

# Accelerated Weathering Test



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# TEST DI INVECCHIAMENTO ACCELERATO:

## Invecchiamento accelerato

Tutti i campioni vengono sottoposti all'irraggiamento di lampade allo xenon ed a cicli umido/secco mediante speciali apparecchiature (Q-Sun, SolarBox). Tali apparecchiature vengono utilizzate in conformità agli standard internazionali imposti dalla norma ISO 11341 rispettando le seguenti impostazioni:

- intensità luminosa,  $550 \pm 20 \text{ W/m}^2$  (290-800 nm)
- temperatura del pannello nero,  $65 \pm 5^\circ \text{C}$
- ciclo umido 18 minuti
- ciclo secco 102 minuti

Alla fine dei test, che normalmente hanno una durata minima di 1000 ore, viene valutata la variazione di brillantezza (EN ISO 2813, con angolo di incidenza  $60^\circ$ ) ed il cambiamento di colore  $\Delta E$  (metodo CIELAB ISO 7724/3) rispetto ai valori di partenza. Questo permette di stabilire, in maniera parametrizzata, l'invecchiamento delle varie superfici testate. La corretta conduzione dei test viene verificata attraverso l'utilizzo di campioni in bianco ad invecchiamento noto.









Figure: apparecchiature per l'invecchiamento accelerato.  
Pictures: equipment for the Accelerated Weathering Test

## Accelerated Weathering Test

All samples are exposed to radiation of Xenon lamps and to wet/dry cycles by special equipment (Q-Sun, SOLARBOX). Such equipment is used in accordance with international standards imposed by norm ISO 11341, i.e. complying with the following settings:

- light intensity,  $550 \pm 20 \text{ W / m}^2$  (290-800 nm)
- black panel temperature,  $65 \pm 5^\circ \text{C}$
- wet cycle 18 minutes
- dry cycle 102 minutes.

At the end of the test, whose minimum duration is 1000 hours, Residual Gloss (EN ISO 2813, with an angle of incidence  $60^\circ$ ) and Colour Variation  $\Delta E$  (CIELAB method - ISO 7724 / 3) are measured comparing pre-test values. In this way it is possible to evaluate the aging of surfaces using standard indexes. The accuracy of the test is verified through the use of samples in white, whose aging behaviour is known.

ID Test Report	PROD. VERNIC	COD. FILM	PROG. N°	IMMAGINI
TR-IA-298-2013	DS-0702SI	2904/01	298	
TR-IA-299-2013	DS-0725SI	2904/02	299	
TR-IA-300-2013	saltlake-028	2904/01	300	
TR-IA-301-2013	icetouch-007	2904/02	301	
TR-IA-302-2013	DS 421	2904/02	302	
TR-IA-79-2014	DS-0703SI	2904/02	79	



Laboratory  
Test

No. 405



Device:  
Solar 3000e



Total duration:  
1286h

Unexposed area  
(reference)

Exposed  
area



Unexposed area  
(reference)

Exposed  
area



LAB. ID NUMBER: 34307  
POWDER COATING: DS-0703SI  
HEAT TRANSFER FILM: --  
Colour Variation( $\Delta E$ ): **1,97**  
residual gloss: **85%**

LAB. ID NUMBER: 34308  
POWDER COATING: DS-0703SI  
HEAT TRANSFER FILM: 2904/02  
Colour Variation( $\Delta E$ ): **2,83**  
residual gloss: **100%**

### Technical Remarks

Excellent residual gloss and colour variation ( $\Delta E$ ) under the limit in order for outdoor use, after 1286 hours

Technical Opinion:

**Suitable for  
OUTDOOR USE**

Test was carried on samples prepared according to technical specifications supplied by raw materials manufacturers. However, the resistance against accelerated weathering test is only one of the conditions necessary for the evaluation of the resistance of the finished product. For a final assessment see further analysis on natural exposure in Florida.



Laboratory  
Test

No. 389



Device:  
QSun 3000



Total duration:  
944h

Unexposed area  
(reference)

Exposed  
area



Unexposed area  
(reference)

Exposed  
area



LAB. ID NUMBER: 32638  
POWDER COATING: DS-0702SI  
HEAT TRANSFER FILM: --  
colour variation ( $\Delta E$ ): **0,52**  
residual gloss: **103%**

LAB. ID NUMBER: 32639  
POWDER COATING: DS-0702SI  
HEAT TRANSFER FILM: 2904/01  
colour variation ( $\Delta E$ ): **2,41**  
residual gloss: **103%**

### Technical Remarks

Excellent residual gloss and very low colour variation ( $\Delta E$ ), after 944 hours.

Technical Opinion:

**Suitable for  
OUTDOOR USE**

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Laboratory  
Test

No. 389



Device:  
QSun 3000



Total duration:  
944h

Unexposed area  
(reference)

Exposed  
area



Unexposed area  
(reference)

Exposed  
area



LAB. ID NUMBER: 32640  
POWDER COATING: DS-0725SI  
HEAT TRANSFER FILM: --  
colour variation ( $\Delta E$ ): **1,17**  
residual gloss: **98%**

LAB. ID NUMBER: 32641  
POWDER COATING: DS-0725SI  
HEAT TRANSFER FILM: 2904/02  
colour variation ( $\Delta E$ ): **0,53**  
residual gloss: **98%**

### Technical Remarks

Excellent residual gloss and very low colour variation ( $\Delta E$ ), after 944 hours.

Technical Opinion:

**Suitable for  
OUTDOOR USE**

Test was carried on samples prepared according to technical specifications supplied by raw materials manufacturers. However, the resistance against accelerated weathering test is only one of the conditions necessary for the evaluation of the resistance of the finished product. For a final assessment see further analysis on natural exposure in Florida.



Laboratory  
Test

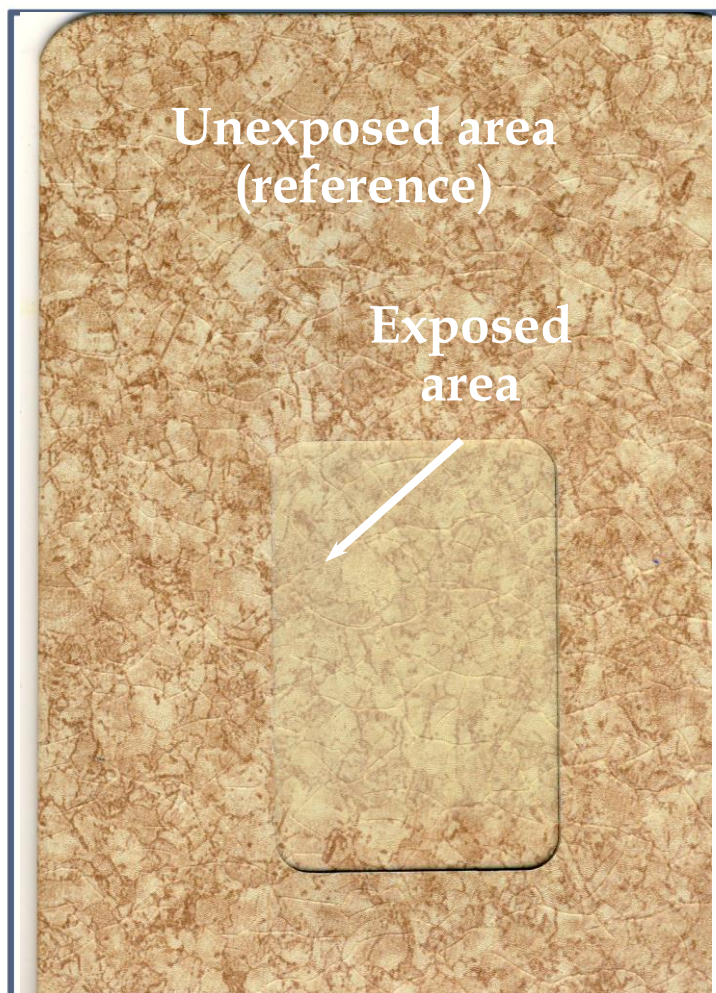
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Device:  
QSun 3000



Total duration:  
944 h



LAB. ID NUMBER: 32644  
POWDER COATING: saltlake-028  
HEAT TRANSFER FILM: 2904/01  
Colour Variation( $\Delta E$ ): **6,31**  
residual gloss:**74%**

### Technical Remarks

Good residual gloss but colour variation isn't acceptable for outdoor use.

Technical Opinion:

**NOT for  
outdoor use**

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Laboratory  
Test

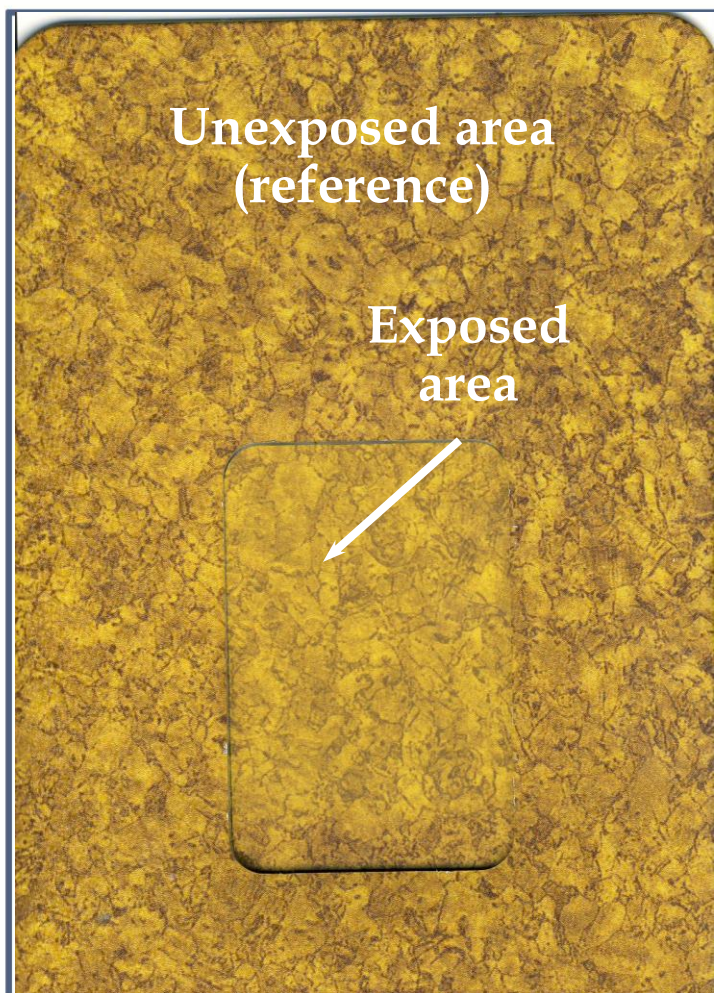
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Device:  
QSun 3000



Total duration:  
944 h



LAB. ID NUMBER: 32645  
POWDER COATING: icetouch-007  
HEAT TRANSFER FILM: 2904/02  
Colour Variation( $\Delta E$ ): **10,47**  
residual gloss:**75%**

### Technical Remarks

Good residual gloss but colour variation isn't acceptable for outdoor use.

Technical Opinion:

**NOT for  
outdoor use**

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Laboratory  
Test

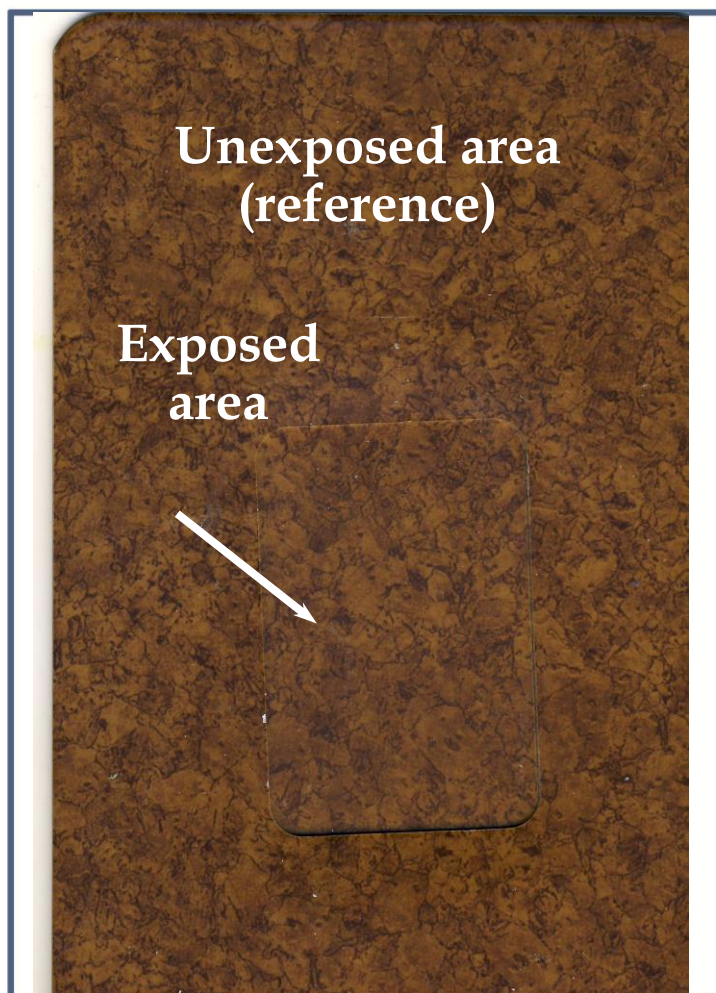
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Device:  
QSun 3000



Total duration:  
944h



LAB. ID NUMBER: 32646  
POWDER COATING: DS 421  
HEAT TRANSFER FILM: 2904/02  
colour variation ( $\Delta E$ ): **2,03**  
residual gloss: **101%**

### Technical Remarks

Excellent residual gloss and very low colour variation ( $\Delta E$ ),  
after 944hours.

Technical Opinion:

**Suitable for  
OUTDOOR USE**

Test was carried on samples prepared according to technical specifications supplied by raw materials manufacturers. However, the resistance against accelerated weathering test is only one of the conditions necessary for the evaluation of the resistance of the finished product. For a final assessment see further analysis on natural exposure in Florida.