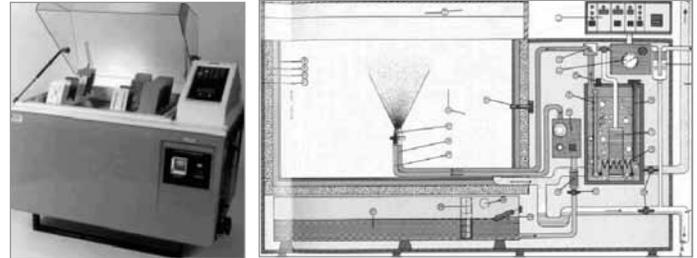


General Corrosion Data for Fastener Finishes

There are two popular tests use on fasteners to compare their resistance to corrosion. These test are conducted using procedures that allow a specifier to compare various finishes and materials in a controlled environment. The results do not relate to years of service. Here is an explanation of the tests.

Salt Spray (ASTM B117)

This test is used to compare performance of various finishes in a salt environment. This testing is conducted using a cabinet with a controlled environment consisting of fog with 5% salt solution at 95 degrees F. The test runs continuously with the specimens being visually judged every 24 hours for percent of total surface loss due to red rust along with the number of hours that have accumulated to that point.



EXAMPLE OF SALT SPRAY TEST CABINET

Kesternich (DIN 50018)

This test is used to compare performance of various finishes in an acidic environment. This testing is conducted using a cabinet with a controlled environment consisting of an injection of 0.2 liters of SO₂ gas, moisture to a relative humidity of 100% at a temperature of 400 Centigrade. This atmosphere is held for 8-hours, then the door of the cabinet is opened and ambient air is allowed to circulate through the cabinet for 16 hours. This 24-hour period comprises one full cycle. The test runs continuously with the specimens being visually judged every 24 hours for percent of total surface loss due to red rust along with the number of cycles that have accumulated to that point.



EXAMPLE OF KESTERNICH CABINET

CORROSION PROTECTION INFORMATION



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SALT SPRAY RESULTS

The chart provides general information with regard to corrosion resistance of various plating and coatings. Contact TFC for detailed information.

SALT SPRAY Per ASTM F1941 & B117 (0% red rust)

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Carbon steel and 410 stainless steel materials

Coating

Coating	Salt Spray
.00015" min. (3 um) zinc plating with clear chromate	15hrs
.0002" min. (6um) zinc plating with clear chromate	24hrs
Passivated 410 Stainless Steel	48hrs
.0003" min. (8 um) zinc plating with clear chromate	48hrs
.0003" min. (8 um) zinc plating with yellow di-chromate	120hrs
.0005" min. (12 um) zinc plating with clear chromate	72hrs
.0007" min. (14 um) mechanical zinc with clear chromate	72hrs
Epoxy (E-Coat) (ACQ Compatible)	100hrs
TRI-SEAL™ Long-life coating	1,000hrs