

Application Note: Tantaline® Treated Fasteners

Description

Tantaline[®] is a unique Tantalum treatment solution that can extend the life of fasteners in a wide range of aggressive chemical environments. Stress Corrosion Cracking (SCC) of fasteners is a common problem that occurs when both tensile stress and corrosion act simultaneously. Tantaline[®] treatment can prevent failures due to SCC by eliminating corrosion. Tantalum is recognized as the most corrosion resistant metal available for industrial use. Tantalum coatings applied by the proprietary Tantaline[®] treatment process provides superior corrosion resistance for extended service of a wide range of fasteners.

Benefits

The Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD) process used by Tantaline produces a uniform diffusion bonded tantalum layer that conforms to complex geometries such as threads. Tantaline[®] treated fasteners offer superior high temperature corrosion resistance compared to Hastelloy[®]*, Inconel[®]**, and Stainless Steel. It provides protection against all forms of corrosion including SCC, corrosion fatigue, and crevice corrosion in the presence of hot acids, thereby reducing failures. An additional benefit is that ease of disassembly reduces maintenance time and costs. The metallurgical properties of the tantalum surface combined with the uniform and conformal CVD layer results in a robust product that can be offered with economical pricing and short lead-times.

Availability

A wide range of styles and configurations are suitable for Tantaline[®] treatment.

FASTENER TYPE	THREAD TYPE
✓ Bolts	🗸 Unified national
🗸 Studs	coarse
🗸 Cap Screws	🗸 Unified national fine
🗸 Machine Screws	🗸 ISO metric
🗸 Threaded Rods	🗸 Special order



SUPERIOR CORROSION RESISTANCE FOR AGGRESSIVE SERVICE CONDITIONS

- ✓ Hydrochloric acid
- \checkmark Sulfuric acid
- ✓ Acetic acid
- ✓ Nitric acid
- ✓ Sour gas (H₂S)
- ✓ Chlorine
- ✓ Many other process fluids

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MARKET	TYPICAL PROCESSES	TYPICAL USES
Chemical Processing	Hot acids, wet and dry chlorine, sulfur compounds, sour gases containing hydrogen sulfide (H ₂ S) compounds	 Valve assemblies Pipe flange connections Pump body assemblies Equipment mounts Pressure vessel closures Process equipment Storage tank mounting Drilling equipment Exhaust system components Engine components Heat exchangers Motor equipment
Oil & Gas	Acid gases (CO_2, H_2S, SO_2) , ammonia (NH_3) , hydrogen cyanide (HCN), and amine derivatives	
Pharmaceutical	Oxidizing agents including hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) , bromine (Br), chlorine (Cl) and various cleaning chemistries	
Semiconductor	Strong HCl etchants, corrosive Nital (alcohol + nitric acid), byproducts of Silicon deposition process	
Mining	High Pressure Acid Leach (HPAL), Partial Oxidation (POX), Extraction	
Marine	Corrosive sea water with chlorides, dissolved oxygen (O ₂), microbial corrosion	

Key Technical Information

Hastelloy[®]*, Inconel[®]**, or Stainless Steel fasteners are susceptible to SCC and pitting especially in hot acids like HCl. Tantaline[®] treatment offers the following beneficial characteristics:

- Chemically resistant to SCC and pitting in many aggressive media and environments.
- ✓ Tantalum layer remains passivated and inert to corrosion under high temperature (>200° C) acidic conditions including concentrated hydrochloric acid (HCl) and sulfuric acid (H₂SO₄).***
- Superior corrosion resistance against wet, dry chlorine atmospheres, and other chlorinated environments.

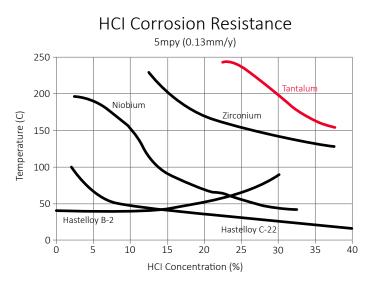
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