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sol-gel coatings

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Abstract

The hybrid sol-gel coatings on AA2024-T3 were prepared with a silane coupling agent

3-glycidoxypropyltrimethoxysilane (GPTMS) and a metal alkoxide tetra-n-propoxyzirconium

(TPOZ) as precursors. The effect of acetylacetone (AcAc) as a chelating agent on the

corrosion protection properties of sol-gel coatings were evaluated and the optimal

AcAc/TPOZ molar ratio was obtained. The sol-gel coatings were characterized by atomic

force microscopy (AFM), scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and energy dispersive

spectroscopy (EDS). The corrosion protection properties of the coatings were evaluated by

means of potentiodynamic polarization study (PDS) and electrochemical impedance

spectroscopy (EIS). It is demonstrated that AcAc avoids fast hydrolysis of TPOZ and benefits

to form stable sols. The coating with AcAc/TPOZ molar ratio of 3 shows the best corrosion

protection performance in 0.05 M NaCl solution.

**Keywords:** Sol-gel coating; Chelating agent; EIS; Corrosion protection

1. Introduction

The sol-gel route is an environment friendly chemical way to produce organic-inorganic

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