

Hex Chrome Free Coatings for Electronics

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Hex Chrome Free Coatings for Electronics (NASA-DoD)

Objective

- Evaluate and test hexavalent-chrome free pretreatments for avionics and electronics applications

Benefits

- Project builds off of previously successful NASA and DoD testing
- Reduced risk for materials obsolescence of hex-chrome coatings with the discovery of coatings that perform to the requirements for current and future Programs within NASA, the DoD and ESA
- Continue to collaborate with DoD and industry to identify and test alternatives for various applications within the aerospace community

If a qualified technology or product is implemented, it will:

- Meet environmental and safety regulatory requirements
- Reduce need to monitor for chromium exposure due to new regulations
- Decrease risk of environmental, worker and public exposure
- Reduce maintenance cost and government liability



Hex Chrome Free Coatings for Electronics (NASA-DoD)

Pretreatments

- Alodine 1600 (Control)
- Metalast HF
- Metalast HFEPA
- SurTec 650
- SurTec 650 C
- Alodine T 5900 RTU
- Iridite NCP

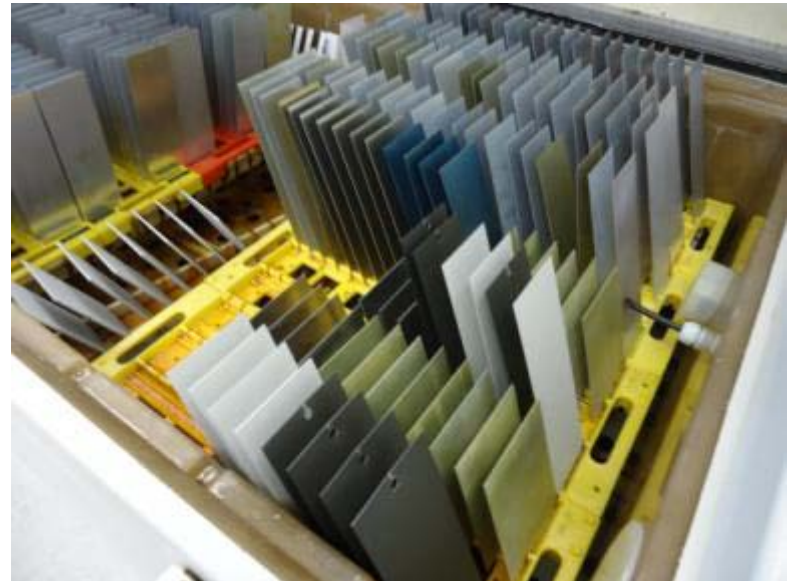
Substrates

- 6061-T6
- 7075-T73
- 2024-T3
- 5052-H32



Limited Screening Tests

- Alodine EC2
- Corrlink 30A
- Deft RECC
- UMR CeCC
- EonCoat
- PPG X-Bond 4000
- Metalast TCPCC-600P
- NANOMYTE PT-10
- NANOMYTE TC-4001
- Alodine 160/161
- Alodine 5923 Plus
- Interlox 5705





Hex Chrome Free Coatings for Electronics (NASA-DoD)

Testing {NASA KSC Corrosion Technology Lab and Beachside Corrosion Lab}

- **Salt Spray Resistance**
 - ASTM B 117
 - 168 hours
 - To failure
 - Surface Resistance (ASTM D 257)
 - Contact Electrical Resistance (81706)
- **Cyclic Corrosion**
 - ASTM G 85, Annex 5
- **18-Month Marine Environment**
 - KSC Beach Corrosion Test
- **Patti-Jr. Pull-Off Adhesion Test**
 - ASTM D 4541
- **Cross-Cut Tape Test**
 - ASTM D 3359, Procedure B
- **Wet Tape Paint Adhesion**
 - 24 Hour Immersion
 - 96 Hour Immersion at 120°F





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Panel Preparation {NASA KSC Corrosion Technology Lab}

- The panel preparation procedure was developed as part of the NASA TEERM Hexavalent Chrome Alternatives for Aerospace Project. Stakeholders participating in the Hexavalent Chrome Free Coatings for Electronics Applications Project agreed to the procedure.
1. Solvent Hand Cleaning
 - a. Ethanol {200 proof}.
 2. Mild Alkaline Aqueous Degreaser (Non-Silicate)
 - a. Chemetall-Oakite NST – (5% by volume @ 49° - 54°C for 4 minutes.)
 3. DI water rinse to water break-free. Preceding degreasing steps will be repeated until water break-free is achieved.
 4. Deoxidize Bath (Oakite LNC)
 - a. Oakite LNC (10% by volume @ ambient temperature for 3 - 4 minutes.)
 5. Rinse thoroughly using clean (5 megaohm or better) DI ambient temperature water.
 6. Take panels directly to pretreatment bath



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Salt Spray Resistance (ASTM B 117, 168 hours)

Pretreatment	Alloy	B117 @ 168 Hours		Pretreatment	Alloy	B117 @ 168 Hours
Control	6061-T6	Fail		Alternative 4	6061-T6	Pass
	7075-T73	Fail			7075-T73	Fail
	2024-T3	Fail			2024-T3	Fail
	5052-H32	Fail			5052-H32	Pass
Alternative 1	6061-T6	Pass		Alternative 5	6061-T6	Pass
	7075-T73	Fail			7075-T73	Fail
	2024-T3	Fail			2024-T3	Fail
	5052-H32	Pass			5052-H32	Pass
Alternative 2	6061-T6	Pass		Alternative 6	6061-T6	Pass
	7075-T73	Fail			7075-T73	Fail
	2024-T3	Fail			2024-T3	Fail
	5052-H32	Pass			5052-H32	Pass
Alternative 3	6061-T6	Pass				
	7075-T73	Fail				
	2024-T3	Fail				
	5052-H32	Pass				



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Salt Spray Resistance (ASTM B 117, to failure)

Pretreatment	Alloy	B117 to Fail		Pretreatment	Alloy	B117 to Fail
Control	6061-T6	4 of 5 Pass @ 168		Alternative 4	6061-T6	4 of 5 Pass @ 168
	7075-T73	Failed @ 168			7075-T73	Failed @ 168
	2024-T3	Failed @ 168			2024-T3	Failed @ 168
	5052-H32	1 of 5 Pass @ 168			5052-H32	Pass @ 1008
Alternative 1	6061-T6	3 of 5 Pass @ 168		Alternative 5	6061-T6	4 of 5 Pass @ 168
	7075-T73	Failed @ 168			7075-T73	Failed @ 168
	2024-T3	Failed @ 168			2024-T3	Failed @ 168
	5052-H32	Pass @ 1008			5052-H32	Pass @ 1008
Alternative 2	6061-T6	4 of 5 Pass @ 168		Alternative 6	6061-T6	4 of 5 Pass @ 168
	7075-T73	Failed @ 168			7075-T73	Failed @ 168
	2024-T3	Failed @ 168			2024-T3	Failed @ 168
	5052-H32	4 of 5 Pass @ 1008			5052-H32	4 of 5 Pass @ 1008
Alternative 3	6061-T6	1 of 5 Pass @ 168	*Note - All five 6061-T6 test panels as well as 1 of 5 test panels for 7075-T73, 2024-T3, and 5052-H32 for all pretreatments were used for ASTM D 257 readings. Test panels were <u>not</u> tested at the same time as the others listed in the table. Testing with these test panels was stopped after 168 hours.			
	7075-T73	Failed @ 168				
	2024-T3	Failed @ 168				
	5052-H32	2 of 5 Pass @ 1008				



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Cyclic Corrosion (ASTM G 85, Annex 5, 168 hours)

Pretreatment	Alloy	G85 @ 168 Hours		Pretreatment	Alloy	G85 @ 168 Hours
Control	6061-T6	Pass		Alternative 4	6061-T6	Pass
	7075-T73	Fail			7075-T73	Fail
	2024-T3	Fail			2024-T3	Fail
	5052-H32	Pass			5052-H32	Pass
Alternative 1	6061-T6	Pass		Alternative 5	6061-T6	Pass
	7075-T73	Fail			7075-T73	Fail
	2024-T3	Fail			2024-T3	Fail
	5052-H32	Pass			5052-H32	Pass
Alternative 2	6061-T6	Pass		Alternative 6	6061-T6	Pass
	7075-T73	Fail			7075-T73	Fail
	2024-T3	Fail			2024-T3	Fail
	5052-H32	Pass			5052-H32	Pass
Alternative 3	6061-T6	Fail				
	7075-T73	Fail				
	2024-T3	Fail				
	5052-H32	Fail				



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Combined Data

Pretreatment	Alloy	B117 @ 168 Hours	B117 to Fail*	G85 @ 168 Hours
Control	6061-T6	Fail	4 of 5 Pass @ 168	Pass
	7075-T73	Fail	Failed @ 168	Fail
	2024-T3	Fail	Failed @ 168	Fail
	5052-H32	Fail	1 of 5 Pass @ 168	Pass
Alternative 1	6061-T6	Pass	3 of 5 Pass @ 168	Pass
	7075-T73	Fail	Failed @ 168	Fail
	2024-T3	Fail	Failed @ 168	Fail
	5052-H32	Pass	Pass @ 1008	Pass
Alternative 2	6061-T6	Pass	4 of 5 Pass @ 168	Pass
	7075-T73	Fail	Failed @ 168	Fail
	2024-T3	Fail	Failed @ 168	Fail
	5052-H32	Pass	4 of 5 Pass @ 1008	Pass
Alternative 3	6061-T6	Pass	1 of 5 Pass @ 168	Fail
	7075-T73	Fail	Failed @ 168	Fail
	2024-T3	Fail	Failed @ 168	Fail
	5052-H32	Pass	2 of 5 Pass @ 1008	Fail
Alternative 4	6061-T6	Pass	4 of 5 Pass @ 168	Pass
	7075-T73	Fail	Failed @ 168	Fail
	2024-T3	Fail	Failed @ 168	Fail
	5052-H32	Pass	Pass @ 1008	Pass
Alternative 5	6061-T6	Pass	4 of 5 Pass @ 168	Pass
	7075-T73	Fail	Failed @ 168	Fail
	2024-T3	Fail	Failed @ 168	Fail
	5052-H32	Pass	Pass @ 1008	Pass
Alternative 6	6061-T6	Pass	4 of 5 Pass @ 168	Pass
	7075-T73	Fail	Failed @ 168	Fail
	2024-T3	Fail	Failed @ 168	Fail
	5052-H32	Pass	4 of 5 Pass @ 1008	Pass

Alternatives are not listed in the same order as they are listed on Slide 3

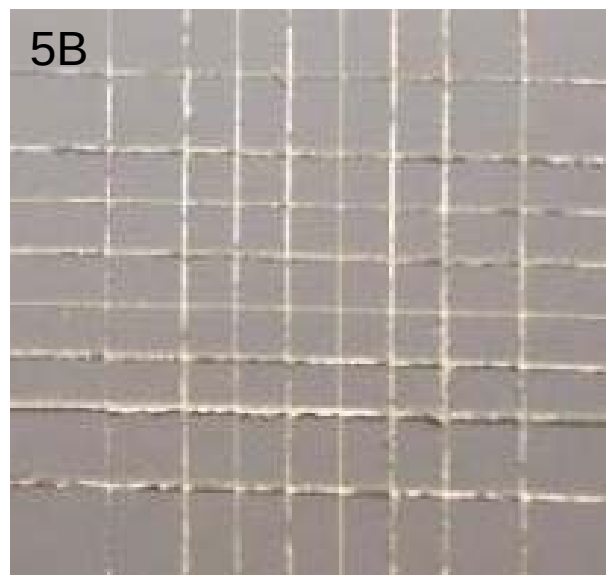


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Cross-Cut Tape Test (ASTM D 3359, Procedure B)

Primer (MIL-PRF-23377) - PPG CA7233			Primer (MIL-PRF-85582) - Deft 44-GN-07A		
Pretreatment	Alloy	Result	Pretreatment	Alloy	Result
Alternative 1	6061-T6	1B	Alternative 1	6061-T6	5B
		1B			5B
	5052-H32	1B		5052-H32	5B
		1B			5B
Alternative 2	6061-T6	5B	Alternative 2	6061-T6	5B
		2B			5B
	5052-H32	4B		5052-H32	5B
		5B			5B
Alternative 3	6061-T6	5B	Alternative 3	6061-T6	5B
		5B			5B
	5052-H32	5B		5052-H32	5B
		5B			5B
Alternative 4	6061-T6	1B	Alternative 4	6061-T6	5B
		1B			5B
	5052-H32	1B		5052-H32	5B
		1B			5B
Alternative 5	6061-T6	2B	Alternative 5	6061-T6	5B
		1B			5B
	5052-H32	1B		5052-H32	4B
		1B			5B
Alternative 6	6061-T6	2B	Alternative 6	6061-T6	5B
		2B			5B
	5052-H32	2B		5052-H32	5B
		2B			5B

5B = 0% area removed
 4B = less than 5% removed
 3B = 5 – 15% removed
 2B = 15 – 35% removed
 1B = 35 – 65 % removed
 0B = greater than 65%





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Wet Tape Paint Adhesion (24 hour immersion, ambient temp)

Primer (MIL-PRF-23377) - PPG CA7233			Primer (MIL-PRF-85582) - Deft 44-GN-07A		
Pretreatment	Alloy	Result	Pretreatment	Alloy	Result
Alternative 1	6061-T6	3A	Alternative 1	6061-T6	5A
	5052-H32	5A		5052-H32	5A
Alternative 2	6061-T6	5A	Alternative 2	6061-T6	5A
	5052-H32	5A		5052-H32	5A
Alternative 3	6061-T6	5A	Alternative 3	6061-T6	5A
	5052-H32	5A		5052-H32	5A
Alternative 4	6061-T6	3A	Alternative 4	6061-T6	5A
	5052-H32	3A		5052-H32	5A
Alternative 5	6061-T6	5A	Alternative 5	6061-T6	5A
	5052-H32	4A		5052-H32	5A
Alternative 6	6061-T6	4A	Alternative 6	6061-T6	5A
	5052-H32	4A		5052-H32	5A

- 5A = No peeling or removal
- 4A = Trace peeling or removal along incisions or at their intersection
- 3A = Jagged removal along incisions up to 1.6 mm (1/16 in.) on either side
- 2A = Jagged removal along most of incisions up to 3.2 mm (1/8 in.) on either side
- 1A = Removal from most of the area of the X under the tape
- 0A = Removal beyond the area of the X



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Wet Tape Paint Adhesion (96 Hour Immersion at 120°F)

Primer (MIL-PRF-23377) - PPG CA7233			Primer (MIL-PRF-85582) - Deft 44-GN-07A		
Pretreatment	Alloy	Result	Pretreatment	Alloy	Result
Alternative 1	6061-T6	3A	Alternative 1	6061-T6	5A
	5052-H32	3A		5052-H32	5A
Alternative 2	6061-T6	5A	Alternative 2	6061-T6	5A
	5052-H32	5A		5052-H32	5A
Alternative 3	6061-T6	5A	Alternative 3	6061-T6	5A
	5052-H32	5A		5052-H32	5A
Alternative 4	6061-T6	3A	Alternative 4	6061-T6	5A
	5052-H32	3A		5052-H32	5A
Alternative 5	6061-T6	5A	Alternative 5	6061-T6	5A
	5052-H32	3A		5052-H32	5A
Alternative 6	6061-T6	3A	Alternative 6	6061-T6	5A
	5052-H32	3A		5052-H32	5A

- 5A = No peeling or removal
- 4A = Trace peeling or removal along incisions or at their intersection
- 3A = Jagged removal along incisions up to 1.6 mm (1/16 in.) on either side
- 2A = Jagged removal along most of incisions up to 3.2 mm (1/8 in.) on either side
- 1A = Removal from most of the area of the X under the tape
- 0A = Removal beyond the area of the X

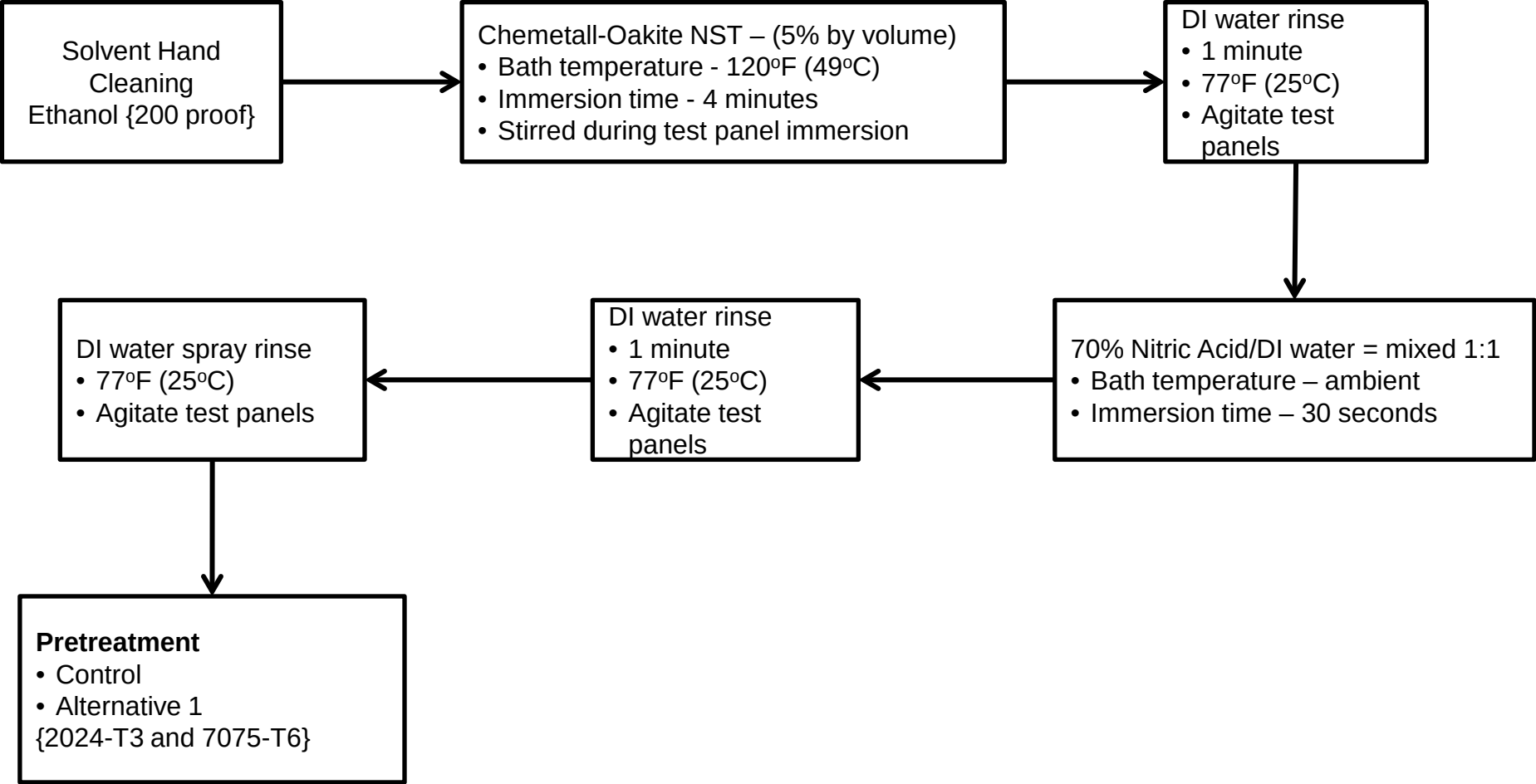


Modified Panel Preparation Procedure



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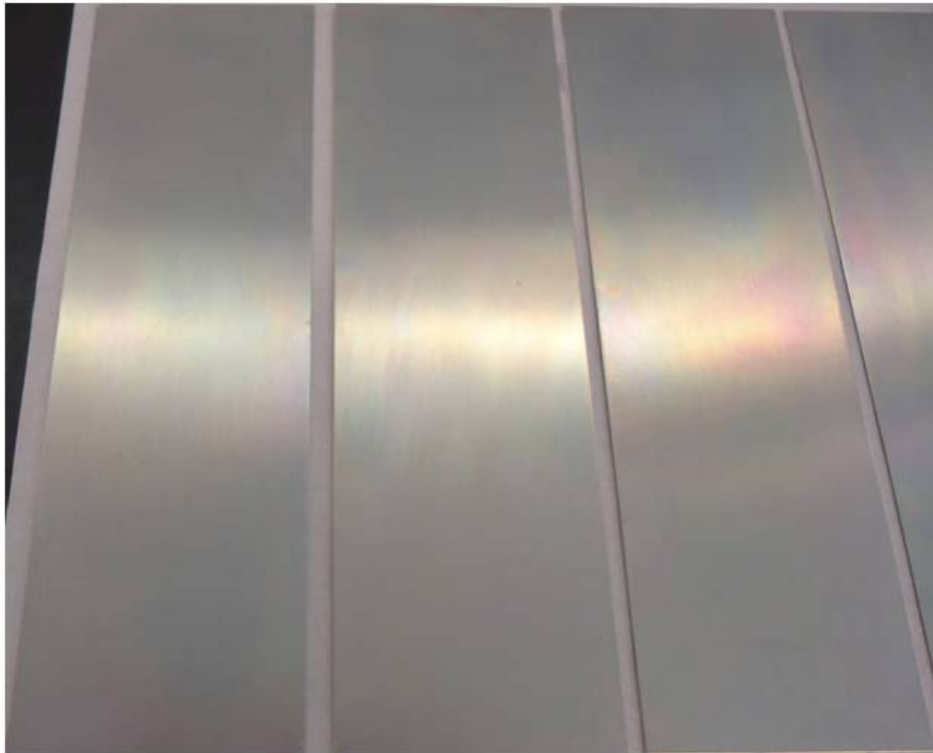




Hex Chrome Free Coatings for Electronics (NASA-DoD)

ASTM B 117 Testing

- Control performed very well on the 2024-T3 and 7075-T6 test panels through 336 hours of testing



Control – 2024-T3 – 336 hours ASTM B 117



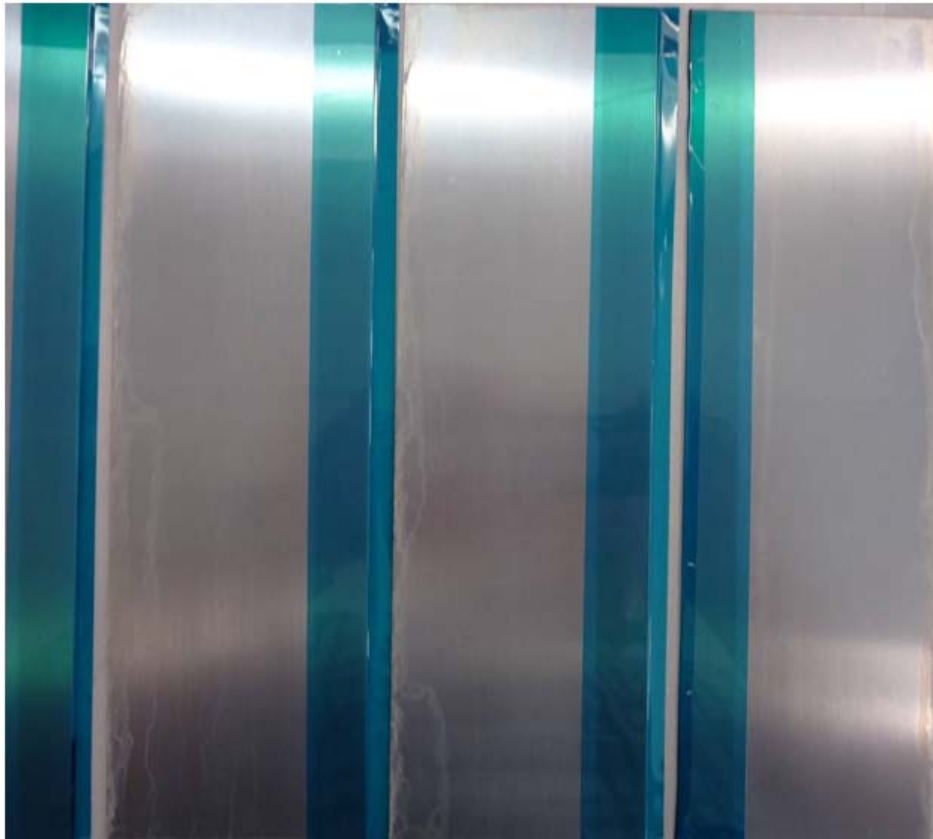
Control – 7075-T6 – 336 hours ASTM B 117



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ASTM B 117 Testing

- Alternative 1 performed well on the 7075-T6 test panels through 336 hours of testing.
- Alternative 1 did not perform well on the 2024-T3 test panels following 168 hours of testing and were removed from test chamber.



Alternative 1 – 7075-T6 – 336 hours ASTM B 117



Alternative 1 – 2024-T3 – 168 hours ASTM B 117



Next Phase of Testing



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Next Phase - Two panel prep procedures per pretreatment

Pretreatments

- Alodine 1600
- Metalast HF
- SurTec 650
- Iridite NCP

Primary Test Panel Count {2024 / 7075}

- 17 panels per alloy
- 2 alloys
- 4 pretreatments
- 2 processes

272 panels

Substrates

- 2024-T3 (136)
- 7075-T6 (136)
- 6061-T6 (80)

Limited Test Panel Count {6061}

- 10 panels per alloy
- 1 alloys
- 4 pretreatments
- 2 processes

80 panels

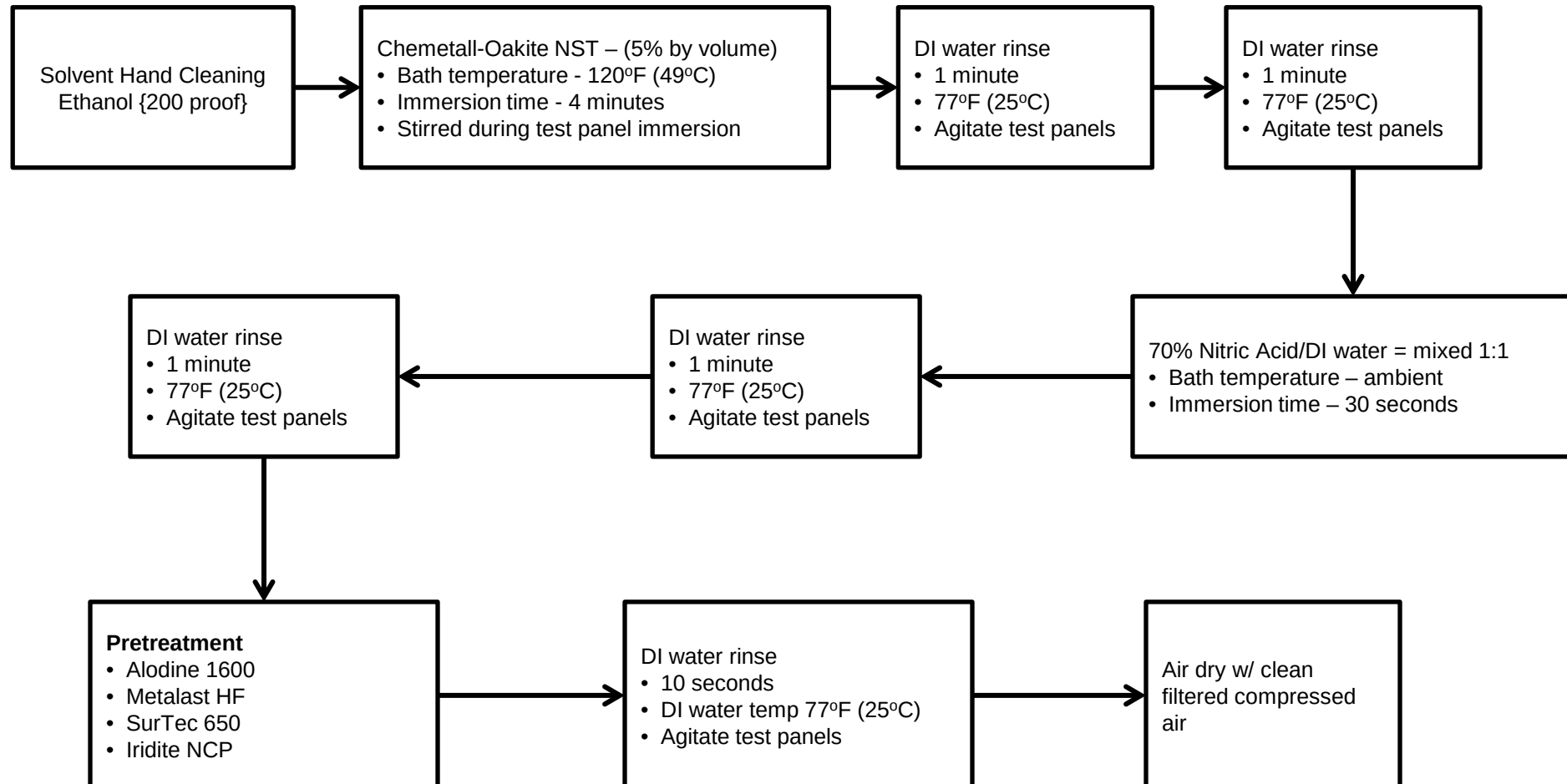
Vendor Applied Pretreatments {2024 / 7075}

- METALAST TCP-HF / HPA 100
- Deft RECC
- NANOMYTE



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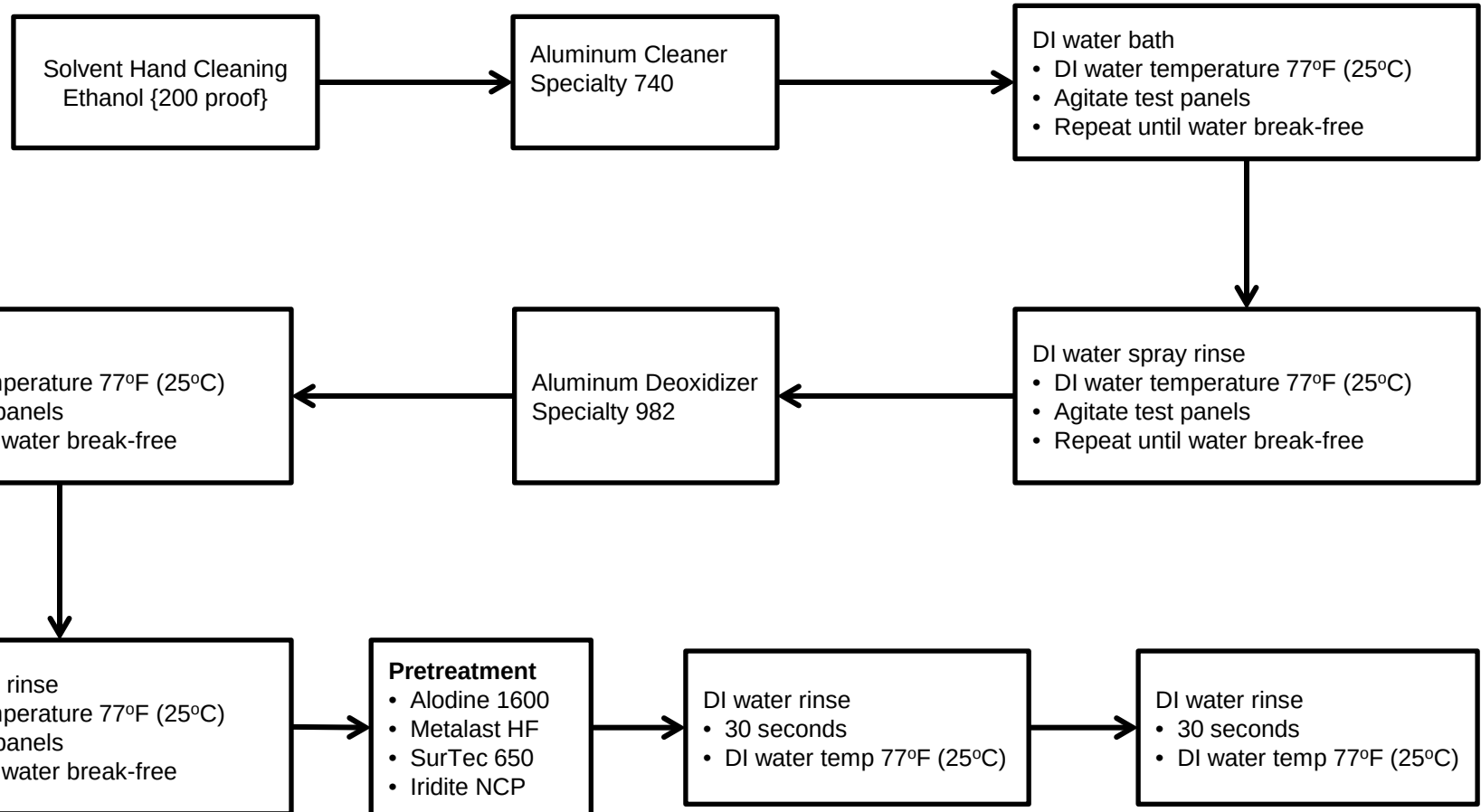
Next Phase – Process 1





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Next Phase – Process 2





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Next Phase

Testing – Primary {2024 / 7075}

- Salt Spray Resistance (5 test panels)
 - ASTM B 117 - To failure with 168 hour inspections
- Cyclic Corrosion (5 test panels)
 - ASTM G 85, Annex 5 – To failure with 168 hour inspections
- Marine Environment (5 test panels)
 - KSC Beach Corrosion Test - To failure with 168 hour inspections
- Wet Tape Paint Adhesion (2 test panels {3x5} per test procedure; 1 for each primer)
 - 24 Hour Immersion
 - 96 Hour Immersion at 120°F

Testing – Limited {6061}

- Salt Spray Resistance (5 test panels)
 - ASTM B 117 - To failure with 168 hour inspections
 - Electrical contact resistance after salt spray exposure
- Electrical Contact Resistance Without Salt Spray Exposure (5 test panels)

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