.

**drain time**—time required for porcelain enamel slip applied by dipping, slushing, or flow coating to complete movement across the surfaces of a coated part.

**dredge, dredging**—*in dry process enameling, (1)* the application of dry, powdered frit to hot ware by sifting.

(2) The sieve used to apply powdered porcelain enamel frit to the ware.

**drying crack**—a defect characterized by a fissure in the bisque.

**dry milling**—the grinding of porcelain enamel materials without a liquid vehicle.

**dry process enameling**—a porcelain enameling process in which the metal article is heated to a temperature above the maturing temperature of the coating (usually 1600 to 1750°F, (approximately 870 to 955°C)), the coating materials applied to the hot metal as a dry powder, and fired.

**dry spray**—a defect confined to sprayed ware manifesting itself in the fired porcelain enamel as a rough, sandy texture.

**dry weight**—the weight per unit area of the bisque.

**dust coat**—a relatively thin, sprayed coating of slip.

**dusting**—*(1)* In dry-process enameling, see *dredging*.

(2) A spraying defect characterized by a piling up of almost dry slip in confined areas.

(3) The removal of extraneous material from the bisque before firing.

(4) See **dry spray**.

**edging**—*(1)* the process of removing bisque from the edge of a piece of ware to expose the underlying porcelain enamel.

(2) The spraying of special slip onto the edge of the ware.

**edging brush**—a stiff-bristled brush with metal guide, used to remove bisque from edges of ware before the firing operation.

**eggshell or eggshelling**—the texture of a fired ceramic coating similar in appearance to the surface of an eggshell. In porcelain enamel, usually a defect.

**ejector air**—air used to convey powder from pump to the part being coated.

**electrophoretic deposition**—the process of depositing material on a workpiece from a porcelain enamel slip suspension due to the movement of particles under the influence of an impressed direct current voltage.

**electrostatic powder porcelain enamel**—a mixture comprised of frit and additives ground and/or blended together to form a powder suitable for dry electrostatic application.

**electrostatic retention**—the tenacity with which a charged, electrostatically deposited powder porcelain coating adheres to the work piece before it is fired.

*enamel*—see **porcelain enamel**.

*enamel, aluminum*—see **aluminum enamel**.

*enamel, beading*—see **beading enamel**.

*enamel, blackboard*—see **chalkboard enamel**.

*enamel, cast iron*—see **cast iron enamel**.

*enamel, chalkboard*—see **chalkboard enamel**.

*enamel, copper*—see **copper enamel**.

*enamel, jewelers'*—see **jewelers' enamel**.

*enamel, reclaim*—see **reclaim**.

*enamel scrapings*—see **scrapings**.

**enameling iron**—a very low-carbon, low-metalloid, cold-rolled sheet steel, produced specifically for use as a base metal for porcelain enamel.

**etched**—an altered surface texture resulting from chemical attack.

**fall-off**—tendency of an electrostatically deposited powder to fall off the work piece during normal processing.

*filter*—see **plugging compound**.

**film strength**—the relative resistance of the bisque to mechanical damage.

**fineness of enamel**—a measurement of the degree to which a frit has been milled in wet or dry form, usually expressed in grams residue retained on a certain mesh screen from a 50-cm<sup>3</sup> or a 100-g sample.

**fire marks**—a defect characterized by tiny indentations similar in appearance to shallow pinholes.

**firing**—the controlled heat treatment of ceramic ware in a kiln or furnace to develop the desired final properties.

**firing range**—the time-temperature interval in which a porcelain enamel or ceramic coating is satisfactorily matured.

**firing temperature**—the degree of sensible heat attained by the ware during the maturing of the coating.

**firing time**—the period during which the ware remains in the firing zone of the furnace to mature the coating.

**firing zone**—that portion of the furnace, usually a continuous furnace, through which the ware passes and that remains at or near the firing temperature of the coating.

**first point of no break**—the amount (weight-mass) of porcelain enamel slip retained when it stops sliding off an enameled pick-up panel and is observed to drain smoothly from the panel without showing a wavy pattern on the wet surface (known also as “yield point”).

**fishscaling**—a defect appearing as small half-moon shaped fractures somewhat resembling the scales of a fish.

*fishscaling, delayed*—see **delayed fishscaling**.

**flaw**—in dry process enameling, a defect of the ware that is cause for rejection.

**flocculating**—the thickening of the consistency of a slip by adding a suitable electrolyte.

**flow-button**—the pellet of frit used in the Fusion Flow Test.

NOTE 11—See Test Methods C 374.

**flow coating**—the process of coating a metal shape by causing the slip to flow over its surface and allowing it to drain.

**flux**—a substance that promotes fusion in a given ceramic mixture.

**fork**—a piece of metal equipment used during the firing operation for placing ware in, and removing it from a box furnace.



*frit, clear*—see **clear frit**.

*frit, colored*—see **colored frit**.

**frit, porcelain enamel**—the small friable particles produced by quenching a molten glassy material (see also **clear frit** and **colored frit**).

**fritting**—the rapid chilling of the molten glassy material to produce frit.

*furnace, box*—see **box furnace**.

*furnace, continuous*—see **continuous furnace**.

**fusion flow**—the relative flow of various glasses or frits in the molten state.

NOTE 12—See Test Methods C 374.

*fusion test, button*—see **button test**.

**fuzzy texture**—a defect characterized by a myriad of minute bubbles, broken bubbles, and dimples in the porcelain enamel surface.

**gassing**—(1) the formation of gas bubbles due to bacterial contamination in the milled porcelain enamel slip.

(2) See **boiling**.

**gassy surface**—a defect characterized by poor gloss and fuzzy surface texture.

**glass**—a term sometimes used for porcelain enamel or frit.

**glass-coated steel, glass-lined steel, glassed steel**—designations generally applied to a class of porcelain enamels that have high resistance to chemical attack at elevated temperatures and pressures.

**glass eye**—a defect consisting of a large unbroken blister.

**gloss**—the shine or luster of a porcelain enamel.

NOTE 13—See Test Method C 346.

**graining**—a process for producing a decorative finish by transferring a pattern to the porcelain enamel surface by means of rolls.

**graining paste**—a mixture of color oxides, fluxes, and oils.

**graining roll**—a specialized type of roll used for transferring the grain pattern to the porcelain enamel.

**graniteware**—a one-coat porcelain enameled article with a mottled pattern produced by controlled corrosion of the metal base prior to firing.

**ground coat**—(1) a porcelain enamel applied directly to the base metal to function as an intermediate layer between the metal and the cover coat.

(2) *on sheet steel*, a porcelain enamel coating containing adherence-promoting agents which may be used either as an intermediate layer between the metal and the cover coat or as a single coat over the base metal.

*ground-coat boiling*—see **boiling**.

**hairline or hairlining**—a defect manifested in finished ware as a line or system of lines in a strain pattern, having the appearance of cracks healed by fusion.

*hanging rack*—see **burning bars, points, or tools**.

**haloing**—the formation of a contrasting discoloration around the edges of the workpiece when compared to interior areas.

**hardness**—the relative refractoriness of a porcelain enamel or frit.

**hollow ware**—a class of utensils such as pots, pans, and kettles.

**hospital**—a special department in the porcelain enamel shop where damage to fired ware may be repaired.

**impact test**—a test to determine the resistance of a porcelain enamel to fracture caused by a sudden blow.

*iron, enameling*—see **enameling iron**.

**jar mill**—a small ball mill (see also **ball mill**).

**jewelers' enamel**—a special type of porcelain enamel used in the manufacture of jewelry, insignia, and art objects.

*jumpers or jumping*—see **poppers**.

**lift**—a defect characterized by the spontaneous separation of large pieces of porcelain enamel from the base metal.

**liver**—in dry process enameling, a defect characterized by a wave-like form of abnormally thick porcelain enamel.

**lump**—in *porcelain enamels*, a rounded projection in the enamel surface, usually a defect.

**luster**—an iridescent decorative surface appearance.

**marbleized finish**—a surface appearance, obtained by coloring and graining, that resembles variegated marble.

**maturing temperature**—the temperature at which porcelain enamel must be held for a selected time to achieve the desired properties.

**metal blister**—bloating of the metal sheet.

*metal substrate*—see **base metal**.

**mill addition**—any of the materials added to the ball mill charge of a frit.

**neutralizer**—a dilute alkaline solution with which sheet metal ware is treated as a part of the pickling process subsequent to the acid treatment. A chemical or mixture of chemicals which, when added to water, produces the dilute alkaline solution.

**nickel dipping, nickel flashing, or nickel pickling**—a process for depositing metallic nickel on steel by galvanic action, reduction, or both.

**nits or nitty enamel**—a porcelain enamel blemish in dry process enameling characterized by minute surface pits visible only on close examination.

**one-coat ware, one-coat work**—(1) articles finished in a single coat of porcelain enamel.

(2) Sometimes a contraction of one-cover-coat ware, in which the finish consists of a single cover coat applied over ground coat.

**one-fire finish**—a porcelain enamel on the finished product processed in a single firing.

**opacifier**—a material that imparts or increases the diffuse reflectance of porcelain enamel.

**opacity**—the property of reflecting light diffusely and nonselectively; properly defined in Test Method C 347 under the term *contrast ratio*.

**orange peel**—a surface condition characterized by an irregular waviness of the porcelain enamel resembling an orange skin in texture; sometimes considered a defect.

**overspray**—the slip from the spray gun not deposited on the ware. Also, spray application of a light coat of slip to an unfired porcelain enamel.

**particle size distribution**—the percentage by mass or by



number of each fraction into which a powder sample has been classified with respect to sieve number or microns.

**pebble mill**—see **ball mill**.

**peeling**—a defect characterized by the spontaneous detachment of pieces of porcelain enamel from cast iron.

**pickle basket**—a basket fabricated from corrosion-resistant material to hold ware during pickling.

**pickle pills**—small gelatin capsules containing chemicals used for testing the strength of pickling solutions.

**pickling**—the chemical process of preparing the metal surface for porcelain enameling.

**pick-up**—the amount of slip retained per unit area on dipped ware.

**pigskin**—a surface defect characterized by a texture similar to that of pigskin.

**pinhole, pinholing**—a porcelain enamel surface defect caused by gas evolution and characterized by a small hole resembling a pin prick that may extend to the base metal.

**pin mark or point mark**—a visible imprint on the back of ware left by processing tools; sometimes synonymous with burning tool mark.

**pit**—a defect similar to a dimple but slightly smaller.

**plugging compound**—a putty-like mixture of inorganic materials used to fill holes in iron castings to ensure an even surface for porcelain enameling.

**point bars**—see **burning bars, points, or tools**.

**pop-off**—in dry process enameling, a defect appearing as a small conical piece of porcelain enamel, either partially or entirely separated from the ware.

**poppers**—a defect characterized by randomly occurring, relatively small, circular shaped areas of ground coat appearing in the first cover coat sheet steel porcelain enamel.

**porcelain enamel**—a substantially vitreous or glassy, inorganic coating bonded to metal by fusion at a temperature above 800°F (425°C approximate).

**pot furnace**—a furnace used to smelt porcelain enamel raw batch contained in a crucible.

**powder adhesion**—the ability of an electrostatically charged powder to remain attached by static attraction to a grounded substrate.

**powder porcelain enameling**—process by which the application of porcelain enamel is achieved by dry electrostatic spraying.

**powder porcelain resistivity**—the opposition that a porcelain powder offers to the flow of direct current, equal to the voltage drop across the powder, divided by the current through the powder. (Also known as **electrical resistance**)

**powder retention**—Same as **electrostatic retention**.

**powder to air ratio**—ratio of the mass of powder delivered to the spray gun to the total volume of air used to convey and aspirate it.

**preheat zone**—that portion of a continuous furnace through which the ware passes before entering the firing zone.

**pressure tank**—a container from which slip is removed by air pressure.

**primary boiling**—the evolution of gas during the initial firing of porcelain enamel; sometimes a defect.

**process fishscaling**—fishscaling that appears during the drying

or firing cycle of cover coat application.

**pyro**—a common expression for the compound tetrasodium pyrophosphate ( $\text{Na}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$ ), either hydrous or anhydrous.

**quenching**—see **fritting**.

**reboiling**—gas evolution occurring and recurring during repeated firing of the ground coat; sometimes a defect.

**recirculating dip tank**—a dip tank provided with a means for keeping the slip in constant circulation.

**reclaim**—overspray that is removed from the spray booth and reconditioned for use.

**reflectance**—the fraction of incident light that is diffusely reflected, measured relative to magnesium oxide under standard conditions.

NOTE 14—See Test Method C 347.

**reflectivity**—the reflectance of a coating so thick that additional thickness does not change the reflectance.

NOTE 15—See Test Method C 347.

**refractory composite coating**—a combination of heat-resistant ceramic materials applied to a metallic substrate which may or may not require heat treatment prior to service. This term may also be used for coatings applied to nonmetallic substrates, for example, graphite.

**rheology**—the science of measuring the flow and deformation properties of matter. For porcelain enamel slips, the most important parameter is their yield point.

**ripple**—in dry process enameling, a surface defect characterized by pronounced waviness, uniform over a considerable area.

**rotary smelter**—any of the cylindrical smelters that depend on slow rotation about a horizontal axis for agitation of the molten mass.

**rubbing stone**—a shaped abrasive used in stoning porcelain enamel.

**sagging**—(1) a defect characterized by a wavy line or lines appearing on those surfaces of porcelain enamel that have been fired in a vertical position.

(2) A defect characterized by irreversible downward bending in an article insufficiently supported during the firing cycle.

NOTE 16—See the Proposed Method of Test for Sag Resistance of Steel Sheets for Porcelain Enameling, *Proceedings*, Am. Soc. Testing Mats., Vol 55, 1955, p. 431.

**sanitary ware**—porcelain enameled ware such as sinks, lavatories, and bathtubs.

**scab**—in porcelain enameling metal sheets or castings, a defect having the appearance of a loose piece of metal, tongue, or flap on the surface.

**scale**—the oxide formed on the surface of the metal during heating.

**scaling**—the process of forming scale with or without acid fumes; sometimes refers to spontaneous detachment of scale.

**scrapings**—the overspray that has been recovered from a spray booth.

**screen test**—a standard test for fineness of porcelain enamel slip or powder.

NOTE 17—See Test Methods C 285.

**scumming**—a defect characterized by areas of poor gloss on the surface of porcelain enamel.

**self-limiting powder porcelain**—the maximum thickness of electrostatically-charged powder that can be deposited as a surface film.

**semi-muffle furnace**—a furnace with a partial muffle, in which the products of a combustion come in contact with the ware.

**set**—a flow property of porcelain enamel slip affecting the rate of draining, residual thickness, and uniformity of coating.

**setting-up agent or set-up agent**—an electrolyte used to increase the measured pick-up of a slip.

**shiner or shiner-scale**—a defect characterized by minute fishscaling occurring in overfired ground coat.

**shorelines**—a defect characterized by a series of rings or lines in the surface of porcelain enamel similar in appearance to the lines on the shore produced by receding water.

**sliding**—a defect in the draining characteristics of slip wherein patches of the coating slide, producing an uneven coating.

**slip, slurry**—a suspension of finely divided ceramic material in liquid.

**slump test**—a test to determine consistency of slip whereby measurement is made of the spreading of a specified volume of slip over a flat plate.

**slushing**—the manipulation of dipped ware to distribute the slip uniformly and remove excess material.

**smelt**—a specific batch or lot of frit.

**smelter**—a furnace in which the raw materials of the frit batch are melted.

**smelter drippings**—drippings of molten glassy material formed on the crown of the smelter.

**softening temperature**—the temperature, under specified conditions, at which porcelain enamel or frit begins to flow.

**soilability**—the relative ease with which extraneous matter attaches to or builds up on the surface of a material.

**solubility, excessive**—the tendency of a porcelain enamel frit to dissolve, as a function of time and temperature, in the medium in which it is present in amounts sufficient to adversely affect the rheology of the porcelain enamel slip.

**spall, spalling, or spontaneous spalling**—a defect characterized by chipping that occurs without apparent external causes.

**spark test**—an electrical test in which a spark is used to detect discontinuity of coating.

**specking**—the discoloration of an enamel surface due to foreign particles in the fired glass.

**speckled ware**—a decorative finish with particles of one color appearing in a uniform background of another color or shade.

**spider**—a defect characterized by a starshaped fracture in the porcelain enamel.

**spongy enamel**—a defect characterized by masses of bubbles occurring in local areas giving rise to a spongy appearance.

**spontaneous chipping**—see **spall, spalling, or spontaneous spalling**.

**spray sagging**—a process defect characterized by a wavy line or lines appearing on vertical surfaces of sprayed ware prior to drying.

**squeegee oil**—a liquid mixture of organic materials used as the vehicle in squeegee paste.

**squeegee paste, screening ink, screening paste**—a mixture of squeegee oil and finely divided inorganic materials such as color oxides and fluxes.

**stainability**—the relative ease with which a material is penetrated and discolored by a foreign material.

**star marks**—a defect sometimes occurring in sheet steel iron cover coats where the dried ware is set down too hard on the firing fixture points and the enamel coating is fractured.

**starring**—see **back emission** and **self-limiting**.

**stars**—a defect similar to **star marks** appearing in the surface as a series of small hairlines radiating from a common center. They are typical of porcelain enamel powder systems.

**steel, cold-rolled**—see **cold-rolled steel**.

**stippled finish**—a pebbly textured porcelain enamel, often multicolored.

**stoning**—the operation of removing by abrasion the undesirable portions of porcelain enamel.

**strainline or strainlining**—see **hairline or hairlining**.

**swab test**—a low-voltage electrical test used to evaluate continuity of porcelain enamel.

**tearing**—a defect in the surface of porcelain enamel, characterized by short breaks or cracks which have been healed.

**transfer efficiency**—the amount (weight/mass) deposited on a specified target divided by the spray gun output (weight/mass) per unit of time.

**triangle bars**—burning bars of triangular cross section (see also **burning bars, points, or tools**).

**tube furnace**—a muffle furnace in which combustion occurs within alloy tubes.

**two coat-one fire**—the application of two different coats of enamel followed by a single firing step.

**U-type furnace**—a continuous furnace wherein the ware travels in a U-shaped path.

**vitreous enamel**—see **porcelain enamel**.

**warp test**—see Test Method C 314.

**water mark, water spot**—an appearance defect characterized by a depressed spot.

**water streak**—a defect occurring in the bisque characterized by a washed-out pattern in the form of a streak.

**wet milling**—the grinding of porcelain enamel materials with sufficient liquid to form a slurry.

**wet process enameling**—a method of porcelain enameling in which slip is applied to a metal article at ambient temperature, dried and fired.

**zero carbon steel**—see **decarburized enameling steel**.

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