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# Anisotropy of Corrosion and Environmental

### Cracking in AA5083-H128 Al-Mg Alloy

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#### Abstract

The effects of sensitization (175 °C for 100 h) and microstructure anisotropy on corrosion and environmental cracking of AA5083-H128 have been studied using immersion tests, electrochemical experiments and slow strain rate tests (SSRT). Pitting corrosion attack is observed for as-received (AR) and sensitized polished surfaces after immersion in 0.6 M NaCl solution at open circuit potential and is strongly dependent on the amount and distribution of intermetallic particles, including Mg-rich phases resulting from sensitization, as well as pre-existing anodic Mg-rich and cathodic (Mn, Fe)-rich particles. Anodic potentiodynamic polarization experiments indicate that sensitization increases the activity of the surface with a negative shift in corrosion potential and an increase in anodic reaction kinetics. SSRT tests show that samples orientated along the short transverse (S) direction exhibit the

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