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Abstract

Zinc-nickel electrodeposited alloys are of great interest since these alloys show higher corrosion protection, better mechanical properties and thermal stability compared to bare zinc and other zinc alloys coatings[1]. Zinc-nickel alloys were obtained from ammonium sulfat baths in presence of boric acid and cadmium. It has been shown that anomalous codeposition[2] can be minimized by using boric acid[3] combined with cadmium . Boric acid favours deposition of zinc-nickel coatings with a homogeneous phase structure (Ni₅Zn₂₁), whereas cadmium minimizes zinc deposition leading to a codeposition where the coating contains a higher nickel poucentage. Boric acid raises current efficiency of the deposition process by blocking surface sites for hydrogen evolution.

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