



—TEST NO. TP03—

## I. Scope

This test procedure is used to evaluate the ability of the paint/polymer system used for the Texture Plus® system in resisting degradation when exposed to 100% relative humidity.

# II. Materials and Equipment

- a. Texture Plus® production coated parts with barrier coat and top coat.
- b. Humidity cabinet using distilled water with temperature control to maintain 100% humidity at 100 degrees Fahrenheit conforming to ASTM D2247.
- c. Scalpel or Sharp knife.

#### **III. Procedure**

- a. Age finished parts for 1 week at room temperature (77 degrees F)
- b. Place 4 parts in humidity cabinet set at 100 degrees Fahrenheit and 100% humidity and pull each part at the following rates:
- 1. beginning at 48 hours, pull the first part
- 2. at 72 hours, pull the second part
- 3. at 96 hours, pull the third part
- 4. check the fourth part every 24 hours until failure
- c. Inspect parts between 5 and 10 minutes after removal from humidity cabinet, rate and record blistering or paint deterioration per ASTM D714.
- d. Allow 12 hour recovery time and re-inspect the parts, rate and record per III. b.
- e. Check adhesion per Test No. TP05.
- f. Take the reading of CIE L\*a\*b\* values before and after the test, record these values.

### IV. Report

- a. Report the paint/polymer coating appearance at the 5-10 minute period after part removal and after 12 hour recovery period on both part substrates.
- b. Report the size and amount of blistering using ASTM D714 as the reference..
- c. The paint/polymer coating passes if the size and quantity of of blistering is #6 few and less, adhesion is 3b or less and there are no other visual film defects.
- d. Compare test results to Texture Plus® standard parts.

#### V. Results

a. The parts tested passed. There were no blisters or imperfections on the Texture Plus® samples tested. No color shift noted.

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