

عنوان مقاله:

Corrosion Characteristics of Zn-TiO<sub>2</sub> Nanocomposite Coatings Fabricated by Electro-Codeposition Process

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خلاصه مقاله:

Zn based composite coatings reinforced with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles were fabricated via electrodeposition with 5, 10, and 15 g/L TiO<sub>2</sub> concentration under variant current densities of 0.08, 0.1 and 0.12 A/cm<sup>2</sup>. Field emission scanning electron microscopy (FESEM), energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS), x-ray diffraction analysis (XRD), weight loss measurements, salt spray technique, anodic polarization, and eventually potentiodynamic polarization tests were conducted and the corresponding findings were discussed. Rising the electrodeposition current density from 0.08 to 0.12 A/cm<sup>2</sup> for both pure Zn and Zn-TiO<sub>2</sub> coatings led to deposit more and smaller crystals and with incorporation of TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles, the morphology changed from hexagonal crystals to flake type grains. Increasing the TiO<sub>2</sub> concentration from 5 to 15 g/L, steadily lowered the TiO<sub>2</sub> incorporate rate (vol.%). Accordingly, the same smoothness and even more uniformity with smaller crystallites was observed at 15 g/L compared to that of 5 g/L. Weight loss measurements, salt spray tests and anodic polarization test showed remarkable superior corrosion resistance of Zn-TiO<sub>2</sub> (5 g/L) than that of pure Zn coating. An increase in *i*<sub>corr</sub> (μA/cm<sup>2</sup>) from 0.08 to 0.1 A/cm<sup>2</sup> occurred, followed by a decrease from 0.1 to 0.12 A/cm<sup>2</sup> for pure zinc coating. By increasing the current density from 0.08 to 0.12 A/cm<sup>2</sup> for Zn-TiO<sub>2</sub> coating, a steadily decrease of *i*<sub>corr</sub> was observed. Furthermore, by rise of TiO<sub>2</sub> (%C) from 5 to 15 g/L, *i*<sub>corr</sub> experienced a significance increase that could be ascribed to the remarkable reduction in TiO<sub>2</sub> vol.%. Ultimately, the optimum corrosion resistance belonged to the electrodeposited Zn-TiO<sub>2</sub> (5 g/L) coating deposited 0.12 A/cm<sup>2</sup> exhibiting the lowest amount of *i*<sub>corr</sub> of 2.7 μA/cm<sup>2</sup> equal to 1.6 mpy.

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Electro-codeposition, Nanocomposite Coating, zinc, TiO<sub>2</sub>, Corrosion behavior, morphology

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