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Attention: New Product Editor May 15, 2006 PRODUCT NEWS RELEASE

Cortec[®] VpCI[™]-373 Wash Primer Eliminates Chromate & Acid Treatments for Aluminum, Stainless, and Galvanized.

Chemists from Cortec[®] Laboratories are proud to introduce VpCI[™]-373, a low-VOC water based wash primer, specifically designed to promote adhesion on aluminum, stainless, and galvanized metals and to eliminate previously required hexavalent chromate or acidic washes. Rather than going through the time consuming, costly, and environmentally damaging process of using acids, manufacturers can simply apply a thin coat of $VpCI^{TM}$ -373, and then paint as usual. The end result is improved adhesion, more durable corrosion protection, lower environmental and worker safety impact.



VpCITM-373 Wash Primer protects aluminum against corrosion, eliminating the need for harsh chemical treatment. It dries clear and promotes

Originally developed to meet the stringent requirements of RoHS regulations in Europe and the requirements of aircraft manufacturers,

VpCl[™]-373 offers an easy-to-implement alternative to chromate or acid washes, while increasing performance, durability, and corrosion resistance of metals. Utilizing the Advanced Green Technology from Cortec[®] Corporation, VpCI[™]-373 is available in clear or green-tint and requires less than half the thickness of other coatings, offering drastic cost savings. In addition, VpClTM-373 does not contain hexavalent chromium that is commonly used as a surface treatment prior to painting; hexavalent chromium restricted and monitored by RoHS in relation to electronics manufacturers.

By incorporating Cortec's proprietary Vapor phase Corrosion Inhibitors (VpCl[™]) chemistry, VpCl[™]-373 provides unparalleled corrosion protection, virtually eliminating blistering, creepage, and adhesion problems. VpCl[™]-373 is suitable for stand-alone protection of aluminum, stainless, and galvanized metals for indoor/sheltered environments, or can be top-coated with Cortec® VpCI[™]-386 for outdoor exposure applications.

Photos: High-resolution photo of Cortec[®] VpCI[™]-373 Wash Primer available for download at: http://www.blueleopard.net/cortecdownload/373washprimer

Company Description: Cortec® Corporation is a pioneer of environmentally friendly, corrosion protection Vapor phase Corrosion Inhibitors (VpCITM) & Migratory Corrosion Inhibitors (MCI[®]) Technologies for the Packaging, Metalworking, Construction, Electronics, Water Treatment, Oil & Gas and other industries. Headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota, Cortec® manufactures over 400 products distributed worldwide. ISO 9001 & ISO 14001:2004 Certified.

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