

## Update on ASTM D3359 - Measuring Adhesion by Tape Test

The ASTM D3359, a commonly used method for assessing the adhesion of coating films to metallic substrates by applying and removing pressure-sensitive tape over cuts made in the film, was recently revised to the new edition **ASTM D3359-09**. This latest edition was approved and published in June, 2009 to replace the previous edition ASTM D3359-08.

<http://www.astm.org/Standards/D3359.htm>



Compared with the previous edition, there is no technical difference between ASTM D3359-09 and ASTM D3359-08. The only changes are by adding a new paragraph **X1.6.6** and a **Footnote 11** under the section “**Appendix**” indicating that the use of a suitable mechanical device is helpful in minimizing some of the variables in applying the tape onto the coating and removing the tape from the coating which maintains consistent pressure on the tape during application and ensures a 180° pull off. The source of suitable equipment is given under Footnote 11.