

# AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

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## Conversion Coating of Titanium Alloys Fluoride-Phosphate Type

### 1. SCOPE:

#### 1.1 Purpose:

This specification establishes the engineering requirements for producing chemical conversion coatings on titanium alloys and the properties of the coating.

#### 1.2 Application:

This process has been used typically to provide a coating which is receptive to anti-galling and organic finishes, but usage is not limited to such applications.

#### 1.3 Safety - Hazardous Materials:

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### 2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS:

None.

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### 3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

#### 3.1 Conversion Bath:

Shall consist of an aqueous solution of the following materials in the concentrations shown:

Trisodium Phosphate ( $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) Technical 6.5 to 6.9 ounce per gallon (49 to 51.5 g/L)

Potassium Fluoride ( $\text{KF} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), 2.3 to 3.2 ounces per gallon (17.5 to 24 g/L)

Hydrofluoric Acid, 1.8 to 3.0 fluid ounces per gallon (14 to 24 mL/L) of 70 weight percent HF or 2.6 to 4.4 fluid ounces per gallon (20 to 35 mL/L) of 48 weight percent HF.

#### 3.2 Preparation:

3.2.1 Masking: Remove or mask dissimilar metal inserts and mask areas not to be coated.

3.2.2 Cleaning: Clean parts to remove oil, grease, dirt, mill markings, heat treatment scale, and other soils prior to immersion in the chemical conversion bath. The use of halogenated solvents is prohibited.

#### 3.3 Procedure:

3.3.1 Coating: Parts shall be immersed in the conversion bath, maintained at  $80\text{ }^\circ\text{F} \pm 10$  ( $27\text{ }^\circ\text{C} \pm 6$ ), for 2 to 4 minutes.

3.3.2 Rinsing: Rinse coated parts in a circulating water bath, maintained at a temperature not higher than  $185\text{ }^\circ\text{F}$  ( $85\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ). Rinse time shall be not longer than 16 minutes when rinse water temperature is above  $100\text{ }^\circ\text{F}$  ( $38\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ).

3.3.2.1 Dissolved solids content of circulating rinse water shall be maintained below 200 parts per million.

3.3.3 Drying: Dry parts for not less than 30 minutes in air at  $150$  to  $200\text{ }^\circ\text{F}$  ( $66$  to  $93\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ).

3.3.4 Handling: Dried parts shall be handled with clean, dry gloves.

#### 3.4 Properties:

Coating shall conform to the following requirements:

3.4.1 Color: The coating shall be gray in color, but some variation in color intensity is acceptable.

3.4.2 Adhesion: Coating shall be adherent to basis metal when parts are wiped with a clean, cotton cloth. Heavy powdering or coating removal during wiping is not acceptable.

3.4.3 Water Spotting: Random staining, due to water spotting, which does not exceed 5% of the coated area is acceptable.