# ATLAS AUTOMOTIVE WEATHERING TESTING

Have you put your vehicle to the test?





## **TO TEST REAL WORLD PERFORMANCE, YOU NEED TO REPLICATE REAL WORLD CONDITIONS.**

When predicting how a car will stand up to the elements, it isn't enough to guess. You need to know. For over 75 years, Atlas has worked with nearly every major automotive manufacturer on the market today to develop comprehensive testing programs that deliver reliable results.

#### Atlas offers:

- Weathering and corrosion instruments
- Outdoor weather testing of materials, components and full vehicles
- Methodology and standards development
- Material performance tests for plastics, coatings, textiles, rubber and glass
- Consultation and client education services

### LET ATLAS DRIVE YOUR TESTING PROGRAM.



### HISTORY OF ATLAS Automotive Events Related to Materials and Durability

1908 Mass production helps popularize the automobile



1950's Use of plastics in automobiles increases dramatically for a variety of applications





Late 1970's Growth of Japanese automotive industry, largely fueled by improved quality and reliability

1915 Birth of Atlas as a provider of materials test equipment as an outgrowth of their stage lighting business



1930's Outdoor testing of automotive materials begins in the benchmark subtropical climate at South Florida Test Service 1954 Heraeus develops the first xenon-arc weathering instrument, the Xenotest 150





1977 Atlas patents the first xenon-arc instruments with controlled irradiance, the Atlas Ci65 Weather-Ometer



1980's

Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) develops test methods for automotive interior and exterior materials. These became the industry standards for 20+ years



2000's Global OEM's complete significant work on materials analyses for better weathering simulation resulting in company-specific test methods



Atlas instruments meet the new ASTM D7869 coatings testing standard



2017 The world's most advanced xenonarc instrument for standard weathering testing, the Atlas Ci4400



1980's Full-car testing is popularized by Atlas using metal halide lamps



2010's Atlas introduces the Right Light™ filter to further increase testing consistency and accuracy



2013 The compact rotating rack weathering & lightfastness tester with unique XenoLogic™ twinlamp technology, the Xenotest 440



2018 Cool-mirror technology for accelerated natural weathering

## WEATHERING TESTING FOR EXTERIOR MATERIALS AND COMPONETS

Atlas' rigorous automotive test method development process is designed to replicate real world conditions. The result is an in-depth understanding of the long-term performance of materials commonly used in the automotive industry.

#### Automotive Maximum Temperatures\*

Coating System Roof/Hood/Trunk Surfaces	.90°C
Bumper Fascia Horizontal Surfaces	85°C
Upper Exterior Door Panel	80°C
Lower Door Panel	75°C
* based upon outside ambient temp. of52°C	

## **EXTERIOR WEATHERING**

### Paint

- Gloss loss and color change
- Cracking and peeling
- Corrosion of substrate
- Scratch and mar

### **Fascias and Body Panels**

- Gloss loss and color change
- Delamination
- Scratch and mar

### Headlamps

- Yellowing
- Micro-cracking
- Delamination

#### Wheels and Wheel Covers

- Filiform corrosion
- Cracking
- Delamination

#### Glazing

- Loss of laminate adhesion
- Hazing
- Yellowing of laminates

### Weather Seals and Gaskets

- Cracking
- Seal failure
- Embrittlement

### **Engine Components**

- Corrosion
- Seal failure
- Fastener integrity

## ATLAS TESTING WILL DETERMINE HOW LONG VEHICLE INTERIOR COMPONETS WILL LAST

As thorough as we are with the car's exterior, we put just as much care and attention to detail in testing the interior. Ensuring a long lifespan of these materials and components is critical for implementing a cost-efficient design and maintaining high user satisfaction.

Automotive Maximum Temperatures*	
Rear Shelf	130°(
Body Cloth	110°(
Instrument Panel	122°
Carpet	75°(
Interior Ambient	85°(
* based upon outside ambient temp. of 52°C	

## **INTERIOR WEATHERING**

### Instrument and Door Panels/Airbag Covers

- Color change (fade, shift, chalking)
- Cracking
- Scratch and mar
- Delamination of skin to substrate
- Embrittlement

### Hard Trim

- Color change (fade and shift)
- Embrittlement
- Delamination
- Thermal failure of control knobs

### Seats

- Color change (fade and shift)
- Cracking
- Fiber deterioration

### **Carpets and Fabrics**

- Color change (fade and shift)
- Fiber deterioration
- Adhesion loss/delamination

### Center Consoles/ Overhead Console

- Color change (fade and shift)
- Coating delamination
- Scratch and mar

### Headliners

- Color change (fade and shift)
- Adhesive failure

### YOUR NEEDS DETERMINE THE DIRECTION OF YOUR TESTING PROGRAM

Atlas offers design and implementation of complete testing and durability solutions to help you meet your quality goals, validate warranty statements, avoid premature failures, save time and money, and strengthen your market position.

Our four-step approach will help you develop the right weathering testing solution for your products:

- 1. Needs assessment
- 2. Development of test methods and strategies
- 3. Failure Mode and Effects Analysis
- 4. Management of test programs

# OUR COMPLETE OFFERING OF SERVICES INCLUDES:

#### **Test Method Development**

- Test Method Review and Design
- Test Method Implementation
- Weathering Experiments

### **Education and Training**

- Technical Seminars
- Workshops
- In-House Programs
- Online Seminars







# **HIERARCHY OF AUTOMOTIVE WEATHERING TESTING**



# LABORATORY WEATHERING TESTING USING XENON ARC

Higher irradiance, better filters for maximum acceleration and correlation

### "Water Cooled" Xenon Arc Lamp

- Best simulation of natural sunlight available
- 340 nm up to 1.8 W/m<sup>2\*</sup>
- 420 nm up to 3.34 W/m<sup>2\*</sup>
- 300-400 nm up to 180 W/m<sup>2</sup>\*
- More than 10 filter combinations
   available

SUNLIGHT VS. XENON (RIGHT LIGHT™) VS. XENON ARC Right Light/Quartz (ASTM D7869) Quartz/Boro S 1.2 (SAE J1885/J1960/J2412/J2527) Irradiance (W/m<sup>2</sup>/nm) Peak Miami Sunlight Direct 0.8 0.4 0.0 310 270 290 300 320 33 엻 37 380 390 읊 280 ß 36 Wavelength (nm)



# **AUTOMOTIVE STANDARD TEST METHODS\***

equipment meets requirements of test method
 equipment not applicable for test method

TESTING FOR INTERIOR MATERIALS										
0514			Weather	Xenotest®						
UEM	lest Method	Ci3000+	Ci4400	Ci4000	Ci5000	Beta+	440			
General Motors	GMW 3414	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×							
	GMW 14162	<b>v</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>v</b>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<b>v</b>			
	SAE J1885/J2412	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×			
GM Opel	GME 60292	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>								
Ford	FLTM B0 116-1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×			
	SAE J1885/J2412	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×			
Chrysler	PF-11365	X	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×			
Volkswagen	PV1303	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>							
	PV1306	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×			
Hyundai	MS-210-05	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×			
PSA (Peugeot, Renault)	D47 1431	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×	×	×	×			
BMW	VDA 75202	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>								
Porsche	DIN 75202	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<b>v</b>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>			
SAAB	STD 3159	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×			
Daimler	DBL 5555	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>								
	DIN 75202	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>								
Volvo	STD 423-0047	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×			
	STD 1026, 82439	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>								
	STD 1027, 359	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<b>v</b>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×			
International	ISO 105-B06	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>								
	ISO 4892-2	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>								
	JASO M346	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	V	V	V	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>			
	JIS D0205	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>								
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UEM	lest Method	Ci3000+	Ci4400	Ci4000	Ci5000	Beta+	440			
Ford	ASTM D7869	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×			
	SAE J1960/J2527	<b>v</b>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<b>v</b>	V	×	×			
General Motors	GMW 14650	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	V	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>			
	SAE J1960/J2527	V	<b>v</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>v</b>	×	×			
	ISO 4892-2	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>								
	GMW 14170	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>								
Volkswagen	PV3929	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>								
	PV3930	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>								
Hyundai	MS-300-31	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×			
PSA (Peugeot, Renault)	D27 1389	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×	×			
	D27 1911 /D (2007)	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×	×			
Porsche	DIN 53387-1-A	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>								
Daimler	DBL 7399	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>								
	DBL 5555, 110_97	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>								
	DBL 5555, DIN 53231	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>								
SAAB	STD 3159	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×			
Volvo	STD 1027, 337	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×			
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	JIS D0205	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>								
	SAE J1960/J2527	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<b>~</b>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×			

# **XENON WEATHERING INSTRUMENTS**

### CI SERIES WATER COOLED XENON WEATHERING

A family of Weather-Ometers delivering the most uniform irradiance and precise temperature and humidity control. They offer the best price/sample capacity ratio in the industry.

### **Rotating Sample Rack**

 Maximum uniformity for irradiance, temperature, relative humidity and spray

### **High Irradiance Xenon Arc Technology**

- Up to 3 sun irradiance levels for acceleration
- More than 10 filter combinations to meet a variety of interior and exterior conditions

### **Multiple Wavelength and Light Monitoring System**

- 340nm, 420nm, 300-400nm
- Full Spectrum Light Monitor (FSM) option allows user to verify compliance to standards and ensure consistent light output

### **Remote Access to Live and Archived Test Data**

- WXView II provides users with 24/7 remote access to live and archived test and instrument data via web app
- Monitor multiple lab locations at once
- View all your Atlas instrument data in one central location for easy analysis

### **Simplified Lamp Installation**

- The Sealed Lamp<sup>™</sup> is a factory-sealed xenon lamp that provides the same high quality spectral power distribution as the legacy lamps with a fraction of the handling
- Available in RL/Q and S/S combinations for the Ci4000 and Ci4400

### ASTM Black Panel or ISO Black Standard Temperature

- BPT and BST can be installed simultaneously
- Independent control of BPT/BST and chamber temperature

### **Sample Temperature Measurement**

 Specific Specimen Surface Temperature (S<sup>3</sup>T) takes real-time temperature data of actual exposed samples

### Easy-to-Use Touch Screen Controller

- Multiple language capabilities Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, English and others
- 14 pre-programmed test methods and space for 10 custom test methods

# XENOTEST® SERIES AIR COOLED XENON WEATHERING

The Xenotest Series incorporates a variety of optional features to meet many global weathering test standards.

- Xenotest 440 with Right Light and ASTM D7869 compliance
- Rotating rack maximizes exposure uniformity
- Compact and economic design
- Easy programming and monitoring using online features

• DAQ through USB, Ethernet or RS-232

# **CORROSION AND SOLAR TESTING INSTRUMENTS**

### SALT FOG AND CYCLIC CORROSION CHAMBERS

- Most sophisticated and versatile lab corrosion testing cabinet available
- Replicate up to 15 environmental conditions such as:
  - + Salt Fog (or complex electrolytes)
  - + Immersion
  - + Ambient
  - + -30°C to 90°C temperatures
  - + Solution Spray
  - + Controlled RH
  - + Other customized solutions
  - + SO<sub>2</sub> injection and CASS testing capabilities





### SOLAR SIMULATION CHAMBERS

- Test individual components' ability to withstand solar radiation
- Metal Halide sunlight simulation
- Evaluation of both heat load and long-term aging
- Ensure long-term component durability

# FULL VEHICLE SYSTEMS AND CRASH TEST LIGHTING



### **FULL VEHICLE TESTING**

### **Applications**

- Solar simulation systems for material exposure testing
- High speed lighting systems for crash test photography
- Fit and finish, occupant comfort, heating/AC analysis

### **Features**

- Excellent full-spectrum match to sunlight, especially in IR region
- Efficient light source for large-scale testing
- Custom-designed for specific applications





## **GLOBAL SUPPORT & WEATHERING EXPOSURE SITES**

### **PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

- Recognized benchmark desert weathering site with high levels of UV radiation and temperature.
- EMMAQUA<sup>®</sup>/UA-EMMAQUA<sup>®</sup>/LT-EMMAQUA<sup>®</sup>, IP/DP Box<sup>®</sup>, car carousel and static testing.

### MIAMI, FLORIDA

- Recognized benchmark subtropical weathering site with high levels of UV radiation, temperature and humidity.
- Testing of full size automobiles, exterior coatings and interior components.

Source: Köppen-Geiger Climat	e Classification Map,	koeppen-geiger.vu-wien.ac.at
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Af	Am	As	Aw	BWk	BWh	BSk	BSh	Cfa	Cfb	Cfc	Csa	Csb	Csc	Cwa

**Main Climate** 

A: equatorial

temperature

B: arid

C: warm

D: snow

E: polar

Precipitation

W: desert

S: steppe

f: fully humid

s: summer dry

w: winter dry

m: monsoonal

Temperature

h: hot arid

k: cold arid

a: hot summer

b: warm summer

c: cool summer

d: extremely continentalF: polar frostT: polar tundra

### **SANARY SUR MER, FRANCE**

 Benchmark Mediterranean site for European made products.

• Warm temperate climate providing the most severe weathering conditions on the European continent.

### HAINAN, CHINA

• Popular Chinese test site for automotive testing with high levels of UV radiation, temperature and humidity.

• Testing of full size automobiles, IP/DP and exterior coatings.

### CHENNAI, INDIA

- Becoming a recognized benchmark subtropical weathering site in India with high levels of UV radiation, temperature and humidity.
- Testing of full size automobiles, exterior components and coatings.

Cwb	Cwc	Dfa	Dfb	Dfc	Dfd	Dsa	Dsb	Dsc	Dsd	Dwa	Dwb	Dwc	Dwd	EF	ET





ALC: NO THE OWNER WATER

Atlas offers more than testing instruments. From technical advice to final test method implementation, Atlas provides the support that you need when determining the right weathering testing solution for your products. For more information, please contact your local Atlas sales office or visit us at www.atlas-mts.com.



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