

From the Sublime to the Ridiculous: Life in the Fast Coatings Lane

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Sublime – Ridiculous Agenda

- Faster, Faster, Faster?
- Sublime to the Ridiculous
- Problems
- Solutions



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Why Line Tanks?

Corrosion protection

- Crude oil tanks: bottom and \approx 1 meter up the side
- Corrosive chemicals (e.g. aqueous): Whole tank

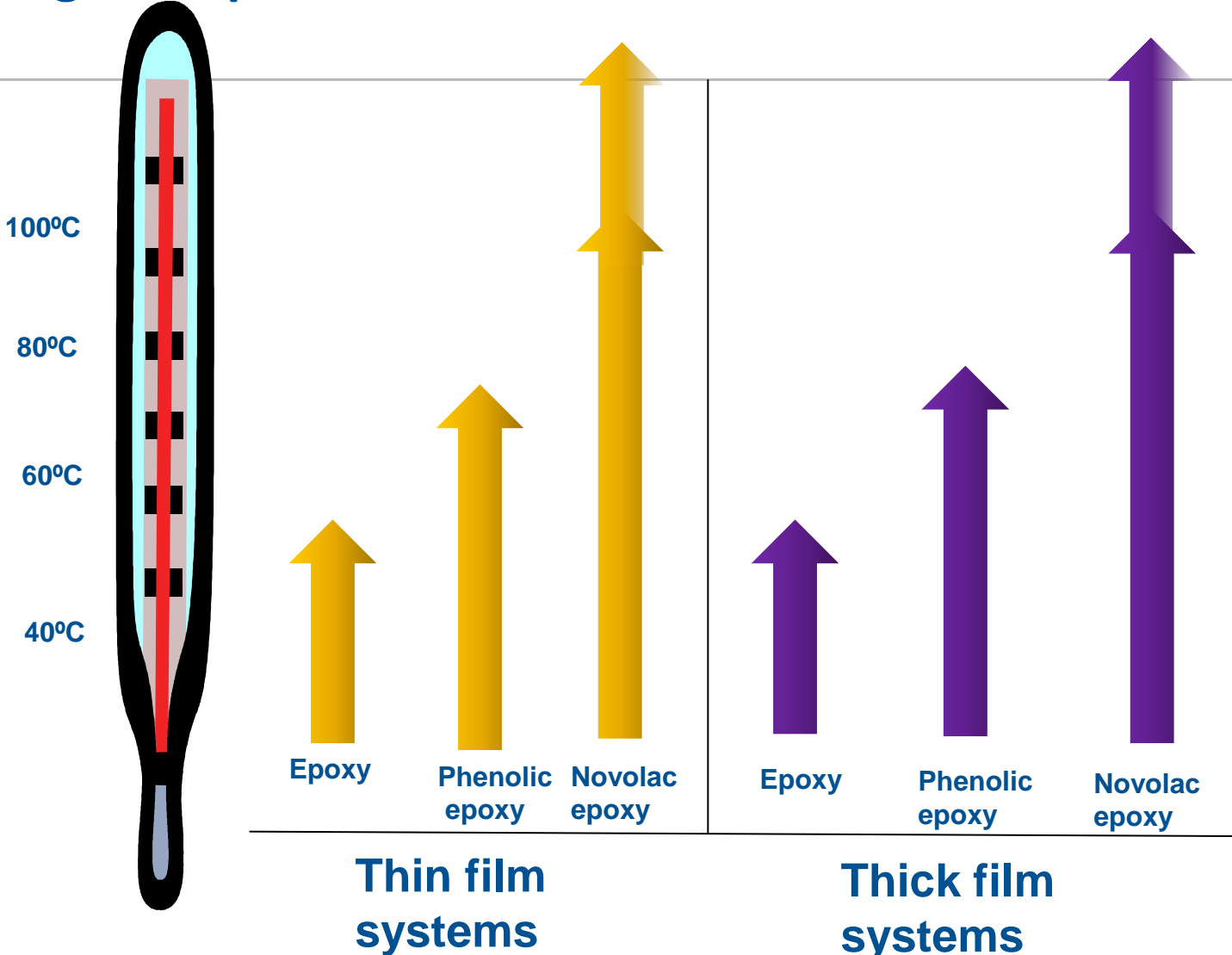
Protection of product purity

- Finished products: Line whole tank to prevent contamination with e.g. rust particles

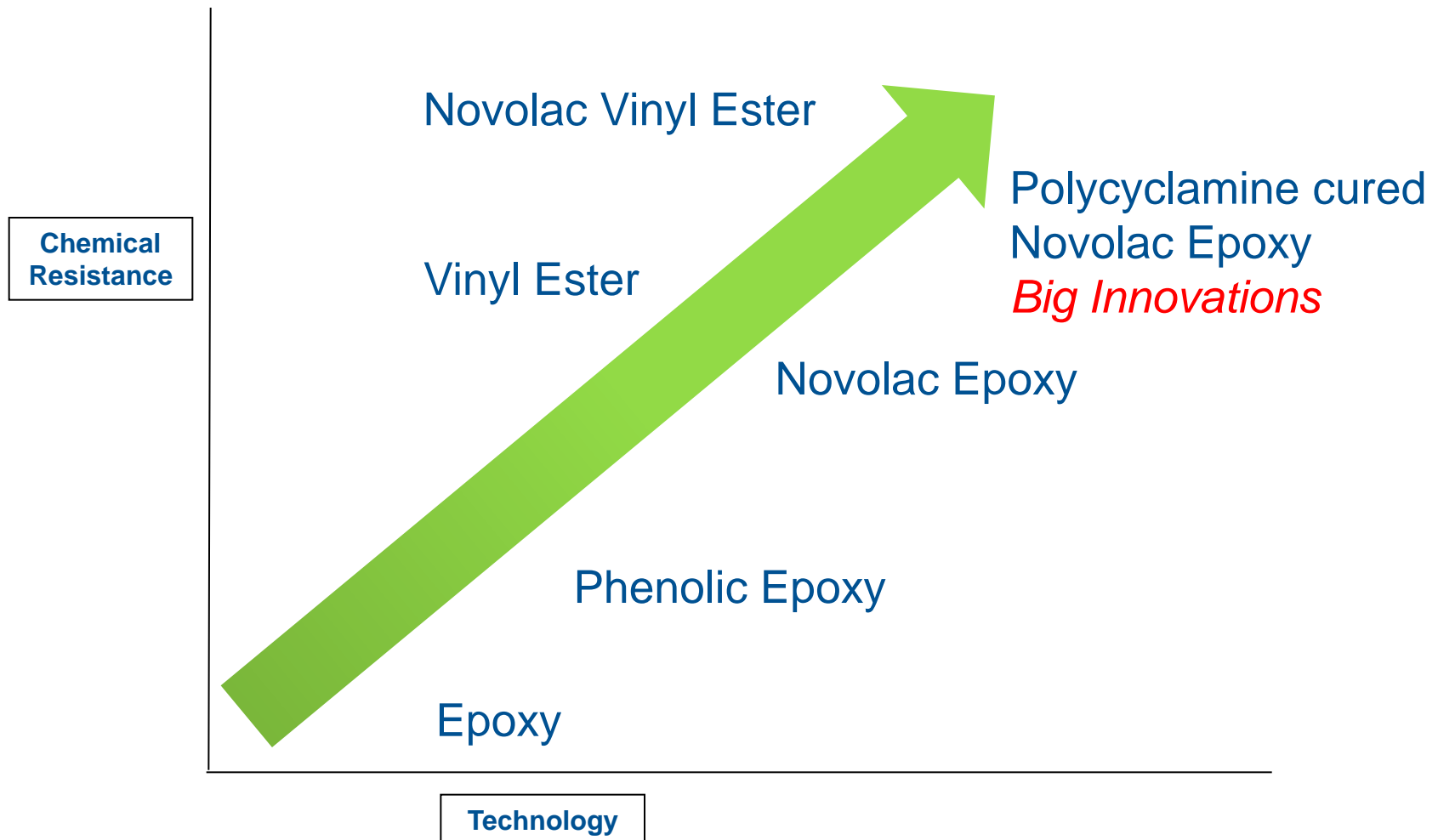
Materials Integrity

- Some chemicals e.g. ethanol, may cause stress corrosion cracking of welds \rightarrow line whole tank
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Cargo Storage Temperatures



Chemical Resistance - Lining History



Faster, Faster, Faster: Solvent-Free Epoxy Advantages

- Quick return to service
 - Usually a one-coat lining system
 - Can be applied at high film builds
 - No risk of solvent entrapment
 - No inter coat adhesion issues
 - Can save a great deal of time and labour
 - Excellent adhesion to prepared steel substrate
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Sublime to Ridiculous - Solvent-Free Epoxy Advantages

- Minimal OH&S issues
 - No worker exposure or solvent LEL concerns
 - Seen as being environmentally friendly
 - Edge Retention
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Solvent-Free Epoxy Disadvantages

- Higher viscosities of one or both components
 - Difficulty in mixing
 - Shorter pot life
 - More complicated equipment:
 - paint heaters
 - proportioning pumps
 - static mixers, etc.
 - Not for use in vessels with complex geometry
 - Lower chemical resistance
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Murphy's Law of Fast Linings – En Route to The Ridiculous

“The more complicated the equipment and the shorter the pot life, the greater the chance that things will go wrong with Solvent-Free Epoxies in the field”

Mark Dromgool, KTA Tator Australia

Application Equipment: Plural Spray



Point to Ponder

A good rate of success of some facility owners with Solvent-Free Epoxy linings, does not always translate well to other regions, contractors or owners

**Always be ready for any
surprises in life...**







Value of Stripe Coating and Possible Issues

- Very important for tank and vessel linings
 - SFE materials are not very tolerant to stripe coating
 - Film thickness control
 - Too viscous to mix properly and apply correctly
 - Elevating the temperature shortens the pot life
 - Mix ratio errors are magnified
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AHA – Perhaps Solvents are Really Good?



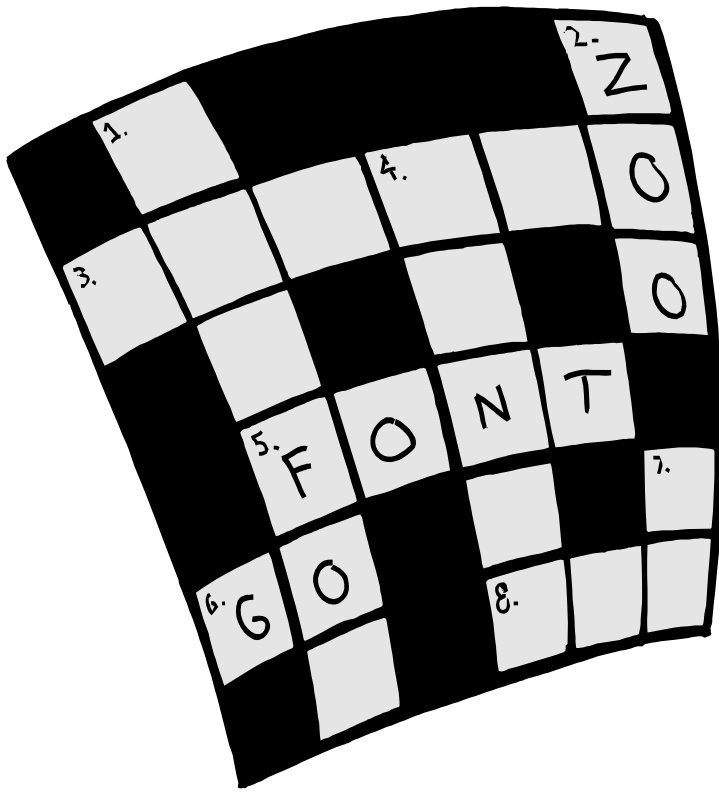
We all love solvents



Chemistry - Solvent

- The absence of solvent denies the coating of lubricity
 - Solvent provides many advantages during the mixing, induction, application, reaction, drying and curing phases
 - Solvents lower the surface tension of the coating which means better wetting of the substrate
 - Slower gelling times often lead to higher wet and dry adhesion
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Catalyzed Polymerization



- ◆ Coating cure is not simple and uniform as often depicted. Rather, it is nucleated and autocatalytic
- ◆ Like a crossword puzzle, having something makes it easier to fill-in

Solvent-Based Epoxy Features

- Easier to mix and have a longer and more usable pot life
 - Can accept some site-added solvent to help make the coating system adjust for different climatic or substrate conditions and to suit the available application equipment
 - Usually result in more uniform film build and less chances of overbuild
 - Can achieve higher crosslink densities and more complete cure due to the lower viscosity, more lubricity and hence better molecular mobility of the reactive species
 - Are much more easily handled by coating application contractors with a variety of skill levels
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Solvent-Based Epoxy Features

- Have a slower gel time after application which aids flow into the surface profile and assists release of air from the film
 - Quite tolerant of a variety of weather, substrate and other application conditions
 - Multiple coats minimise the chances of concurrent pinholes or defects
 - Have superior wetting due to the lower surface tension that the solvent brings to the resin binder
 - Apply well as stripe coats without the compromises to their chemistry and integrity due to variations in the effective induction time
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Solvent-Based Epoxy Disadvantages

- Relatively low volume solids
 - Multiple coats usually required.
 - Ventilation mandatory
 - Hazardous solvents - an OSHA issue, etc.,
 - Danger of solvent entrapment
 - Longer cure times
 - Poor productivity
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Where Do We Go Now?



Shift to New Technology Solvent-Free Epoxy Technology

The Tour De Force Solutions

Next technology Solvent-Free Epoxy Lining

Solvent-Borne Epoxy

- Multiple coats (2-3)
- Longer cure time
- Low film build

New Technology Solvent-Free Coating

- + Low Viscosity
- + Long Pot Life
- + Fast cure
- + *Single Coat*
- + Film build 15-35 mils
- + No Blushing
- + High Performance
- + High Heat resistance
- + Excellent wetting
- + *Single Leg Equipment*

Traditional: Solvent-Free Coating

- High viscosity
- Poor wetting
- Short pot life
- Plural
Equipment



*...the Best of Solvent-Free and Solvent-Borne
in 1 easy to use Lining*

Balancing Act – Judicious Lining Selection



Next Generation lining Technology

Single Leg Airless or Plural Component spray applied

- ❖ No thinning required
- ❖ No heating required
- ❖ Pot life of 70 minutes @ 77°F/25°C

Single Coat application

- ❖ Typical 10-14 mils DFT
- ❖ Flexible Lining
- ❖ No Amine Blush

Services Excellent

- ❖ FDA Approved
- ❖ Benzyl Alcohol and BPA Free
- ❖ High Temp Crude Oil

Fast Cure

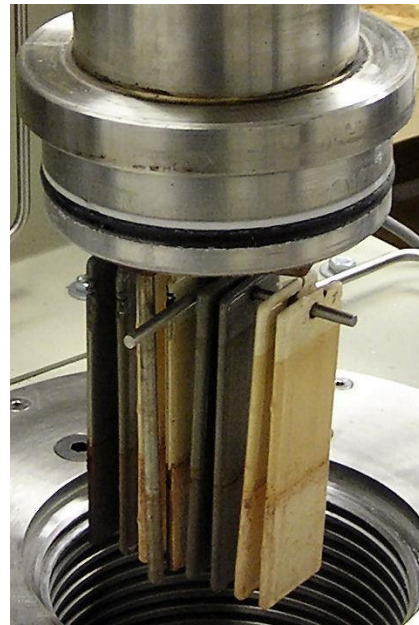
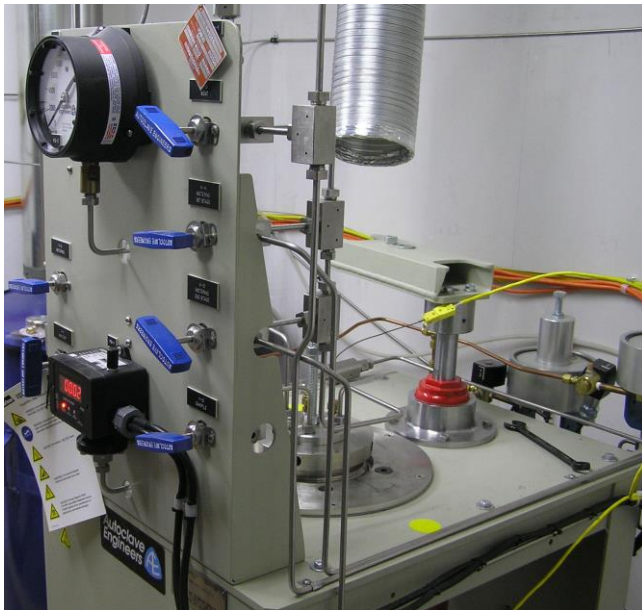
- ❖ Holiday test 5 hours @ 77°F/25°C
- ❖ Bake Schedule @150F is 2 hours

High solids, Ultra Low VOC

- ❖ 96% ±2% Volume solids
- ❖ 0.37lb / gal (45 g./Litre)

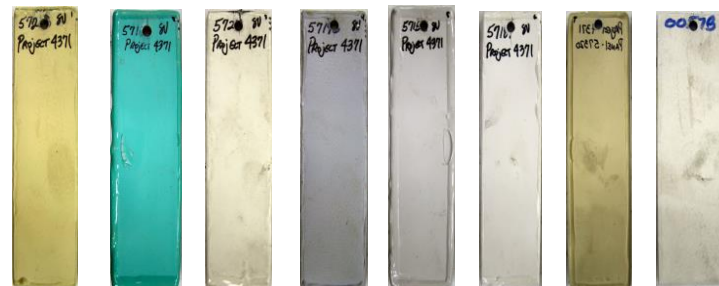


3RD Party Independent Laboratory Testing



300 °F

250 psi



Autoclave Test Results

Project Number: 0014-13-07 (Autoclave #1)
 Pressure at Normal Temp: 145±15 psi @ 120±3°C
 Pressure at Spike Temp: 210±15 psi @ 146±3°C

Gas Phase: 50% H₂S and 50% CO₂
 Hydrocarbon Phase: Toluene Kerosene @ 1:1 by Volume
 Water Phase: 75 ppm Cl⁻ in Water with pH of 3.5

Date: Jan 13 – Feb 12, 2014
 Duration: 30 Days
 Tested by: J. Cortes, S. Rao

Coatings	Sample ID	Testing Phase	Pre-Test				Post-Test						
			Thickness (mils)	Adhesion*	EIS* Ohms·cm ²	Colour	Thickness (mils)	Colour Change	Blisters	Cracks	Delamination	Adhesion	EIS Ohms·cm ²
International Paint Enviroline® 2405	E - 1	Gas	24.1 – 24.8	A	1.06×10 ¹² (Log Z: 12.02)	Near White	21.5 – 22.9	M	No	No	No	A	Not Rated
		Hydrocarbon	26.0 – 27.0				28.3 – 29.5	M	No	No	No	A	
		Water	24.7 – 26.1				29.6 – 35.9	N	No	No	No	A	
	E - 2	Gas	20.4 – 20.9				20.1 – 20.6	M	No	No	No	Not Rated	2.70×10 ⁹ (Log Z: 9.43)
		Hydrocarbon	20.6 – 22.2				22.9 – 24.8	M	No	No	No		5.23×10 ⁹ (Log Z: 9.72)
		Water	23.0 – 23.5				26.6 – 31.3	N	No	No	No		1.13×10 ⁶ (Log Z: 6.05)

*Pre-test adhesion and EIS was conducted on the un-tested reference panels.

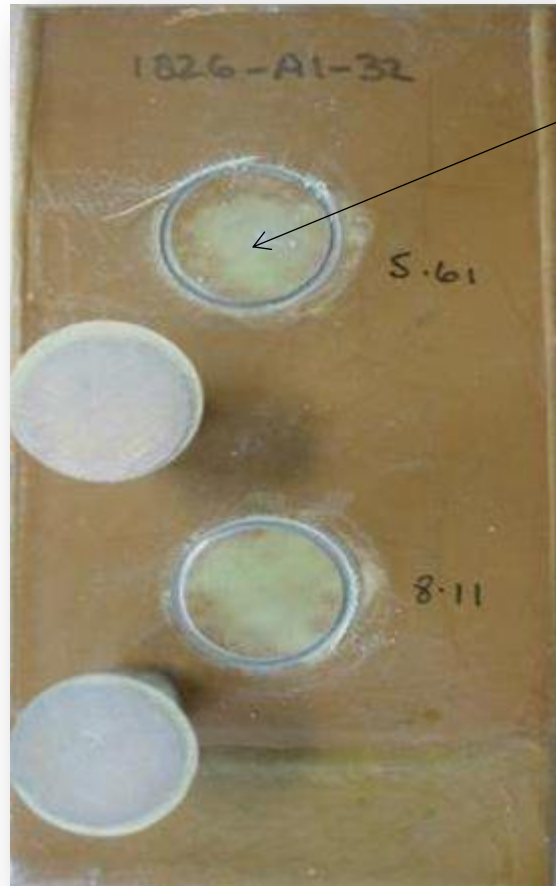
Note: After test, the pH of the water solution was about 6.0.

Rating Key:

Blistering: Rated as per ASTM D714					Adhesion: Rated as per parallel scribe					Colour Change		
Size					A - Coating may shear within itself but does not release from substrate					None(N)		
Density					B - Some metal is visible but more than 50% of the coating remains adhered					Slight(S)		
Few (F)					C - More than 50% of the coating is removed					Moderate(M)		
#2	#4	#6	#8	Medium (M)	D - All coating releases between scribes but remains firmly adhered adjacent to cuts					Severe(SE)		
Large <---> Small					F - No bond exists between coating and substrate							
Medium-Dense (MD)												
Dense (D)												

**Laboratory Testing
Deionized Water Immersion for 12 Months @ 212F/100C**

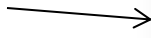
Pre Test Adhesion:
1522 psi/10.5 MPa



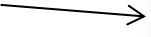
Post Test Adhesion:
1261 psi/8.7 MPa

Laboratory Immersion Testing High Temperature Crude Oil for 6 Months

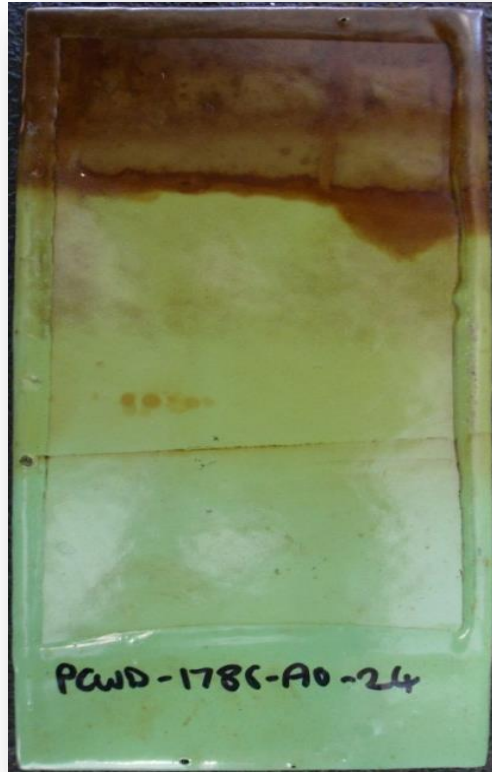
Crude Oil
Phase



Water
Phase



RESULTS:
Performed as a
liner for crude oil and water.
Absolutely no corrosion.



**Crude + 3% NaCl
@ 203°F/95°C**



**Crude + 3% NaCl
@ 203°F/95°C**

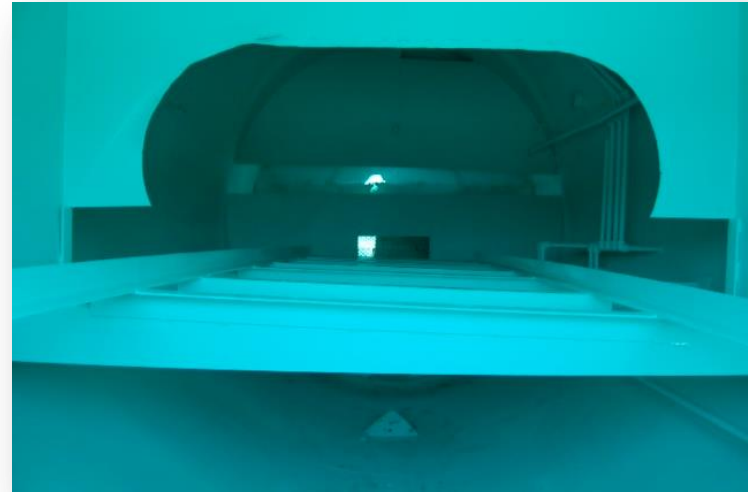
Established
Product
Comparison

Chemical Resistance

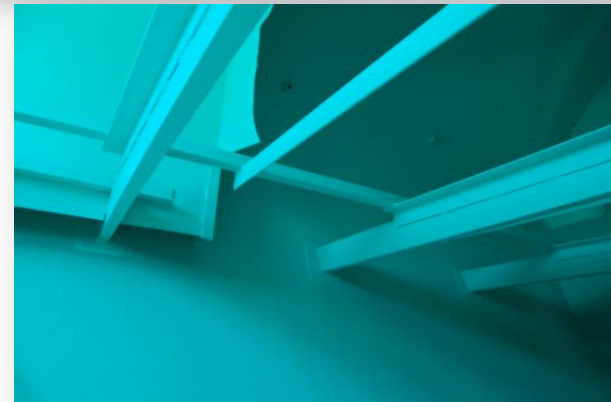
Test Type	Test Method	Specification Details	Typical Results
Immersion	ISO 2812 Part 2 – “Resistance to Corn Syrup @ 80C”	1×300µm/500µm dft applied directly to Sa2 ^{1/2} blasted steel.	No film defects following 3 months exposure.
Immersion	ISO 2812 Part 2 – “Resistance to Molasses @ 60C”	1×300µm/500µm dft applied directly to Sa2 ^{1/2} blasted steel.	No film defects following 3 months exposure.
Immersion	ISO 2812 Part 2 – “Resistance to Vegetable Oil @ 60C”	1×300µm/500µm dft applied directly to Sa2 ^{1/2} blasted steel.	No film defects following 3 months exposure.
Immersion	ISO 2812 Part 2 – “Resistance to Lard @ 60C”	1×300µm/500µm dft applied directly to Sa2 ^{1/2} blasted steel.	No film defects following 3 months exposure.
Immersion	ISO 2812 Part 2 – “Resistance to PP and HDPE Plastic Pellets @ 60C”	1×300µm/500µm dft applied directly to Sa2 ^{1/2} blasted steel.	No film defects following 3 months exposure.
Immersion	ISO 2812 Part 2 – “Resistance to Dry Flour, Sugar, Starch @ 60C”	1×300µm/500µm dft applied directly to Sa2 ^{1/2} blasted steel.	No film defects following 3 months exposure.
Immersion	ISO 2812 Part 2 – “Resistance to 5% Beers @ 60C”	1×300µm/500µm dft applied directly to Sa2 ^{1/2} blasted steel.	No film defects following 3 months exposure.
Immersion	ISO 2812 Part 2 – “Resistance to 5% Vodka @ 60C”	1×300µm/500µm dft applied directly to Sa2 ^{1/2} blasted steel.	No film defects following 3 months exposure.



Easy Maintenance Use – Complex Geometry



Applicators Comments: “One of the easiest 100% solids material I have sprayed, it has a great pot life for brushing out the welds and hard to coat areas.”



The End

