

# Novel Pre-Treatments for Aluminum

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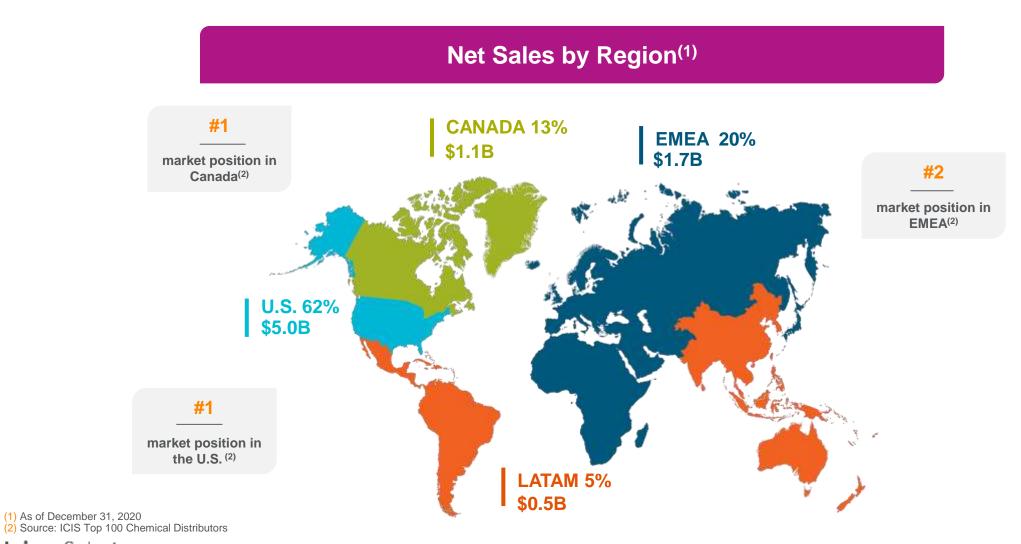
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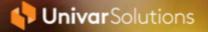
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# **Our Footprint**

#### We are a leading global chemical and ingredient distributor and provider of specialty services

Purchase chemicals and ingredients from thousands of producers and warehouse, repackage, blend, dilute, transport and sell worldwide





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#### 2020 Was Our Safest Year Ever

Continuing our commitment to reduce our TCIR\* on our path to our ultimate goal of zero.

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We are 100% dedicated to:

- Safe product transport and storage
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- Extensive training, retraining, and auditing to improve processes
- Protecting employees, customers, suppliers, and the environment



# **Univar Solutions Technical Capability**

- A global network of 46 formulation labs, development kitchens, and research centers around the globe.
- More than 100 formulation and application experts to provide insights, recommendations, and product development consultation
- Houston Formulations Laboratory:
  - 20,000 square feet facility near Bush (IAH) Airport
  - CASE, Personal Care, MWFs, HIC, Lubricants, Pharma, Analytical Labs
  - CASE Lab very well equipped
    - 2 Full-time Employees
    - Formula Development, Testing, Analysis



# Formulation

Testing

Analysis

Univar Solutions'
Coatings
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Capability

# Adhesion Promoter for Aluminum & Galvanized Steel

- New Technology
- Very Low VOC
- Very Low Odor
- Very Low Viscosity
- Very Low Usage Levels
- Effective with a wide range of coatings
- Can be used to boost performance of conversion coating process: original usage for technology



### **Aluminum**

- Forms a thin oxide layer (~5 nm at room temperature) that helps to protect the metal from further corrosion by oxygen
- Is corroded by dissolved chlorides, such as sodium chloride (sea water); loses brightness and becomes rough, with a yellowish gray patina on the surface
- Used to make many alloy types
- Aluminum & alloys undergo surface corrosion
   & need to be protected, especially in marine environments





# **Current Coating Options For Aluminum**

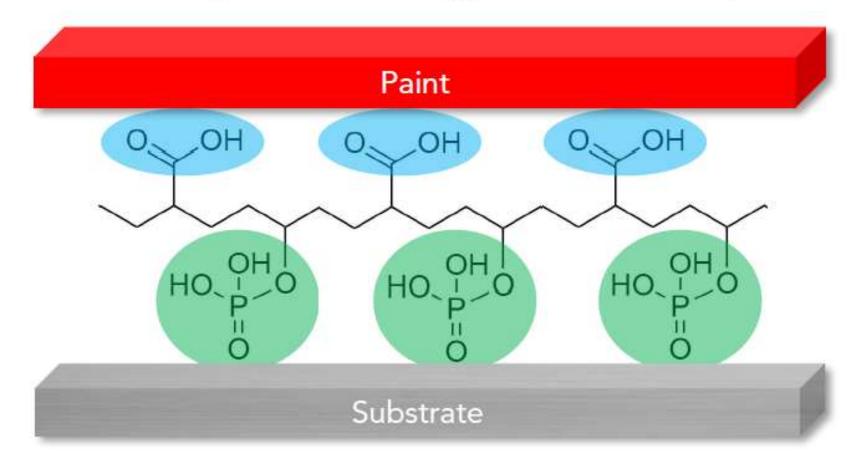
- Choose a coating known to adhere well
- Mechanical preparation
- Silane Primer
- Wash Primer: coatings containing zinc chromate/phosphoric acid
- Conversion Coating: multistep chromating process
- Anodizing: multistep oxidation process





# **New Priming Technology for Aluminum**

Chemically bonds or strongly interacts with the paint



Covalently bonds with the oxide/metal surface



# **Chemistry of New Technology**

Chemical Name: VINYL PHOSPHONIC ACID – ACRYLIC ACID COPOLYMER (20% SOLUTION IN

WATER)

CAS Number: 27936-88-5

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Appearance

Residual Acrylic Acid, % w/w

Residual Vinyl Phosphonic Acid, %w/w

Solids, % w/w

Molecular Weight, g/mol

#### RESULTS

Clear, Colorless to Pale Yellow Liquid

0.50 Max

0.50 Max

18.0 - 22.0

30000 - 90000



# **Formulas Tested**

<b>Dipping Formula</b>	<u>Weight %</u> 0.1			
Additive 021				
Del Water	<u>99.9</u>			
Total	100			

#### **Process**

Dip metal in Dipping Formula for 14+ minutes; air dry.



# **Formulas Tested**

Coating Formula	<u>Weight %</u>			
Additive 021	0.1			
Del Water	99.8			
Wetting Agent EFC V2	<u>0.1</u>			
Total	100			

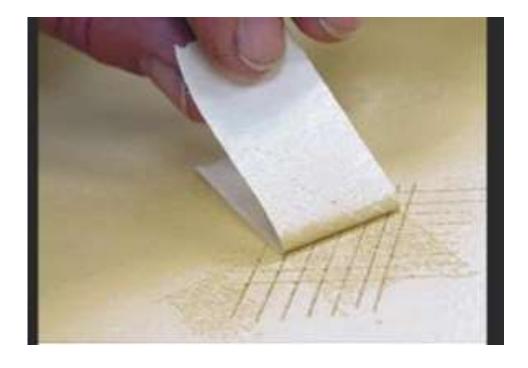
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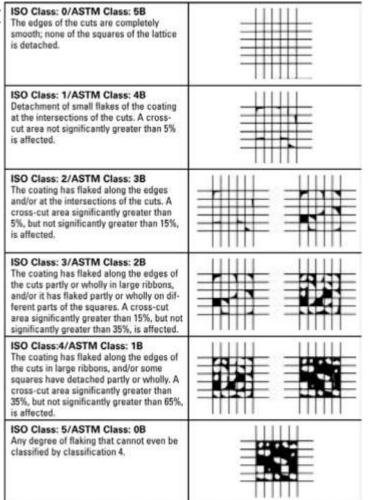
Spray Coating Formula onto surface; air dry.



# Adhesion Testing: ASTM D3359

Standard Test Methods for Rating Adhesion by Tape Test The edges of the cuts are completely







# Adhesion Test Results: Additive Improves Adhesion to Aluminum

#### **Aluminum ASTM Adhesion Rating, 5 best**

		<u>Dipping</u> Formula	Coating Formula		
			<u>1x</u>	<u>2x</u>	<u>3x</u>
Green Aerosol Solvent-Based Alkyd	3B	5B	4B+	4B+	4B+
Gray High Solids Solvent-Based Aerosol Alkyd	5B	-	-	-	-
Pink Aerosol Solvent-Based Acrylic	4B	-	-	-	
Clear Gloss Solvent-based Polyurethane	ОВ	3B	1B	5B	5B
Gray Solvent-based Aerosol Primer	ОВ	2B	OB	2B	4B+
Solvent-based Automotive Primer Aerosol	5B	-	-	-	-



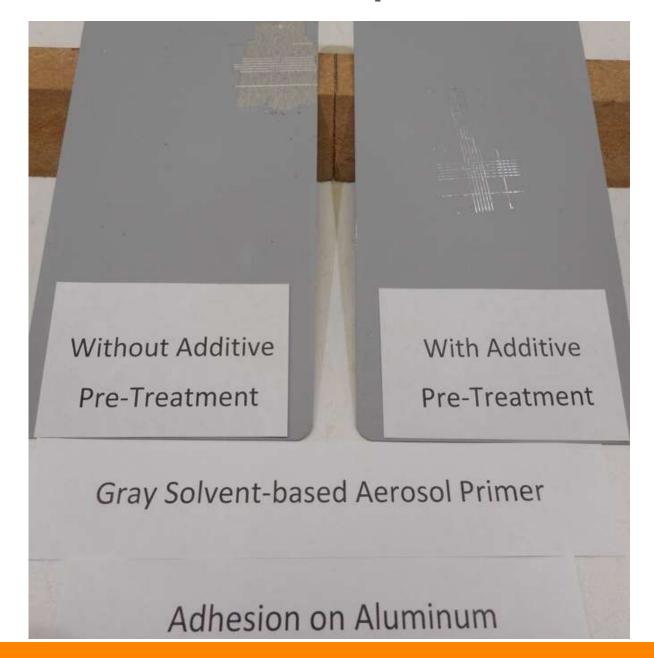
#### Adhesion Test Results: Additive Adhesion Results on Galvanized Steel

# Galvanized Steel ASTM Adhesion Rating, 5 best

Coating	Substrate Cleaned	<u>Dipping</u> <u>Formula</u>
Green Aerosol Solvent-Based Alkyd	ОВ	2B
Gray High Solids Solvent-Based Aerosol Alkyd	5B	-
Pink Aerosol Solvent-Based Acrylic	3B	4B
White Aerosol Solvent-Based Acrylic	ОВ	1B
Gray Solvent-based Aerosol Primer	5B	-
Solvent-based Automotive Primer Aerosol	5B	-



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# **Success Story**





Without Additive Pre-treatment

With Additive Pre-treatment



# **Summary**

- New Additive:
  - Improves Coating Adhesion to Aluminum & Galvanized Steel
  - Improves corrosion resistance
  - Very Low VOC
  - Very Low Odor
  - Very Low Viscosity
  - Very Low Usage Levels
  - Effective with a wide range of coatings
  - Can be applied by dipping or coating
  - Can be used to boost performance in conversion coatings
  - Minimal change to appearance of topcoat
  - Needs to be applied as a separate pre-treatment, not a coating additive
  - Commercially Available





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