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# Evaluation of Armor and Crusader Films

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**Background:** Customer submitted Armor and Crusader films and requested that the corrosion inhibiting properties be tested.

# **Sample Received:**

- 1. Armor Film, good condition, submitted 09-26-11
- 2. Crusader film, good condition, submitted 09-26-11

#### **Method:**

- 1) VIA Test CC-027
- 2) Razor Blade Test CC-004
- 3) FTIR Test CC-006

#### **Materials:**

- 1) VIA test kit
- 2) Razor Blade test kit
- 3) Perkin Elmer Paragon 1000 Spectrophotometer
- 4) VpCI-126 Lot# 30688

**Procedure:** The tests were conducted according to standard procedures for each test.

#### **Results:**

### **Razor Blade Test-Carbon Steel Panels**

| Sample   | Panel 1 | Panel 2 | Panel 3 |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Crusader | Pass    | Pass    | Pass    |
| Armor    | Pass    | Pass    | Pass    |
| VpCI-126 | Pass    | Pass    | Pass    |
| Control  | Fail    | -       | -       |

# **VIA** Test

| Sample   | Plug #1 | Plug #2 | Plug #3 |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Crusader | Grade 0 | Grade 0 | Grade 1 |
| Armor    | Grade 0 | Grade 0 | Grade 2 |
| VpCI-126 | Grade 3 | Grade 3 | Grade 2 |
| Control  | Grade 0 | -       | -       |

Note: The VIA grading system is attached to the end of the report.

### **Interpretations:**

- 1. Based on the razor blade test results, the submitted Armor and Crusader films were able to provide sufficient contact-phase corrosion protection for carbon steel.
- 2. The Armor and Crusader films did not provide vapor-phase corrosion inhibition. Both the films failed the VIA test.
- 3. The VpCI-126 film provided good contact and vapor-phase corrosion inhibition.
- 4. Analysis of the FTIR determined that the Armor and Crusader films contain carboxylates. Based on analytical evaluations, both films have similar composition which is most likely sodium benzoate and nitrite.

# VIA Test Grades (Grade 2 or 3 are passing)



Grade 0: Blind test

No corrosion inhibiting effect

Grade 1: Blind test

Minute corrosion inhibiting effect

Grade 2: Blind test

Medium corrosion inhibiting effect

Grade 3: Blind test

Good corrosion inhibiting effect







