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Abstract

In this work, superhydrophobic coatings on brass surfaces were prepared by two-step

(chemical etching with a mixture of hydrochloric and nitric acids, followed by treatment with lauric

acid) and one-step (treatment with lauric acid). The surface morphology shows the presence of rough

microstructures on treated brass surfaces. Superhydrophobicity with high water static contact

(>173°) and low sliding angles (<4°) is achieved by both processes. Besides, the dynamics of water

droplets on the coated samples also were studied. Additionally, the durability of the coatings also was

examined by performing thermal, chemical, and mechanical stability tests. Along with, these coatings

are also found to be excellent regeneration ability as verified experimentally. Further, coatings exhibit

self-cleaning and anti-fogging properties.

Keywords: Superhydrophobic; Self-cleaning; Anti-fogging; Water-repellent

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