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COLDIP TRI-V 121

HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATE TECHNICAL DATA

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*A HIGH CORROSION RESISTANT "TRIVALENT BLUE-BRIGHT"
CONVERSION COATING FOR ZINC*

COLDIP TRI-V 121	is a unique, high performance, trivalent conversion coating for electroplated zinc.
COLDIP TRI-V 121	is an aesthetically pleasing blue-bright conversion coating which when applied properly will provide a finish that exceeds 175 hours of neutral salt spray to white corrosion products.
COLDIP TRI-V 121	is a cost effective alternative to high corrosion finishes in an all "trivalent" containing products.
COLDIP TRI-V 121	is an easy to use one part system that is applied by conventional immersion techniques.
COLDIP TRI-V 121	when top coated with Zinc-Chro-SHIELD or Zinc-Chro-PELLENT will provide 350+ hours to white corrosion products.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

	<u>GENERAL APPLICATION</u>	<u>GMW 3044 APPLICATION</u>
Concentration:	5% to 10% by volume	8% to 10% (Optimum 9%)
Dip time:	45 to 120 seconds	50 to 70 seconds (Optimum 60 seconds)
Temperature:	80° to 100° F (26° - 38°C)	80° to 100° F
pH	1.5 to 3.0	2.0 to 2.5 (Optimum 2.3)
Zinc deposit thickness:	Minimum 0.3 Mil (8 Microns)	8 to 16 Microns

NOTE: Dip times can vary depending upon the concentration and the age of the chromate.

MAINTENANCE ADDITIONS

Periodic titrations should be made to ensure correct concentration. If the analysis shows the proper amount of COLDIP TRI-V 121 and the pH is high, small additions of 50% by volume of nitric acid can be made to adjust the pH.

ANALYTICAL PROCEDURE

1. Pipette a 10 mL chromate sample into a 100 mL volumetric flask. Dilute to 100 mL with distilled water and mix well.
2. Pipette 10.0 mL of the above diluted solution into a 250 mL Erlenmeyer flask and dilute to 100 mL with distilled water.
3. Add 5 mL 20% Sodium Hydroxide and 1 mL 35% Hydrogen Peroxide.
4. Boil solution approximately 5 minutes.
5. Add 1 mL 10% Nickel Chloride Solution and continue boiling for an additional 2 minutes.
6. Cool solution to room temperature.
7. With mixing, add 10 mL Concentrated Hydrochloric Acid, 1 g Ammonium Bifluoride, 10 mL 10% Potassium Iodide and 2 mL Starch Indicator Solution.
8. Titrate with 0.010 N Sodium Thiosulfate Solution to a clear / green endpoint.

FACTOR: mL 0.010 N Sodium Thiosulfate x 0.338 = Percent COLDIP TRI-V 121

TYPICAL CYCLE:

- PLATE
- RINSE
- ACID PRE-DIP (0.25% TO 0.5% NITRIC ACID)
- RINSE
- COLDIP TRI-V 121
- COLD WATER RINSE
- HOT WATER RINSE
- DRY

HELPFUL HINTS

1. A Nitric Acid pre-dip is recommended to increase the life of the COLDIP TRI-V 121 solution, particularly when an alkaline zinc electrolyte is utilized.
2. Removing fallen parts from the COLDIP TRI-V 121 tank and the Nitric Acid pre-dip tank is recommended to reduce the build-up and drag-in of iron contamination. In cases where the iron has exceeded the maximum concentration, the use of COLDIP IRON CONTROL can be used to help extend the life of the chromate.
3. Although the pH for a new solution make-up may be below the recommended operating range of 1.5 to 3.0, parts can be processed since the pH will climb after only a few hours.
4. Zinc-Chro SHIELD or Zinc-Chro-PELLENT can be used in the final hot water rinse to help improve corrosion protection.
5. With trivalent chromate based conversion coatings, care should be taken to avoid excess abrasion of the parts after processing. Trivalent coatings when fractured do not "heal" as in the case of traditional hexavalent products.
6. A cold COLDIP TRI-V 121 solution will affect the corrosion resistance of the chromate film. Maintaining the working temperature at 90° to 100°F, 32° to 38°C, will help improve corrosion protection.
7. Simply by increasing the COLDIP TRI-V 121 working concentration, temperature and dwell time can improve overall consistency of color and corrosion protection.
8. Sulfuric Acid or Nitric Acid can be used to adjust the pH down in a working COLDIP TRI-V 121 solution.

HANDLING AND STORAGE

CAUTION: COLDIP TRI-V 121 is corrosive and contains chromium compounds and strong mineral acids. Contact with the skin or eyes should be carefully avoided. Protective clothing and eye shields or goggles should be worn when handling COLDIP TRI-V 121.

In case of contact, flush with large amounts of water. Remove contaminated clothing. For more detailed handling and storage instructions, please refer to the MSDS.

FREEZABILITY: As with most chemical products, it is preferable that freezing be avoided. However, if freezing should occur during transportation or storage, directions for handling the products covered in this technical data sheet are as follows:

If COLDIP TRI-V 121 freezes, warm to 95-105F/35-41C in a warm water bath. Thoroughly mix until precipitates are completely dissolved.

NON-WARRANTY

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