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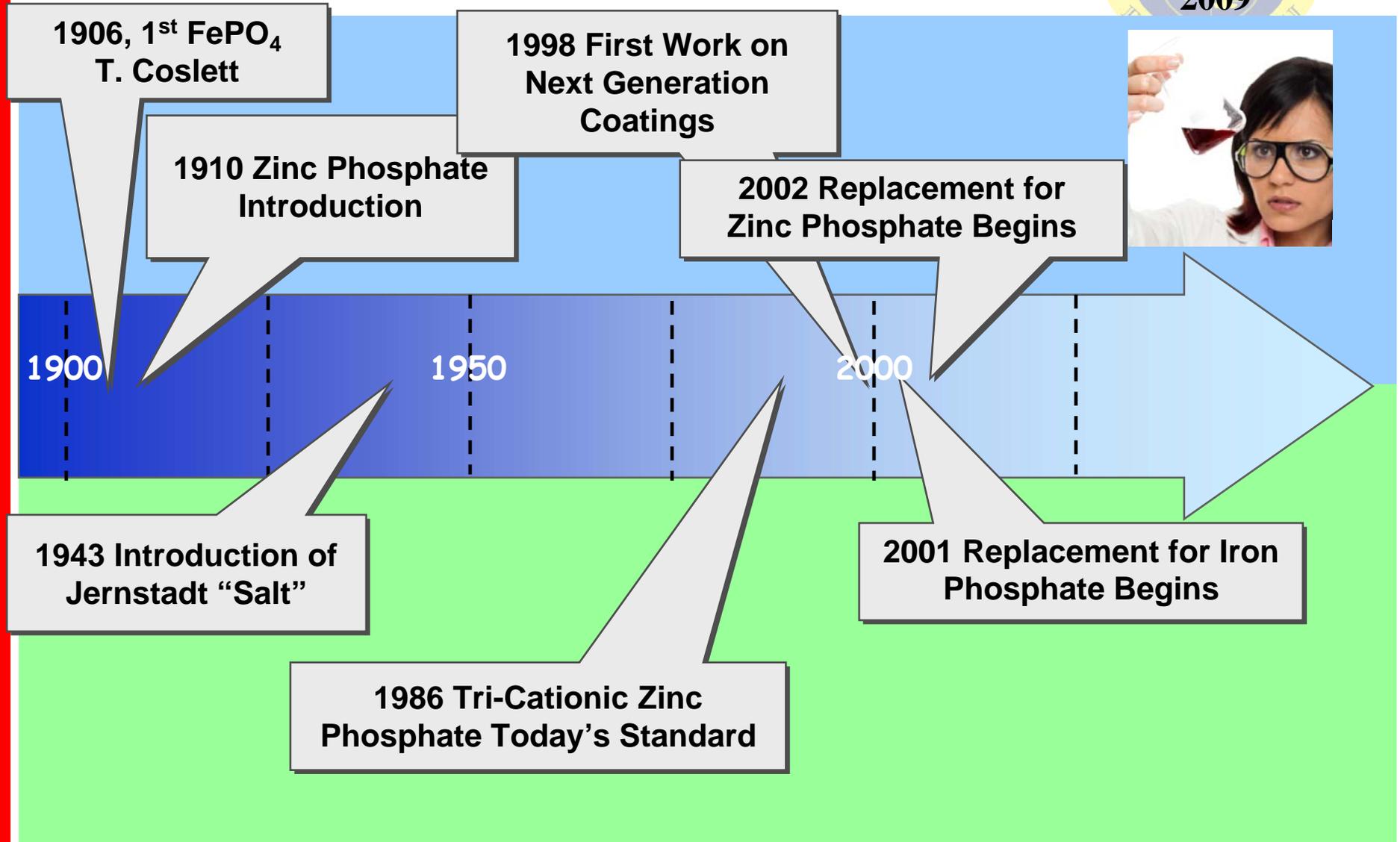
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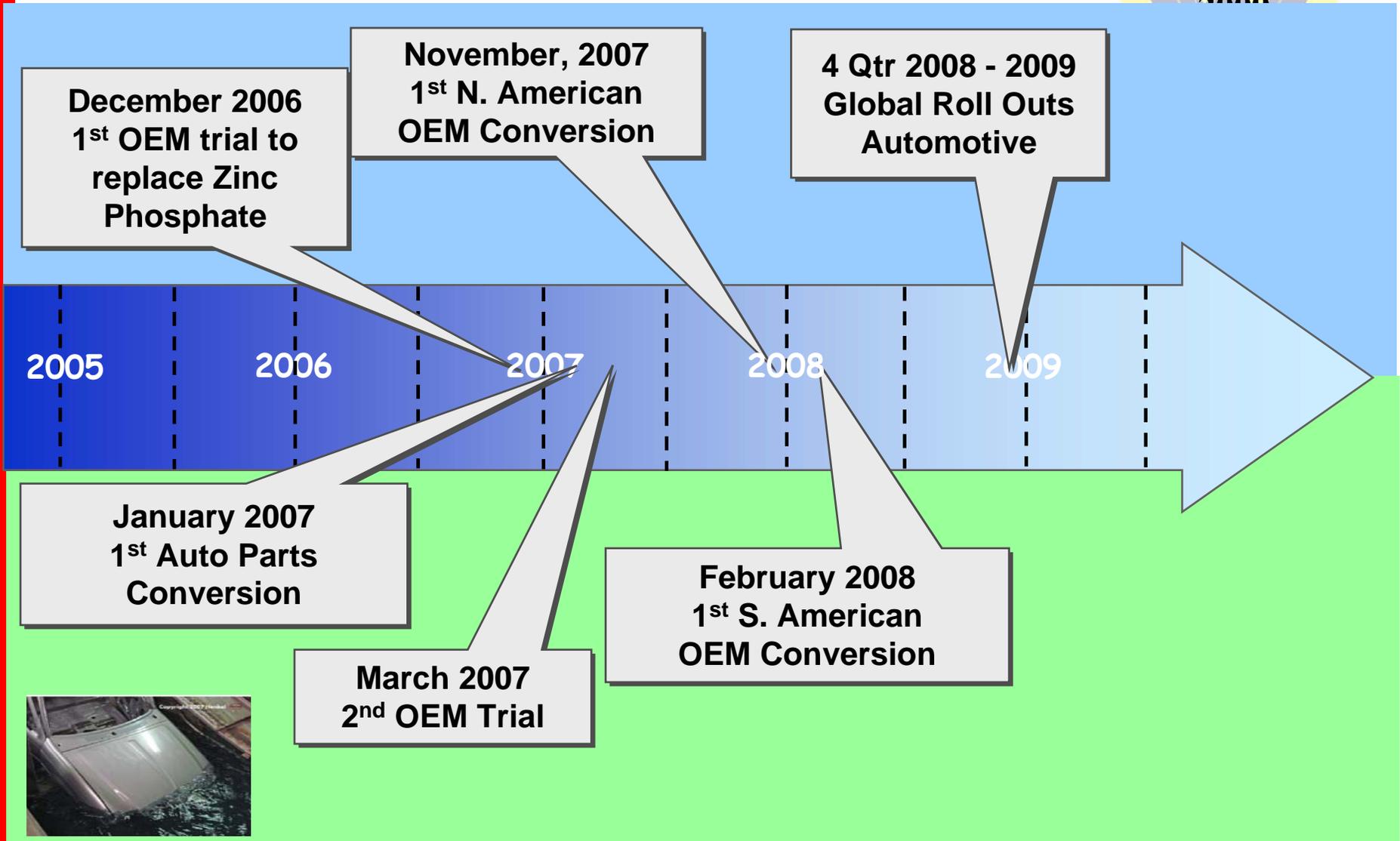
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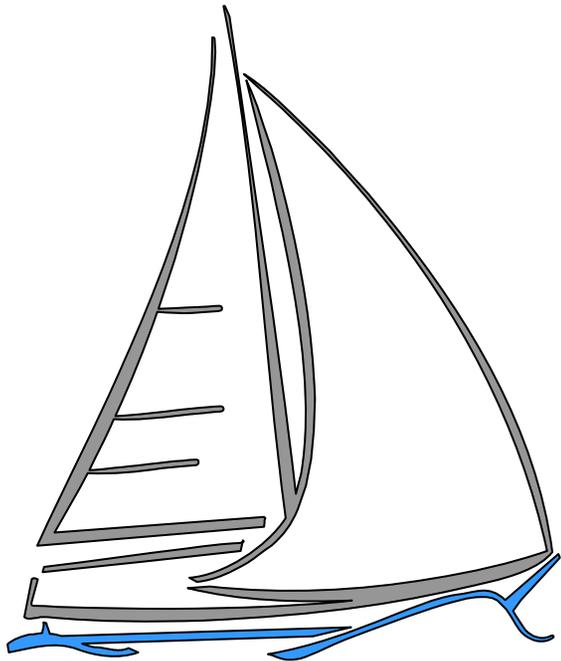
A Historical Perspective on Metal Pretreatment



Historical Perspective of Metal Pretreatment



Why the trend to Change? Significantly Strong Headwinds



Headwinds

- ← Raw material price volatility
- ← Increased logistics and transportation costs
- ← Increased Energy costs
- ← Credit crunch
- ← Increased inflation
- ← Consumer Confidence Index 5-year low
- ← Environmental Impact

New Generation Coatings

Objective: Eliminate conventional iron and zinc pretreatment systems



Features:

- Phosphate-free
- Zirconium is not a regulated metal
- Operates at ambient temperature
- Generates very little sludge

Benefits:

- Comply with ever-tightening municipality restrictions
- Minimize waste treatment costs; eliminate need for sludge hauling and clean-outs
- Significantly reduce energy costs
- Lowers operating costs and improves reject rates

- New Generation Coatings are a reactive, rinsable pretreatment that can be used on steel, zinc, and aluminum surfaces.
- New Generation Coatings offer the adhesion and corrosion protection on painted metal surfaces

New Generation Coatings Achieved Pretreatment Goals



Process Cost

- **Shorten Line**
- **Reduce Water Usage**
- **Reduce Energy Consumption**

Environment

- **Eliminate Phosphate**
- **Significant Sludge Reduction**
- **Reduce Heavy Metals**

Performance

- **Meet Customer Specifications**

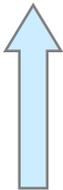
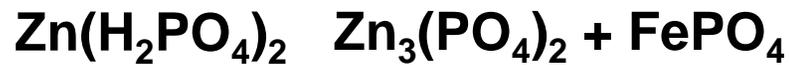
Research & Development

Reaction Chemistry



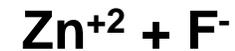
Zinc Phosphate Solution
~50% Efficient in the use of Zn

Solid by-products
Solid Waste!



NGC Solution
~99% Efficient in the use of the bath

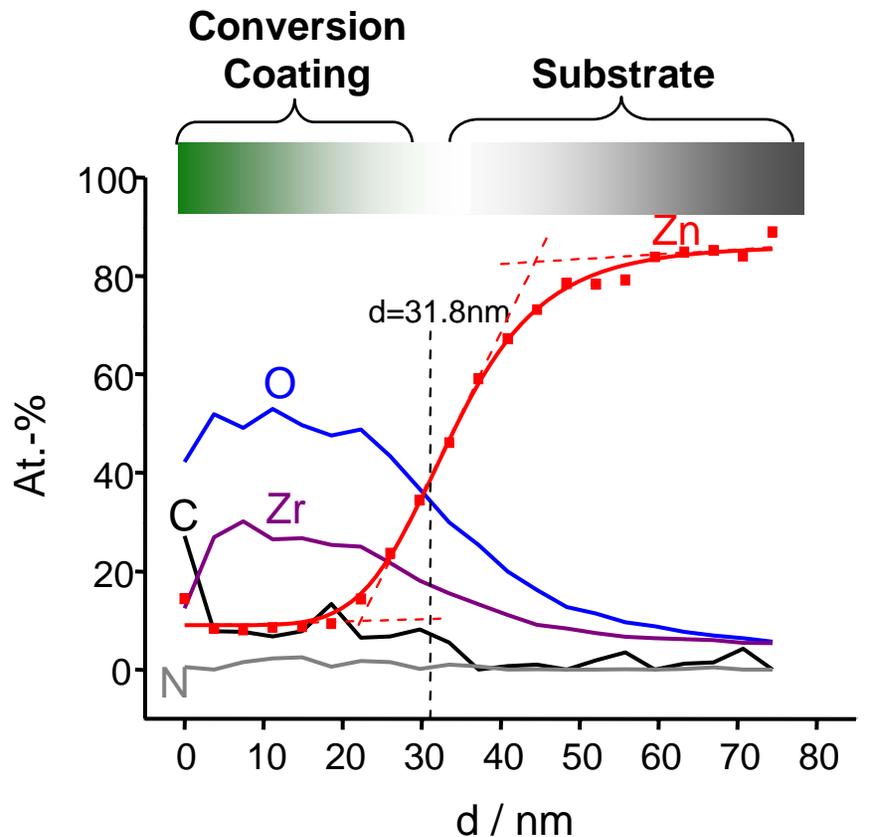
Soluble by-products
No Solid Waste



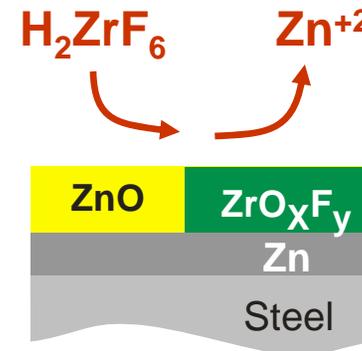
Conversion Coating

Metal Substrate

New Generation Coatings Properties

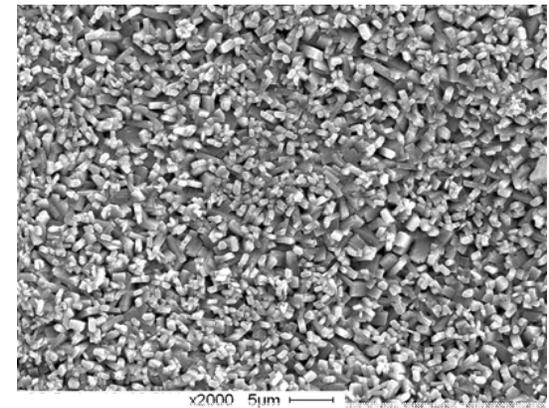
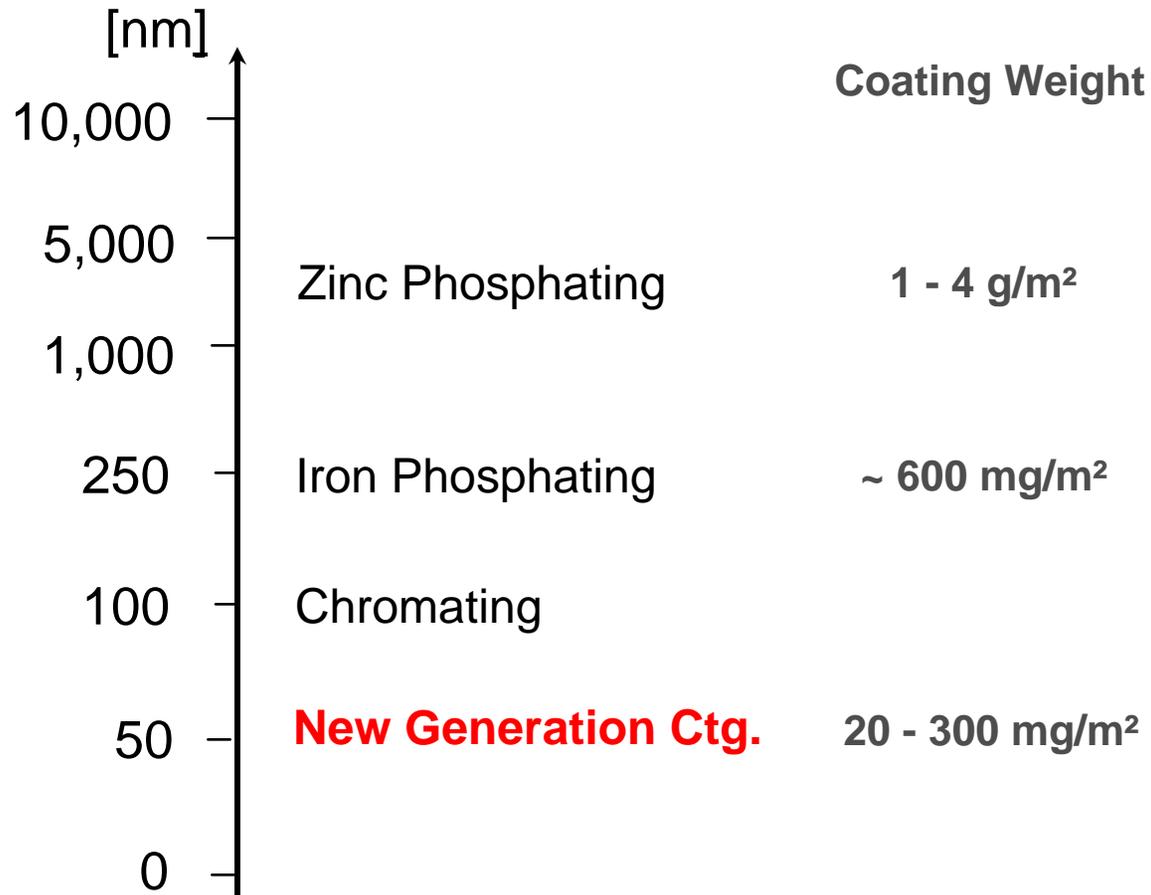


X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS)

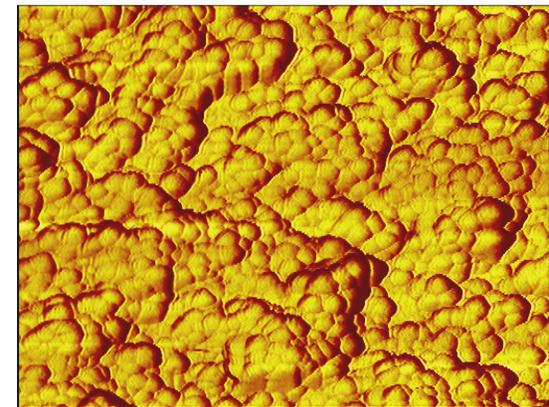


- Substrate Electroplated
- Conversion coating thickness: 30 to 50 nm
- Zirconium as oxide/hydroxide is main deposit, with additives and ions from the substrate

New Generation Coatings Properties



SEM - Zinc Phosphate



AFM - New Generation Ctg.

Traditional Vs Next Generation Coating and Operational Comparison



<u>Characteristic</u>	<u>Iron Phosphate</u>	<u>Zinc Phosphate</u>	<u>Next Generation Coatings</u>
1. pH	4.5 - 5.5	2.8 - 3.5	3.5 – 6.0
2. Composition	Iron oxide/ phosphate	Phosphate of Zn, Fe, Mn, Ni, Co	Nanostructured particles, Ti, V, Zr, Silanes, polymers, or combinations
3. Coating weight (g/m ²)	0.20 – 0.90	1.5 – 4.0	0.06 – 0.10
4. Temperature (°F)	100 - 140	105 - 135	Ambient
5. Conditioning step	No	Yes	No
6. Sludge	Moderate	High	Very minimal
7. Accelerator impact	Increase CW	Decrease CW	N/A
8. Post treatment	Very important	Optional	Not necessary
9. Corrosion protection	Worse than $Zn_3(PO_4)_2$	Standard for High Quality	Meet Performance Specifications

Next Generation Coatings

Performance on Various Paint Systems



504 hr Neutral Salt Spray

Polyester Powder		Cathodic E-Coat	Epoxy Ester Powder	Urethane Ester Powder	Polyester Powder	Polyester Powder	Acrylic High Solids
0.3 mm	0.2 mm	2.3 mm	3.9 mm	2.2 mm	2.4 mm	2.8 mm	2.3 mm



New Generation Coatings Performance To-Date



Substrate	Process			New Conversion Coatings
	Iron Phosphate	Bi-cationic ($Zn_3(PO_4)_2$)	Tri-cationic ($Zn_3(PO_4)_2$)	
Al	n/a	8	9	10
EG	3	8	10	9
HDG	3	6	10	8
Galvannealed	3	8	10	9
CRS	1	5	10	7

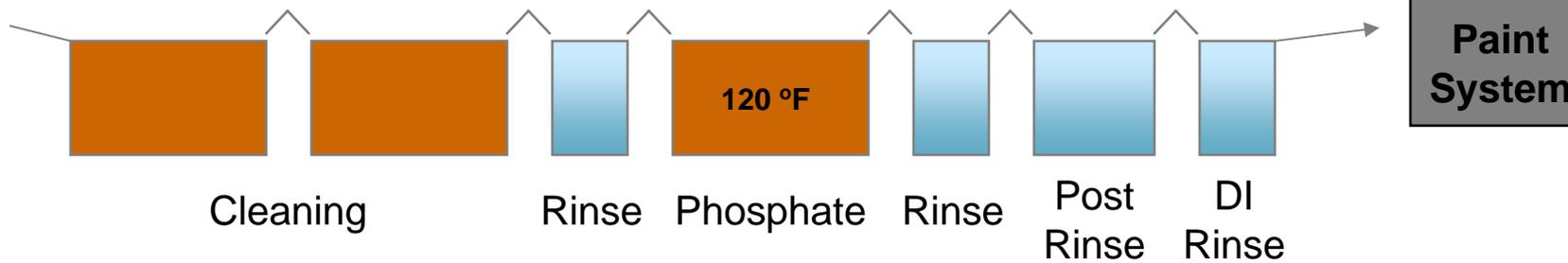
Ranking: **1** = very poor, **3** = poor, **5** = acceptable, **8** = good, **10** = excellent
 All applications are done **wet-in-wet** using a standard automotive e-coat
 Test results are based upon GM 9540P, APGE, VDA, CCT, CASS, NSS, and FFC Test.

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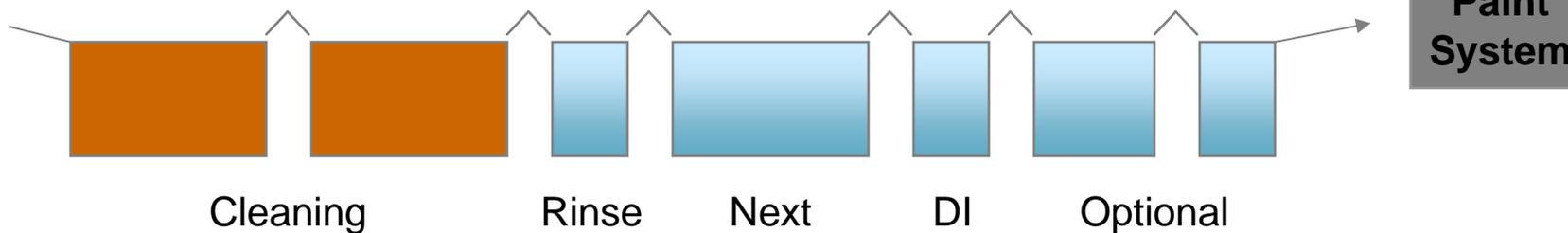
Potential Process Layout



Traditional Iron Phosphate Process



Next Generation Process



= Heated Stage



= Unheated Stage

Potential Savings: Energy

Water

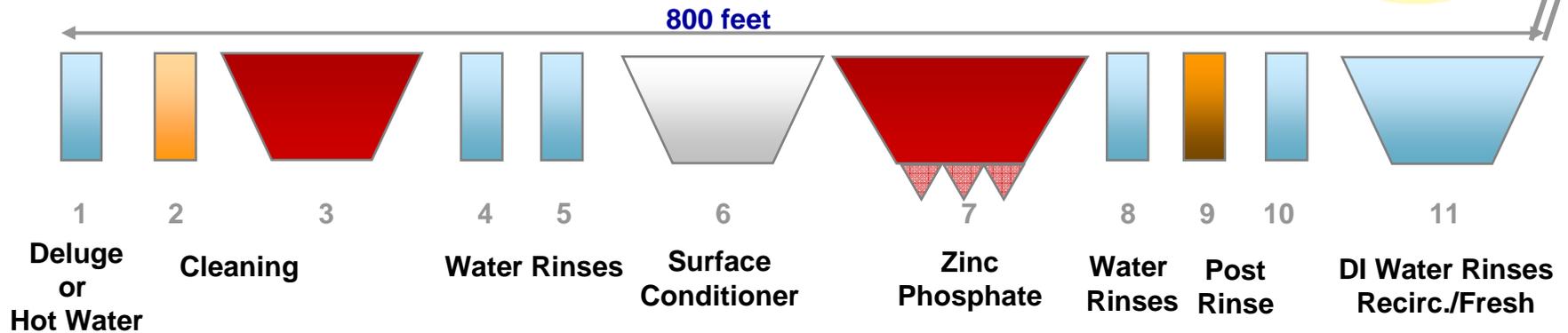
Waste Treatment

New Generation Coating

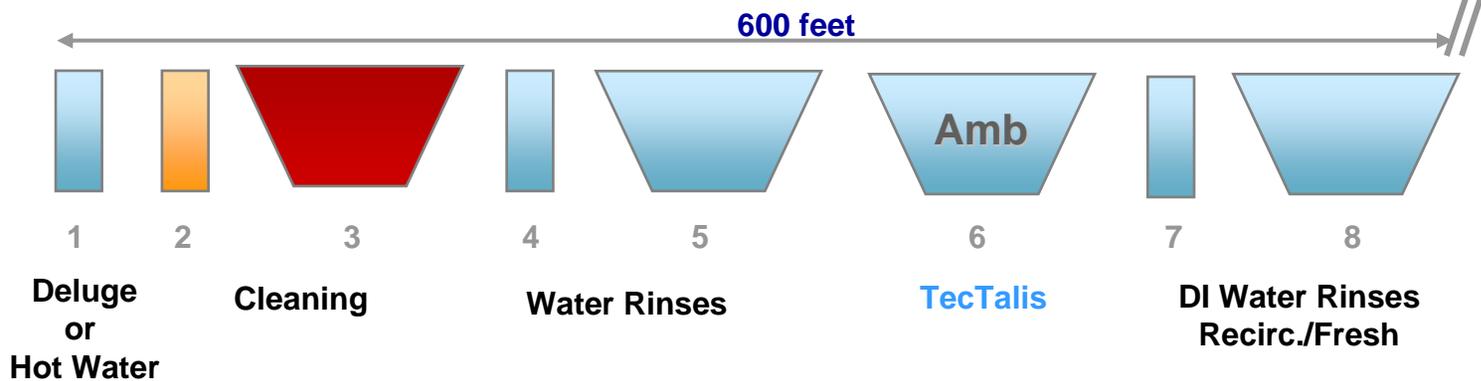
Greenfield Process Layout Option



Zinc Phosphating Process



New Generation Coating Process



New Conversion Coatings Potential Cost Savings



1. Energy Savings

- Reduction in the number of heated stages

2. Water Savings

- Reduction in number of stages, reduced water requirements

3. Man Power – Labor and Maintenance costs

- Reduction in sludge generation
- Reduction of waste disposal costs
- Less Clean-outs of the system

4. Reduction in Floor Space – Greenfield Construction

- Reduction in number of stages

Next Generation Coatings Industries Served



- **Appliance**
- **Manufacturing Jobbers**
- **Office Furniture**
- **Electrical Equipment**
- **Maintenance Equipment**
- **Heating & Cooling**
- **Agricultural Equipment**
- **General Manufacturing**
- **Automotive Assembly**
- **Automotive Components**

New Generation Coatings

Military Specification MIL-Std-171



Current Approved under MIL-Std-171

5.1 - Phosphate Paint Base Coatings

5.1.1 Zinc Phosphate base – TTC 490 Type I, Spray and Immersion

5.1.2 Iron Phosphate base – TTC 490, type II or IV

5.2 Pretreatment coating, TTC 490, type III (wash primer)

5.3 Heavy Phosphate Coatings

5.3.1 Manganese Phosphate base, DOD-P-16232, type M.

Proposed under MIL-Std-171

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5.1.1 Zinc Phosphate base – TTC 490 Type I, Spray and Immersion

5.1.2 Iron Phosphate base – TTC 490, type II or IV

5.1.3 Heavy Zinc base – TTC 490, type V

5.1.4 New Generation Coatings (Nano), TTC 490, type IV

5.2 Pretreatment coating, TTC 490, type III (wash primer)

5.3 Heavy Phosphate Coatings

New Generation Coatings use under TTC 490 Proposed Changes



What is the requirement (callout) on the drawings?

3.2.1 Submit proposed written procedure per contract. Type I and V

3.2.2 Submit test panels processed to the proposed procedure

1. Define the process change with the new coating complete with process controls.

2. Rewrite written procedure and process panels to the revision

3. Test New System – 3 sets of 3 panels per set

1. Pretreatment for visual appearance

2. Pretreatment/primer panels check film thickness and Salt Spray

3. Pretreatment, primer and topcoat.

4. Submit written procedure/panels to contracting officer for approval.

Next Generation Coatings

Benefits Summary



- No heat required – ***cuts energy costs!***
- Significantly reduce inner-stage rusting - ***improve adhesion & reduce reject rates!***
- Less reaction with metal surface - ***generate very little sludge!***
- Shorter treatment time – ***increase production throughput!***
- No post treatment required – ***decrease chemical handling & costs!***
- No hazardous waste disposal – ***reduce labor / chemical costs!***
- Performance – ***Meeting Industry Specifications!***



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