

# ISOTEC ENERGY TECHNICAL REPORT

## Accredited Institutions and Laboratories for ZM / Magnelis Coating Composition Testing in Türkiye and Globally

This report is based on publicly verifiable accreditation information. Accreditation is always valid on a site-specific and method-specific basis; the current scope PDF must be obtained before placing an order.

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Critical terminology note: "Magnelis" is a registered trademark. For technical accuracy, this study uses the generic expression "ZM (Zn-Al-Mg) coated steel" wherever possible; manufacturer-specific data are separately identified.

### Executive Summary

- The statement "accredited laboratory" alone is not sufficient; for ZM composition testing, the relevant method and product matrix must actually appear within the laboratory's ISO/IEC 17025 scope.
- In Türkiye, the most clearly publicly verifiable body is TSE; the European Side Testing Laboratory's scope includes ASTM A754, ASTM B568, ASTM B487 and OES methods.
- Institutions such as Metaltek, Sarbak Metal and Yildiz Demir Celik have accreditation infrastructure; however, full method applicability for ZM coating composition must be separately verified through the scope document before placing an order.
- Globally, organizations such as Element, HTV Alter Technology, TAZ, Cortec Laboratories, Tec Eurolab, IMR and Malvern Panalytical demonstrate verifiable accreditation and service infrastructure in coating, corrosion and/or chemical analysis.
- There is no single fixed list of "all of them" worldwide; the correct approach is up-to-date laboratory verification through the ILAC MRA accreditation network and national accreditation directories.

### 1. Method Must Be Selected First, Then the Laboratory

| Test Need               | Example Required Method                 | Wording to Look for in the Accreditation Scope            |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Coating mass            | ASTM A754 / EN 10346 Annex A            | Metallic coating mass on steel sheet / XRF or gravimetric |
| Coating thickness       | ASTM B568 / ISO 3497 / ISO 2178         | Coating thickness by XRF / magnetic method                |
| Cross-section thickness | ASTM B487                               | Microscopical examination of cross section                |
| Base steel chemistry    | ASTM E415 or equivalent OES             | Carbon and low alloy steel analysis by spark OES          |
| Corrosion testing       | ISO 9227 / cyclic test / field exposure | Corrosion testing / salt spray / cyclic corrosion         |

| Test Need                  | Example Required Method    | Wording to Look for in the Accreditation Scope          |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Advanced coating chemistry | GD-OES / SEM-EDS / ICP-OES | Validated in-house method or specific scope description |

Procurement rule: From the laboratory, it is necessary to request not only the accreditation certificate, but also the current scope of accreditation PDF showing the relevant method and matrix.

## 2. Publicly Verifiable Institutions and Laboratories in Türkiye

| Organization                           | Accreditation / Verification   | Publicly Observed Capability   | Usage Note for ZM   |
|--|--|--|---|
| TSE – European Side Testing Laboratory | The TSE laboratory network holds national/international accreditation        | Methods such as ASTM A754/A754M, ASTM B487, ASTM B568, ASTM E415/E1085/E1086 are visible in publicly available scope summaries | Strongest candidate for coating mass, coating thickness, cross-section thickness and base steel chemistry |
| TSE – corporate laboratory network     | According to the TSE service page, 23 testing and 3 calibration laboratories | General metallic coating and material verification infrastructure  | City/site-based scope confirmation should be obtained   |
| Metaltek                               | ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory infrastructure publicly declared         | 80+ tests in metallic/inorganic/organic coatings, corrosion and durability tests   | Strong candidate for corrosive testing and coating performance studies                                    |
| Sarbak Metal Laboratory                | TS EN ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation declaration publicly available             | Analysis services and TÜRKAK assurance emphasized  | ZM-specific method scope must be additionally reviewed prior to order                                     |
| Yildiz Demir Celik Laboratory          | TÜRKAK AB-1623-T certificate publicly available                              | Accreditation visible for paint/coil-coated metal testing  | Method scope must be separately confirmed for direct ZM chemistry analysis                                |

## 3. Examples of Publicly Verifiable Laboratories / Organizations Globally

| Organization / Country                                   | Accreditation Infrastructure                        | Publicly Verified Capability  | Most Suitable Use Related to ZM                                  |
|--|---|---|--|
| Element Amsterdam / Netherlands                          | ISO/IEC 17025 accredited corrosion testing services | Coatings and corrosion testing / global laboratory network                        | Corrosion performance verification and comparative tests         |
| HTV Alter Technology GmbH / Germany                      | DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025                                | XRF metal layer thickness measurement; DIN EN ISO 3497 reference                  | Coating thickness verification                                   |
| TAZ GmbH / Germany                                       | DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025                                | GD-OES, XRF, SEM/EDX, metallography, hardness                                     | Advanced coating chemistry and microstructure investigation      |
| Malvern Panalytical analytical services / United Kingdom | ISO/IEC 17025 under UKAS                            | XRF testing services and analytical service infrastructure                        | Coating / composition supporting tests                           |
| Cortec Laboratories / USA                                | ISO/IEC 17025                                       | Broad corrosion testing portfolio   | Salt spray and specialised corrosion protocols                   |
| Tec Eurolab / Italy                                      | UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17025:2018                       | Material testing and multi-material analyses                                      | Mechanical + material verification                               |
| IMR Test Labs / USA                                      | A2LA ISO/IEC 17025 chemical scope                   | Matrices such as coatings, carbon steel, low alloy steel, zinc alloys are visible | Base steel chemistry and coating chemistry related verifications |

| Organization / Country    | Accreditation Infrastructure                          | Publicly Verified Capability                         | Most Suitable Use Related to ZM                        |
|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| EAG Laboratories / Global | Corporate ISO 17025 accreditations publicly available | Coating analysis services                            | Detailed failure analysis and coating characterization |
| SGS / Global Network      | ISO 17025 infrastructure at many facilities           | XRF and metal testing services available             | Facility/site-level scope must be requested            |
| Intertek / Global Network | ISO 17025 infrastructure at many facilities           | Metallic coating and material testing infrastructure | Facility/site-level scope must be requested            |
| Acuren / North America    | ISO/IEC 17025 and NADCAP-supported in-house labs      | Materials testing lab infrastructure                 | Mechanical/chemical verification and failure analysis  |

## 4. Global Accreditation Bodies and Directories – Verification Portals

| Body / Portal                                | Role  | How ISOTEC Should Use It   |
|--|---|--|
| ILAC MRA Signatory Search                    | Lists national accreditation bodies and their links       | Starting point for identifying which accreditation authority is valid in which country |
| TÜRKAK – e-Government accredited body search | Accredited body query in Türkiye                          | Search by organization name, accreditation no and scope keyword                        |
| UKAS directory                               | UK accredited body directory                              | Current scope verification for UK-based laboratories                                   |
| DAkKS filtersearch                           | Germany accredited body scope search tool                 | Strong tool for GD-OES / XRF / coating labs in Germany                                 |
| A2LA portal                                  | USA-based accreditation scope portal                      | Access to detailed scope PDFs of US laboratories                                       |
| IAS / other national directories             | Additional accreditation infrastructure in some countries | The relevant national body must be consulted for each laboratory                       |

## 5. Which Laboratory Should Be Chosen for Which Task?

- Coating mass and coating thickness: TSE or a laboratory with XRF/gravimetric scope should be preferred.
- Base steel OES verification: Laboratories strong in metal chemistry such as TSE, IMR, Tec Eurolab are suitable.
- Advanced coating chemistry (Mg/Al/Zn profile): TAZ or laboratories with GD-OES / SEM-EDS infrastructure should be preferred.
- Corrosive performance / pre-field qualification: Corrosion-focused laboratories such as Metaltek, Element, Cortec are suitable.
- If brand equivalence is in question, a two-stage study is required rather than a single laboratory: chemical profile + corrosion verification.

## 6. Documents to Request Before Placing an Order

- ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation certificate
- Current scope PDF showing the relevant methods
- List of instruments / methods to be used (XRF, OES, GD-OES, SEM/EDS, gravimetric, etc.)
- Measurement uncertainty and reporting format
- Sample preparation method and destructive-test information
- Written agreement on which method will be the arbitration method in case of dispute

The single most correct selection method: First write down the required test method; then choose the laboratory where that method is actually covered within the accredited scope. The institution name alone is not a sufficient criterion.

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