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1 Scope

This document describes methods for the measurement of the thickness of coatings by means of thermal waves generated by a radiation source.

The method can be used for coatings whose thermal properties (e.g. thermal conductivity) are different from those of the substrates in a range from a few microns to some hundred microns.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/DGuide 99998, *Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM) – Supplement 1: Numerical methods for the propagation of distributions*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1 amplitude of the thermal wave

ΔT_0

maximum local temperature variation of the oscillating part for periodic-harmonic heating processes

NOTE See Equation 2.

3.2 penetration depth of thermal waves

depth at which the temperature variation below a modulated heated surface is still measurable.

NOTE In general, the penetration depth is of the order of magnitude of the thermal diffusion length

3.3 modulation frequency

f

frequency at which the intensity of the heating radiation varies periodically

3.4 phase (phase shift) of the thermal wave

$\Delta \Phi$

measure of the temporal delay of the temperature oscillation relative to the excitation for periodic-harmonic heating processes

NOTE See Equation 3.

3.5 photothermal efficiency

η

proportion of the incident radiation intensity that is converted into heat

NOTE In most technical applications it is approximately identical to the absorption.

3.6**thermal diffusion length** μ

characteristic length of the thermal diffusion with pulsed heating or periodically modulated heating, where the temperature amplitude has decreased to about $1/e$ or 37 %

NOTE 1 $1/e$, with natural number $e = 2,71828$.

NOTE 2 See Equation 4.

3.7**thermal diffusion time** τ

characteristic time that a thermal wave or a temperature pulse requires for penetrating a layer of finite thickness

NOTE See Equation 7.

3.8**thermal diffusivity** α

thermal parameter characterizing heat propagation in a body with time-dependent heating

NOTE See Equation 6.

3.9**thermal effusivity** e

thermal parameter determining the surface temperature of a body with time-dependent heating

NOTE See Equation 5.

3.10**thermal wave**

spatiotemporally variable temperature field that is set up in a body (or medium) with time-dependent heating and is described by the heat conduction equation

NOTE 1 see Equation 1.

NOTE 2 The thermal wave is generated in one limiting case by a periodic-harmonic excitation, in the other limiting case by a pulsed excitation.

3.11**thermal reflection coefficient** R_{ts}

thermal parameter that is a degree of the reflection of the thermal wave at the boundary interface between two layers of different effusivity and thus describes the heat transfer across this boundary interface

NOTE See Equation 8.