

ASSESSMENT AND PROBLEMS FOR AUTOMOTIVE - A TECHNIQUES FOR CORROSION & FEEDBACK FOR AUTOMOBILE

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ABSTRACT

THE EFFECT OF ZINC AND ZINC ALLOY COATINGS ON COSMETIC CORROSION AND THICKNESS OF COATINGS ON THE OUTSIDE OF AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS WAS STUDIED. THE MAIN CORROSION ON THE OUTSIDE OF AUTOMOBILES IS ON THE DOOR HEMS WHERE ZINC RICH PAINTS WERE USED WHEREAS PERFORMANCE WAS BETTER THAN IN GALVANIZED STEEL. COATING WEIGHT IN LAPPED AREAS AFFECTS THE PERFORATION DEPTH AND THE IRON RUSTS FORMED ON THE SURFACE. IN AMERICA SHOWED THAT THE PERFORMANCE OF HOT DIP GALVANIZED STEEL COATINGS IN LAPPED AREAS IS NOT AS GOOD AS THAT OF ZINC ALLOY COATINGS.

INTRODUCTION

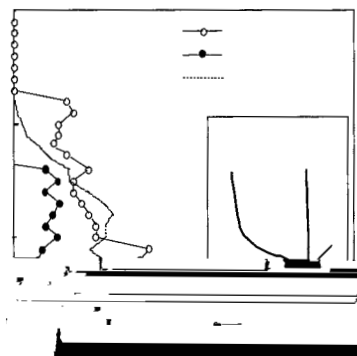
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OF CORROSION IN AUTOMOBILES IS A FACTOR REDUCING THE TRAFFIC SAFETY. IN RESPONSE TO VARIOUS TARGETS FOR AUTOMOBILE CORROSION IN THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND THE CANADIAN PROVINCES, AND SO CALLED "THREE GENERAL FACTORS" (SAFETY, FUEL ECONOMY, AND CORROSION) COUNTERMEASURES FOR AUTOMOBILES IN REGIONS WHERE A YEAR GUARANTEE AGAINST CORROSION IS REQUIRED.

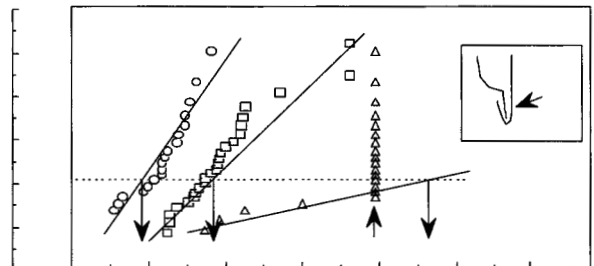
TEN YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN AUTOMOBILES AS SEVERE AS THAT IN NORTH AMERICA. IN RESPONSE TO THESE TRENDS IN AUTOMOBILES AND DEVELOPMENT OF COATING AND PAINT COATING ON STEEL SHEETS HAVE BEEN CALLED "CORROSION RESISTANCE QUALITY TARGETS". A VARIETY OF NEW ZINC ALLOY COATINGS ARE BEING USED AMONG COMMERCIAL

of the outer panel surface of the automobile body, and the effect of the coating weight is the controlling factor.

Perforation corrosion proceeds from the inner side of automotive outer panels to the outer side. Thus, when perforation corrosion is discovered by visual inspection, repair is extremely difficult. Perforation corrosion is considered the most important problem in automotive corrosion resistance. ^{5,6)} shows the cross section of a door hem in an automobile which was used for 5 years in a part of North America where deicing salt is employed. Here, in the door hem, a zinc rich primer (ZRP; film thickness: 8–10 μm) was applied on the inner surface of the outer panel, and a CRS was used as the inner panel. ^{5,6)} shows the corrosion depth profile at the inner surface of the outer panel (surface where ZRP was applied) and the inner panel (CRS) in the same part. It should be noted that the corrosion depth in the inner panel is a value corresponding to 1/2 of the total



tion, μ is a location parameter (the mode of the maximum depth of corrosion occurring at each location), and σ is a scale parameter. ⁶⁾ shows the results when the maximum corrosion depth occurring at each location on the inner surface of the outer panel in the door hem was plotted in Gumbel probability plots of the maximum depth occurring at each location. It can be understood that both the location parameter and the scale parameter increase as the use period increases. This means that the distribution of the maximum corrosion depth shifts to the large side (increase in location parameter) and deviation increases (increase in σ) as the use period is extended. ⁶⁾ shows the mode of the maximum depth of corrosion occurring in each part when analyzed by extreme value statistics (double exponential probability) for the Gumbel distribution. Assuming a sheet thickness of 0.8 mm, the perforation corrosion life of the zinc rich primer in the outer panel of the door hem was estimated at 6–7 years, and the perforation corrosion life of a hot-dip galvanized steel sheet with a heavy coating weight (120 g/m²) in a lapped side-sill part (outer) was estimated at more than 14 years.



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