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Plating, Cadmium-Titanium

RATIONALE

AMS2419E results from a Five-Year Review and update of this specification with changes to materials (3.1), deleting "ball" as there are other anode types and deleting "filter aid, diatomaceous" as this is not referenced in AMS2419; equipment (3.2.2.1), deleting 300 series and PVC as there are other materials that can be used; deleting 3.2.7 blast cabinet as this is not auditable and the air-line requirement moved to 3.3.5.2; deleting 3.2.8 HE relief oven location as being not necessary; cleaning (3.3.5) has been fully revised; fixture/electrical contact locations (3.3.6 and ordering information) has been updated per GAB19AB; procedure (3.4.1.1) adding double plating as being not allowed as this is standard in all plating specifications; hydrogen embrittlement relief (3.5) added time limit as this is needed for Cd plating; thickness (3.6.1) add direct measurement as this has become a standard option; sampling and testing (4.3) added new wording for lot per GAB16AA; thickness (4.3.1.1) added reference to AS2390 for generic class of alloy; approval (4.4.2) updated wording; notes (Section 8) added notice regarding banned substances, products, or procedures.

NOTICE

ORDERING INFORMATION: The following information shall be provided to the plating processor by the purchaser.

1. Purchase order shall specify not less than the following:

- AMS2419E
- Plating thickness desired (see 3.6.1)
- Basis metal to be plated
- Tensile strength or hardness of the basis metal
- If preplate stress relief is to be performed by plating processor and, if different from 3.3.2, time and temperature are to be specified
- If steel parts were machined, ground, cold formed or cold straightened after heat treat (3.3.2.1)
- If steel parts have been shot peened, specify if required stress relief has been completed (3.3.2.1.3)
- Optional: Fixture/electrical contact locations, when not specified (3.3.6)
- Special features, geometry, or processing present on parts that requires special attention by the plating processor

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- Hydrogen embrittlement relief to be performed by plating processor (parameters or reference document), if different from 3.6.4
 - Quantity of pieces to be plated
2. Parts manufacturing operations such as heat treating, forming, joining and media finishing can affect the condition of the substrate for plating, or, if performed after plating, could adversely affect the plated part. The sequencing of these types of operations should be specified by the cognizant engineering organization or purchaser and is not controlled by this specification.

1. SCOPE

1.1 Purpose

This specification covers the engineering requirements for electrodeposition of cadmium-titanium on metal parts and the properties of the deposit.

1.2 Application

This process has been used typically to provide corrosion resistance to high strength steel for use in fracture critical applications such as aircraft landing gear and naval arrestor hooks at temperatures below 450 °F (232 °C) by limiting the generation of hydrogen and potential hydrogen embrittlement, but usage is not limited to such applications.

1.3 Safety-Hazardous Materials

While the materials, methods, applications, and processes described or referenced in this specification may involve the use of hazardous materials, this specification does not address the hazards which may be involved in such use. It is the sole responsibility of the user to ensure familiarity with the safe and proper use of any hazardous materials and to take necessary precautionary measures to ensure the health and safety of all personnel involved.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

The issue of the following documents in effect on the date of the purchase order forms a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The supplier may work to a subsequent revision of a document unless a specific document issue is specified. When the referenced document has been cancelled and no superseding document has been specified, the last published issue of that document shall apply.

2.1 SAE Publications

Available from SAE International, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001, Tel: 877-606-7323 (inside USA and Canada) or +1 724-776-4970 (outside USA), www.sae.org.

AMS2750	Pyrometry
AMS2759/9	Hydrogen Embrittlement Relief (Baking) of Steel Parts
ARP4992	Periodic Test for Processing Solutions
AS2390	Chemical Process Test Specimen Material
AS7766	Terms Used in Aerospace Metals Specifications

2.2 ASTM Publications

Available from ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, Tel: 610-832-9585, www.astm.org.

ASTM B117	Operating Salt Spray (Fog) Apparatus
ASTM B253	Preparation of Aluminum Alloys for Electroplating
ASTM B487	Measurement of Metal and Oxide Coating Thicknesses by Microscopical Examination of Cross Section
ASTM B499	Measurement of Coating Thicknesses by the Magnetic Method; Nonmagnetic Coatings on Magnetic Basis Metals
ASTM B504	Measurement of Thickness of Metallic Coatings by the Coulometric Method
ASTM B567	Measurement of Coating Thickness by the Beta Backscatter Method
ASTM B568	Measurement of Coating Thickness by X-Ray Spectrometry
ASTM B571	Qualitative Adhesion Testing of Metallic Coatings
ASTM E376	Measuring Coating Thickness by Magnetic Field or Eddy Current (Electromagnetic) Testing Methods
ASTM F326	Electronic Measurement for Hydrogen Embrittlement From Cadmium-Electroplating Processes
ASTM F519	Mechanical Hydrogen Embrittlement Evaluation of Plating/Coating Processes and Service Environments

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Materials

Materials used in plating cadmium-titanium are as follows:

Cadmium anodes
Cadmium oxide
Sodium cyanide
Sodium hydroxide
Titanium additive compound
Hydrogen peroxide—35% technical grade

3.2 Equipment

- 3.2.1 The rectifier shall be either generated or rectified DC current. Ripple value shall not exceed 5% as measured by dividing the root mean square of the AC voltage component by the DC voltage (see 8.9).
- 3.2.2 Tanks shall be resistant to the operating temperature and the chemical environment.
- 3.2.2.1 Plating tanks shall be made of materials that have been determined to be compatible with cadmium-titanium plating solutions.
- 3.2.3 The plating tanks to be operated at temperatures other than room temperature shall be equipped with automatic temperature indicating and regulating devices.
- 3.2.4 An ammeter shall be placed in series with the cadmium-titanium tank cathode. The ammeter shall have sufficient shunts and switches to provide a full-scale reading equal to the maximum capacity of the power source and an accuracy of $\pm 10\%$ of the current being measured.

- 3.2.5 If conventional ball anodes are used, carriers may be made of either titanium or stainless steel. Cadmium bar anodes may be used if they are cast with no central steel spline and if titanium or stainless steel hooks are used. Auxiliary or internal anodes must be of cadmium or 300 series stainless steel.
- 3.2.6 This process requires a continuously filtered bath. The filter (see 8.7) must be of a type that permits introduction of the titanium paste mixture on the filter cloth. The filter must have a plate area of 40 to 120 ft² per 1000 gallons (0.98 to 2.95 m²/kL) of plating solution. The filtration equipment must be 300 series stainless steel or have an approved type of lining such as rigid PVC or other unplasticized material. The filter cloth material should be of a high-grade chemical resistant fabric. Cotton shall not be used in this system. In addition, hydrogen peroxide additions are required (see 8.6 and 8.7).

3.3 Preparation

- 3.3.1 Unless otherwise specified, parts shall be within drawing dimension limits before plating. All machining, forming, welding, and shot peening shall be completed prior to plating.

3.3.2 Stress Relief Treatment

- 3.3.2.1 All steel parts having a hardness of 40 HRC and above and that are machined, ground, cold formed, or cold straightened after heat treatment shall be cleaned to remove surface contamination and thermally stress relieved before plating. (Residual tensile stresses have been found to be damaging during electroplating.) Furnaces used for stress relief shall be controlled per AMS2750; the minimum requirements shall be Class 5, with Type D instrumentation. Temperatures to which parts are heated shall be such that stress relief is obtained while still maintaining hardness of parts within drawing limits. Unless otherwise specified, the following treatment temperatures and times shall be used:

- 3.3.2.1.1 For parts, excluding nitrided parts, having a hardness of 55 HRC and above, and for carburized and induction hardened parts, stress relieve at 275 °F ± 25 °F (135 °C ± 14 °C) for 5 to 10 hours.

- 3.3.2.1.2 For parts having a hardness less than 55 HRC, and for nitrided parts, stress relieve at 375 °F ± 25 °F (191 °C ± 14 °C) for a minimum of 4 hours. Higher temperatures shall be used only when specified or approved by the cognizant engineering organization.

- 3.3.2.1.3 For peened parts, if stress relief temperatures above 375 °F (191 °C) are specified, the stress relief shall be performed prior to peening or the cognizant engineering organization shall be consulted and shall approve the stress relief temperature.

- 3.3.3 Parts shall be handled such that a minimum of contamination occurs during masking and racking.

- 3.3.4 Any specified residual compressive stress-inducing operations, such as shot peening, shall follow stress-relieving but precede plating. In the event of multiple plating operations, cadmium/titanium shall be the final operation. The cognizant engineering authority shall specify additional stress relief if other coatings were ground or machined.

3.3.5 Cleaning

- 3.3.5.1 Parts shall have clean surfaces, free of water breaks, prior to immersion in the plating solution.

- 3.3.5.2 Alkaline cleaning of steel parts may be done with anodic current, but steel parts shall not be cathodically cleaned.

- 3.3.5.3 All parts shall be cleaned by dry blasting using 80 to 180 grit aluminum oxide. Air lines shall be suitably trapped and filtered to prevent in-process contamination of the parts to be cleaned. Elapsed time between completion of dry blast cleaning and immersion in plating bath shall not exceed 60 minutes unless a different elapsed time has been approved by the cognizant engineering organization. Other than a quick acid dip (see 8.8.1) used for neutralization or activation after the dry blast and prior to plating, acid pickling or cleaning to remove heat scale is prohibited.

- 3.3.5.4 If parts become soiled, discolored, start to show signs of rust, or the elapsed time is exceeded prior to immersion in the plating bath, parts shall be re-dry blasted.

3.3.6 Fixture/Electrical Contact Locations

- 3.3.6.1 Except for barrel plating, for parts which are to be electroplated all over, and contact locations are not specified, contact locations shall be at the discretion of the processor.
- 3.3.6.2 For parts that are not to be electroplated all over, and contact locations are not specified, contact locations shall be in areas on which electroplate is not required.

3.4 Procedure

- 3.4.1 Parts shall be plated by electrodeposition of cadmium/titanium from a suitable plating solution (see 8.8).

- 3.4.1.1 Spotting-in and double plating are not permitted.

- 3.4.2 The cadmium/titanium shall be deposited directly on the basis metal without a strike coating of other metal except in the case of parts made wholly of corrosion resistant steel or similarly passive materials, on which a preliminary strike of nickel or other suitable metal is permissible.

- 3.4.3 Aluminum alloys may be zincate treated in accordance with ASTM B253.

- 3.4.4 Following plating, the parts shall be rinsed in cold water followed by hot water.

- 3.4.5 After rinsing in water and without allowing the parts to dry, unless otherwise specified, plated parts shall be chemically treated by a process that has been demonstrated to prevent the formation of white corrosion products. If trivalent chromium treatment is elected, it may be applied prior to hydrogen embrittlement thermal treatment (see 3.5) without subsequent reactivation retreatment, provided it has demonstrated acceptable corrosion resistance (see 3.6.3). When plated parts specifying a traditional type of supplementary treatment, such as hexavalent chromate, require post thermal treatment as in 3.5, surface reactivation and supplementary treatment shall follow hydrogen embrittlement relief.

3.5 Hydrogen Embrittlement Relief

Hydrogen embrittlement relief (baking) shall be commenced within 4 hours after removal from the plating bath. Treatment of steel parts shall be in accordance with AMS2759/9 using the parameters for cadmium.

3.6 Properties

The plating shall conform to the following requirements:

3.6.1 Thickness

Thickness shall be as specified on the drawing, determined on representative parts or, when permitted by purchaser, test panels in accordance with ASTM B487, ASTM B499, ASTM B504, ASTM B567, ASTM B568, ASTM E376, direct dimensional inspection, provided the resolution of the measuring instrument is ten times more precise than the attribute being measured, or other method acceptable to purchaser.

- 3.6.1.1 Plate thickness may be specified by AMS2419, and a suffix number as shown in Tables 1A or 1B normally designating the minimum thickness in ten-thousandths of an inch (0.0025 mm); except as indicated in Tables 1A or 1B, the maximum plate thickness shall be 0.0002 inch (0.0051 mm) greater than the minimum. When flash plating is specified it shall be approximately 0.0001 inch (0.0025 mm).

Table 1A - Plate thickness and salt spray corrosion resistance requirements, inch/pound units

AMS2419 Thickness Designation Specified	External Threads Thickness Inches	External Threads Salt Spray Resistance Hours, Min	Nuts, Washers, and Unthreaded Surfaces of Parts Externally Threaded Thickness Inches	Nuts, Washers, and Unthreaded Surfaces of Parts Externally Threaded Salt Spray Resistance Hours, Min	Parts Not Externally Threaded Except Nuts and Washers Thickness Inches	Parts Not Externally Threaded Except Nuts and Washers Salt Spray Resistance Hours, Min
2419	0.0001 to 0.0004	100	0.0002 to 0.0005	150	0.0003 to 0.0005	400
2419-1	0.0001 to 0.0003	100	0.0002 to 0.0004	150	0.0001 to 0.0003	100
2419-2	0.0001 to 0.0004	100	0.0002 to 0.0004	150	0.0002 to 0.0004	150
2419-3	0.0002 to 0.0005	150	0.0003 to 0.0005	400	0.0003 to 0.0005	400
2419-4	0.0003 to 0.0006	400	0.0004 to 0.0006	450	0.0004 to 0.0006	450
2419-5	0.0004 to 0.0007	450	0.0005 to 0.0007	500	0.0005 to 0.0007	500

Note: For thickness designations when AMS2419-X is greater than 5, plate thickness in ten-thousandths of an inch shall be X to X+2 except on external threads where the plate thickness shall be X-1 to X+2; such parts shall withstand salt spray for not less than 250 hours.

Table 1B – Plate thickness and salt spray corrosion resistance requirements, SI units

AMS2419 Thickness Designation Specified	External Threads Thickness Millimeters	External Threads Salt Spray Resistance Hours, Min	Nuts, Washers, and Unthreaded Surfaces of Parts Externally Threaded Thickness Millimeters	Nuts, Washers, and Unthreaded Surfaces of Parts Externally Threaded Salt Spray Resistance Hours, Min	Parts Not Externally Threaded Except Nuts and Washers Thickness Millimeters	Parts Not Externally Threaded Except Nuts and Washers Salt Spray Resistance Hours, Min
2419	0.003 to 0.010	100	0.005 to 0.013	150	0.008 to 0.013	400
2419-1	0.003 to 0.008	100	0.005 to 0.010	150	0.003 to 0.008	100
2419-2	0.003 to 0.010	100	0.005 to 0.010	150	0.005 to 0.010	150
2419-3	0.005 to 0.013	150	0.008 to 0.013	400	0.008 to 0.013	400
2419-4	0.008 to 0.015	400	0.010 to 0.015	450	0.010 to 0.015	450
2419-5	0.010 to 0.018	450	0.013 to 0.018	500	0.013 to 0.018	500

Note: For thickness designations when AMS2419-X is greater than 5, plate thickness in millimeters shall be 0.0025X to 0.0025 (X+2) except on external threads where the plate thickness shall be 0.0025 (X-1) to 0.0025 (X+2); such parts shall withstand salt spray for not less than 250 hours.

3.6.1.2 The plate shall be uniform in thickness on significant surfaces except that slight build-up on exterior corners or edges will be permitted provided finished drawing dimensions are met.

3.6.1.3 Thickness requirements apply to surfaces that can be touched by a sphere 0.75 inch (19 mm) in diameter. Other areas, such as surfaces of holes, recesses, internal threads, or contact areas of parts plated all over, where a controlled deposit cannot be obtained under normal plating conditions, shall show evidence of plating.

3.6.2 Adhesion

Plating shall be firmly and continuously bonded to the basis metal and shall not show internal delamination of the plating.

3.6.2.1 Plating adhesion shall be tested using one of the following methods:

3.6.2.1.1 The plating shall be scraped through to the basis metal with a sharp knife to expose the basis metal and examined at approximately 5X magnification for evidence of flaking or separation.

3.6.2.1.2 Test adhesion using the bend test, burnishing test, draw test, or heat quench test of ASTM B571.

3.6.2.2 Adhesion testing is not required for parts that are post treated by heating to at least 375 °F (191 °C), quenched, and examined for blisters or other signs of lack of adhesion.

3.6.3 Corrosion Resistance

Ferrous metal parts or representative test panels (see 4.3.3) shall show no visual evidence of corrosion of the basis metal after being subjected for a time specified in Tables 1A or 1B to continuous salt spray corrosion testing conducted in accordance with ASTM B117.

3.6.4 Hydrogen Embrittlement

The plating process shall not cause hydrogen embrittlement in ferrous metals. Testing in accordance with the requirements of ASTM F519 Type 1a using notched round specimens, unless a different specimen is specified by the purchaser, stressed in tension under sustained load is required. For test purposes, plating thicknesses shall be 0.0005 to 0.0007 inch (0.0127 to 0.0178 mm) thick measured on the smooth section of the specimen, but with visible plating at the root of the notch. Testing beyond the 200 hour test period is not required.

3.6.4.1 When approved by cognizant engineering organization, hydrogen gauge testing in accordance with ASTM F326 and an approved processor operating procedure may be used.

3.6.5 Composition

Titanium content of the plating shall be 0.07 to 0.5% by weight determined by a method acceptable to the purchaser. An alternative method is to measure the content in the plating solution.

3.7 Quality

Plating shall be smooth, continuous, free of delamination within the plating, uniform in appearance, and free of imperfections detrimental to usage of the plating. Plating shall be visually free from frosty areas, pinholes, porosity, blisters, nodules, and pits. Slight discoloration or staining is permitted.

3.7.1 The finished plating color shall range from an iridescent yellow or gold to brown to olive drab. If the chrome acid solution (see 3.4.5) is used for the supplementary coating, the resultant coating may be gray.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection

The processor shall supply all specimens for processor's test and shall be responsible for the performance of all required tests. Where parts are to be tested, such parts shall be supplied by purchaser. Purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that processing conforms to the specified requirements.

4.2 Classification of Tests

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests

Thickness (3.6.1) and quality (3.7) are acceptance tests and shall be performed to represent each lot.

4.2.2 Periodic Tests

Composition (3.6.5), corrosion-resistance (3.6.3), embrittlement, (3.6.4), and tests of cleaning and plating solutions to ensure that the deposited metal will conform to specified requirements (see 8.3) are periodic tests and shall be performed at a frequency of not less than 30 days. Adhesion (3.6.2) is a periodic test that shall be performed no less than daily for each generic class of alloy as defined by AS2390 processed during that day.

4.2.3 Preproduction Test

All technical requirements are preproduction tests and shall be performed prior to or on the initial shipment of plated parts to a purchaser, when a change in material and/or processing requires approval by the cognizant engineering organization (see 4.4.2), and when purchaser deems confirmatory testing to be required.

4.3 Sampling and Testing

Shall not be less than the following. A lot is a group of parts, all of the same part number, processed through the same chemical solutions in the same tanks under the same conditions, which have completed the chemical processing within a period of 24 hours of each other and are presented to inspection at the same time.

4.3.1 Sample Configuration

Nondestructive testing shall be performed wherever practical and authorized herein. Except as noted actual parts shall be selected as samples for tests.

4.3.1.1 Thickness

Separate test panels of same generic class of alloy as defined by AS2390 as the parts, distributed throughout the lot, cleaned, plated, and post treated with the parts represented shall be used when plated parts are of such configuration or size as to be not readily adaptable to the specified tests or when nondestructive testing is not practical on actual parts, or it is not economically acceptable to perform destructive tests on actual parts.

4.3.1.2 Corrosion Test

Panels shall be low carbon steel approximately 0.032 x 4 x 6 inches (0.8 x 102 x 152 mm) or bars approximately 0.5 inches (13 mm) in diameter and 4 inches (102 mm) long, having surface roughness not exceeding 40 microinches (1 µm).

4.3.1.3 Adhesion Tests

Specimens shall be made of the same generic class of alloy as defined by AS2390 as processed. The test specimens shall be 0.025 inch (0.6 mm) minimum thickness and not less than 1 x 4 inches (25 x 102 mm).

4.3.2 For acceptance tests

Test samples shall be selected from all parts in the lot, unless purchaser specifies a sampling plan; the minimum number of samples shall be as shown in Table 2.

Table 2 - Sampling for acceptance tests

Number of Parts		Quality	Thickness
In Lot			
1 to	6	All	3
7 to	15	7	4
16 to	40	10	4
41 to	110	15	5
111 to	300	25	6
301 to	500	35	7
501 to	700	50	8
701 to	1200	75	10
Over	1200	125	15