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Evaluating Corrosion Inhibiting Packaging Systems for Customer

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Background: Customer's sealing system division sent ten trays of parts in plastic dunnage. Parts were wrapped using combinations of Cortec film, Armor, and/or non-VCI polyethylene (PE) film at different thicknesses.

Sample Received: Ten trays of parts, packaged and labeled by Customer

Method: Modified ASTM D-1748 (~120°F, >95% relative humidity)

Materials: Ten trays of parts
Cor-Pak EX Film
VpCI-126 Blue Film, 2- and 3-mil
Armor VCI Film, 2- and 3-mil
Non-VCI PE Film
Bubble wrap

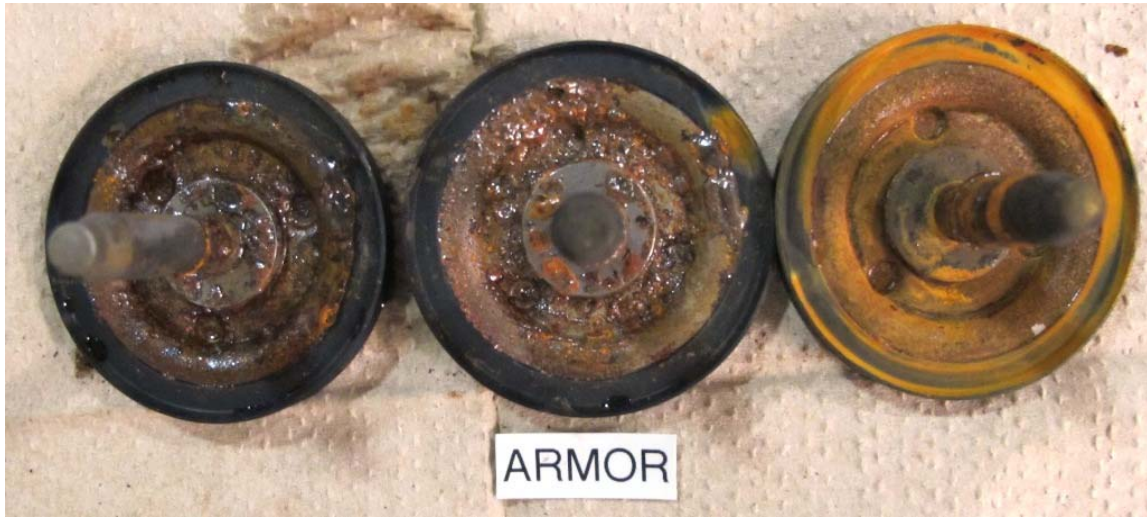
Procedure: The following procedure was used:

- 1) Trays of parts arrived in five separate boxes.
- 2) Trays were removed from boxes and outer film was secured using 3M sealing tape.
- 3) All trays were then placed into modified ASTM D-1748 humidity chamber.
- 4) Without opening the outer bags, trays were visually inspected periodically.
- 5) After 720 hours, all trays were removed from modified ASTM D-1748 humidity chamber.
- 6) Bags were opened; all parts were visually inspected and photographed.

Results: The following results were found:

Packaging System	Time to Corrosion (Hours)
Armor film only	<24
Armor/Cor-Pak EX	648
Armor/2-mil VpCI-126	432
Armor/3-mil VpCI-126	432
Non-VCI PE/Cor-Pak EX	528
Non-VCI PE/2-mil VpCI-126	528
Non-VCI PE/3-mil VpCI-126	600
2-mil VpCI-126	600
2-mil VpCI-126/Cor-Pak EX	624
2-mil VpCI-126/3-mil VpCI-126	648

Photos:









Interpretations: After 720 hours of testing, the best protection was given by 3 packaging systems: Armor film with Cor-Pak EX film, 2-mil VpCI-126 film with Cor-Pak EX Film, and 2-mil VpCI-126 film with 3-mil VpCI-126 film. The most severe corrosion was seen on parts packaged in only Armor film.