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Rust Prevention in Manufacturing: Simple Tips to Protect Parts and Help Your Team Work Smarter

The shop floor and assembly line can be vulnerable places for inprocess metal goods. Freshly machined metal is a magnet for flash
corrosion—when going in and out of air-conditioned QC areas or
enduring hot, humid days in parts of the shop that are not climate
controlled. Often, workers apply rust preventatives to unfinished parts
for interim protection . . . only to remove oils and greases with a harsh
chemical cleaner before the next stage of finishing is done. Cortec®
encourages manufacturers to eliminate this waste of time and materials
by getting creative with VpCI® packaging solutions.





VpCI® Packaging for Quick, Clean Rust Prevention

The key advantage of VpCI® packaging is that it is fast and easy to use with little mess—unlike the hassle and cleanup associated with greasy rust preventatives. It is also highly effective. VpCI® packaging comes in many shapes and sizes, all based on Vapor phase Corrosion Inhibitor chemistry, which only requires an enclosed space and a bare metal surface in order to be effective. Vapor phase corrosion Inhibitors emit out of their foundational VpCI® packaging material, diffuse throughout an enclosure, and adsorb (i.e.,

lightly adhere) on the metal, creating a protective molecular barrier that blocks corrosive reactions with moisture, oxygen, chlorides, or other harsh elements. When the enclosure is opened, VpCI® molecules begin to float away, typically requiring no further cleaning before the component can be used.

Get Creative: Mix-and-Match Packaging for Rust Defense

VpCI® packaging comes in many forms, allowing manufacturers to create a tailored solution that best fits their corrosion protection needs. These materials include <u>VpCI®-126</u> film and bags in many styles, <u>CorShield® VpCI®-146</u> paper, and VpCI® emitting materials such as <u>BioPad®</u> and <u>CorPak® 8-MUL Pouches</u>. Some examples of how parts can be protected between manufacturing stages are as follows:

- Line a production bin with a VpCI®-126 gusseted bag, fill with machined parts, and close the bag after each addition. Add a BioPad® if extra protection is needed.
- Sandwich layers of brake disks or flywheels between pieces of CorShield® VpCI®-146 Paper inside a bin
- Cover racks/carts of gears with CorrCap[™] VpCI[®] Protective Covers
 (customized shower-cap style versions of VpCI[®]-126 for easy
 removal and reapplication) and add BioPad[®] as an extra source of
 corrosion inhibitors.





Similar materials can be used for easy protection during shipment.



Increase Throughput + Make Life Easier for Assembly Line Workers!

Corrosion is a constant threat, but manufacturers have the privilege of choosing their weapons. Creative packaging with VpCI® materials makes inprocess corrosion protection much easier and quicker than using traditional rust preventatives by eliminating oils, greases, and the hassle of cleanup with harsh chemicals. Do you have a spot in your manufacturing process that could benefit from dry, easy to remove corrosion protection to improve your cycle time? Contact Cortec® to help your team develop a creative rust

preventative packaging solution for your in-process goods.

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