## Measure what you see.

cross-cut Tester

## Instrument Description

The BYK-Gardner cross-cut tester consists of multi-cut tools with 1 cutting edge in its simple version or 6 cutting edges in its round version for longer lifetime.
The flexible cutter head facilitates the ease-of-handling and guarantees reproducible cross cuts.

## Maintenance:

The cut knifes are manufactured from tool steel of defined hardness. Since this material is not stainless, high humidity can cause rust formation. For rust prevention we recommend to rub the blades with a lightly oil-soaked cloth.

## International Standards

DIN EN ISO 2409
ASTM D 3002
ASTM D 3359

## How to perform the Cross-Cut Test?

- Select the appropriate cross-cut tool based on the coating film thickness (see table)

| Film Thickness | Cutter Spacing |
| :---: | :---: |
| $0-60 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ | 1 mm |
| $60-120 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ | 2 mm |
| $>120 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ | 3 mm |



- Make a lattice pattern in the film with appropriate tool, cutting to the substrate
- Brush in diagonal direction 5 times each, using a brush pen or tape and remove with tape
- Examine the grid area using an illuminated magnifier


## How to analyze the Cross-Cut Test?



ISO Class: 0 / ASTM Class: 5B

- Edges of cut are completely smooth
- None of the squares of the lattice is detached



## ISO Class: 4 / ASTM Class: 1B

- Squares partly / wholly detached
- Affected cross-cut area: 35\%-65 \%


## ISO Class: 5 / ASTM Class: OB

- Any flaking worse than ISO 4 or ASTM 1B
- Affected cross-cut area > 65\%

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