

Standardized Corrosion Testing

Southwest Research Institute® (SwRI®) has over 20 years of experience in addressing industrial corrosion problems. SwRI has extensive test facilities and state-of-the-art instrumentation to assess all aspects of corrosion and materials failure. Corrosion research is supported by a multidisciplinary group of engineers, scientists and technical staff who offer a comprehensive approach to solving corrosion problems in government and industry.

Customized tests designed to meet client specifications enable Institute engineers to address the long- and short-term needs of the client and provide flexibility in testing. SwRI engineers can offer a broad-based view of corrosion through long-term exposure testing, materials selection and life prediction studies, and failure evaluation.

Electrochemical Testing

The Environmental Performance of Materials (EPM) Laboratory at SwRI has the latest electrochemical instrumentation capable of monitoring materials performance in corrosive environments. SwRI's electrochemical testing program capabilities include testing and evaluation of corrosion rates, galvanic corrosion, uniform corrosion, impedance and pitting. Using data generated from these studies, SwRI scientists and engineers analyze corrosion mechanisms and develop innovative solutions to mitigate the effects of corrosion in industrial situations.

Sour Gas Testing

Through the Institute's sour gas testing program, SwRI scientists and engineers provide solutions to the oil and gas industry's down-hole production issues that arise from stress corrosion cracking. H₂S / sour gas testing is carried out in both gaseous and aqueous environments in a variety of configurations



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The testing and evaluation of corrosion rate, galvanic corrosion, uniform corrosion, impedance and pitting corrosion are a few examples of the extensive testing capabilities of SwRI's electrochemical testing program.



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High pressure high temperature (HPHT) testing can be performed to determine stress cracking and/or mass loss corrosion effects under H₂S, CO₂ or other gaseous environments. Testing can be performed up to 650 F and 20,000 psi.

including static, slow strain rate, tensile, fatigue and creep. SwRI offers an array of H₂S and high-pressure testing. In addition to H₂S, the testing environment may also include CO₂, CH₄ and/or N₂.

ASTM, NACE and Standardized Testing

The EPM Lab routinely performs ASTM, NACE and other standardized testing. In the lab's atmospheric corrosion testing program, routine tests include:

- GM9540P – accelerated corrosion test
- SAE J2334 – laboratory cyclic corrosion test
- ASTM B117 – salt fog test



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Stress cracking evaluations performed using C-ring configuration. Samples are immersed in a simulated solution and evaluated for cracking after testing to determine the environmental response.

These tests are customarily used in the military and the automotive industry to assess the performance of coatings and materials when exposed to cyclic conditions that promote corrosion in the field.

Atmospheric Corrosion Testing

Through the EPM Lab's atmospheric corrosion testing program, SwRI engineers can establish the long-term performance of materials. Under environmental conditions simulated within the lab's two cyclic corrosion chambers, SwRI engineers can determine how factors such as humidity, precipitation and heat influence galvanic effects, pitting, stress corrosion cracking, coatings performance and materials degradation.



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Precipitation and particulate chemistry, wet and dry deposition, and cyclic corrosion are some of the important factors measurable using the EPM Lab's two environmental corrosion chambers.



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SwRI's 10,000-square-foot Environmental Performance of Materials Lab can accommodate a wide variety of tests to solve industrial-related corrosion problems.



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Slow strain rate (SSR) testing capabilities to determine cracking susceptibility in various environments including high pressure and high temperature.



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