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## *Evaluating the Protection on Sterling Silver Tubes from 3M Silver Protector Strips and Cortec VpCI SilverBrite Papers*

**Background:** Rob Viola/Verne Q Powell Flutes Inc, submitted sterling silver tubing to Cortec Corporation. Along with the sterling silver tubing, 3M silver protector strips were submitted. A packaging solution is sought that will prevent staining/discoloration of silver products.

**Purpose:** Evaluate the protection offered to sterling silver tubing from 3M Silver Protector Strips and Cortec SilverBrite VpCI paper.

**Method:** Cortec Corporation H<sub>2</sub>S test

**Materials:** 5 sterling silver tubes  
 Cortec SilverBrite VpCI paper  
 3M Silver Protector Strips

**Procedure:** The above tests were performed according to standard procedures for each.

**Results:**

Cortec Corporation H<sub>2</sub>S Test

Material	Amount of Tarnish on sterling silver tube (%)
Sterling silver tube enclosed within 3M silver protector strips	50-60% tarnished/discoloration
Sterling silver tube enclosed within Cortec SilverBrite VpCI paper	1-5% tarnished/discoloration
Sterling silver tube enclosed within 35# neutral natural kraft paper (control)	100% tarnished/discoloration

**Conclusion:** Cortec SilverBrite VpCI paper provided the best protection to the sterling silver tubes when exposed to the H<sub>2</sub>S test.

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