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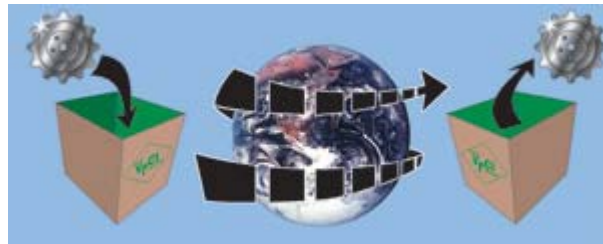
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NEW PRODUCT RELEASE

New VpCI™ Coating Gives Paper Packaging Anti-Corrosion Capability

A new anti-corrosion coating can be applied to packaging paper, liners, folding and corrugated box to make VpCI™ corrosion resistant packaging. The new coating replaces wax and barrier coating laminates used in the past to add value to flexible packaging materials. Utilizing Cortec® patented Vapor Corrosion Inhibition Technology, the new 350 AHS Coating provides up to one year of continuous protection for metal parts packaged with 350 AHS treated material.

The VpCI™-350 AHS does not alter or weaken the physical properties of the internal and underlying material. Because the new coating is nitrite-free, does not contain wax, oils, or other hazardous ingredients, it allows paper and corrugated material to retain its ability to be recyclable and repulpable.

The VpCI™-350 protects both ferrous and non-ferrous metals including steel, galvanized, copper, brass, silver and solder. In a variety of instances, it will eliminate old anti-rust treatments of oiling, grease and rust preventives used to protect finished parts. The new VpCI™ coating enables clean corrosion protection for clean metal parts. The result is that metal parts protected with VpCI™ 350 treated packaging do not require degreasing or cleaning prior to use or installation. They can simply be unwrapped, and put into immediate use. The clean VpCI™ protection saves substantial chemical and labor costs for applying and then later removing old rust preventive treatments.



To coat paper and corrugated, VpCI™-350 is applied directly to the surface of the paper, liner, or corrugated with gravure, flexo, air knife, reverse roll, or Mayer rod coaters. The coating is then dried in a warm oven or with infrared bulbs.

Photos: High-resolution photo of Cortec® 350 AHS Coating available for download at: <http://www.blueleopard.net/cortecdownload/350ahs>

Company Description: Cortec® Corporation, a pioneer in environmentally friendly packaging, metalworking, cleaning, water treatment and metal protection technologies, is located in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. ISO 9001 and 14001 Certified, they manufacture over 300 products in five plants located in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Cortec is a global supplier of innovative and environmentally friendly specialty chemicals, plastics and coated papers.

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