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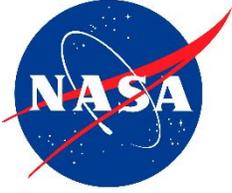
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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Background

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Headquarters chartered the Technology Evaluation for Environmental Risk Mitigation Principal Center (TEERM) to coordinate agency activities affecting pollution prevention issues identified during system and component acquisition and sustainment processes. The primary objectives of NASA TEERM are to:

- Reduce or eliminate the use of hazardous materials or hazardous processes at manufacturing, remanufacturing, and sustainment locations.
- Avoid duplication of effort in actions required to reduce or eliminate hazardous materials through joint center cooperation and technology sharing.

Corrosion is an extensive problem that affects the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the European Space Agency (ESA). The damaging effects of corrosion result in steep costs, asset downtime affecting mission readiness, and safety risks to personnel. Consequently, it is vital to reduce corrosion costs and risks in a sustainable manner.

NASA and ESA have numerous structures and equipment that are fabricated from stainless steel. The standard practice for protection of stainless steel is a process called passivation. Passivation is defined by The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language as “to treat or coat (a metal) in order to reduce the chemical reactivity of its surface.” Passivation works by forming a shielding outer (metal oxide) layer that reduces the impact of destructive environmental factors such as air or water. Consequently, this process necessitates a final product that is very clean and free of iron and other contaminants.

Typical passivation procedures call for the use of nitric acid; however, there are a number of environmental, worker safety, and operational issues associated with its use. Citric acid is an alternative to nitric acid for the passivation of stainless steels. Citric acid offers a variety of benefits including increased safety for personnel, reduced environmental impact, and reduced operational cost.

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) A 967 “Standard Specification for Chemical Passivation Treatments for Stainless Steel Parts” and Aerospace Material Specifications (AMS) 2700 “Passivation Treatments for Corrosion-resistant Steel”, allow for the use of citric acid in place of nitric acid for the passivation of stainless steel. Citric acid is similarly called out in the ASTM A 380 “Standard Practice for Cleaning, Descaling, and Passivation of Stainless Steel Parts, Equipment, and Systems” standard. Unfortunately, specific processing parameters are not specified in the standards.

Citric acid passivation is not a new technology; it was developed (many years ago) for the beverage industry in Germany to process containers that were free of iron which causes an unwanted taste to the beverage. It was determined that nitric acid passivation could not provide the degree of

passivation required. Other industries in the U.S. have only recently begun using citric acid. There are a variety of benefits from the substitution of citric acid for nitric acid for passivation.

This test plan “NASA and ESA Collaboration on Alternative to Nitric Acid Passivation, Project Plan; May 2016” contains the critical requirements and tests necessary to qualify citric acid as an alternative to nitric acid. These tests were derived from engineering, performance, and operational impact (supportability) requirements defined by a consensus of NASA and DoD participants.

## 1.2 Objective

The primary objective of this effort is to qualify citric acid as an environmentally-preferable alternative to nitric acid for the passivation of stainless steel alloys. While citric acid use has become more prominent in industry, there is little evidence that citric acid is a technically sound passivation agent, especially for the unique and critical applications encountered by NASA and ESA.

## 2 Test Articles

This section outlines the preparation of the test panels. Test panels will be 4” x 4” x 0.125” approximate. Some of the stainless alloys may not be available in 0.125” thickness. Three (3) test panel replicates per passivation procedure were used for all testing.

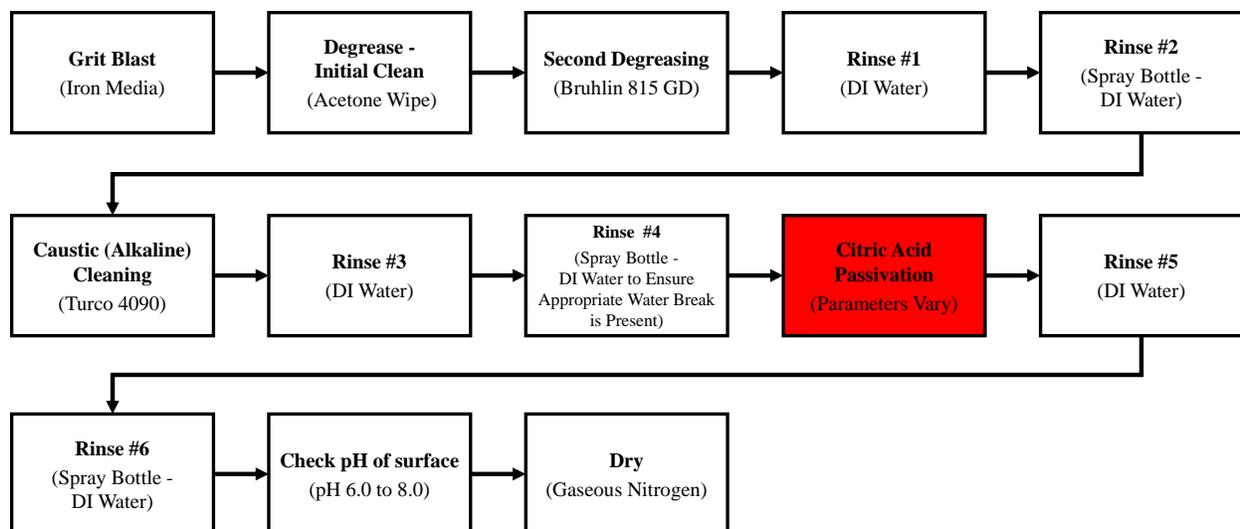
### 2.1 Stainless Steel Alloys

For this project the following stainless steel alloys were tested.

Alloy	C	Mn	Cr	Mo	Ni	Fe	Si	P	S	Al	Cu	Ti
304	0.08	2	18 - 20		8 - 10.5	BAL	0.75	0.04	0.03			
316	0.08	2	16 - 18	2 - 3	10 - 14	BAL	0.75	0.04	0.03			
321	0.08	2	17 - 19		9 - 12	BAL	0.75	0.04	0.03			0.7
13-8PH	0.05	0.1	12.25 - 13.25	2 - 2.5	7.5 - 8.5	BAL	0.1	0.01	0.008	.9 - 1.35		
15-5PH	0.07	1	14 - 15.5		3.5 - 5.5	BAL	1	0.04	0.03		2.2 - 4.50	
17-4PH	0.07	1	15 - 17.5		3 - 5	BAL	1	0.04	0.03		3 - 5	
17-7PH	0.09	1	16 - 18		6.5 - 7.5	BAL	1	0.04	0.03	0.75 - 1.5		
A286	0.08	2	13.5 - 16	1 - 1.5	24 - 27	BAL	1	0.025	0.025	0.35	0.5	1.9 - 2.35
AL6XN	0.03	2	20 - 22	6 - 7	23.5 - 25.5	BAL	1	0.04	0.03		0.75	

### 2.2 Test Panel Preparation

The stainless steel test panels were prepared per Figure 1. This preparation process was used during a previously completed NASA TEERM Project, “Alternative to Nitric Acid Passivation; 2015”. Test specimens were processed the same in all respects other than the actual passivation. Citric acid concentration/time/temperature passivation conditions were varied as part of this experimental effort.



**Figure 1 – Preparation of Stainless Steel Test Panels**

Prior to grit blasting, each panel was stamped with a unique alphanumeric descriptor to indicate alloy type. Each panel was grit blast with a fine steel media to impart contamination to the surface. Perfectly clean panels would be unlikely to show much corrosion within the testing period. The steel grit also removed the protective passivation layer provided by the manufacturer for storage and transport. The steel grit (ALC Item #S1587) used for the blasting process left a roughened finish on the surface of the metal.

After grit blasting, the samples were collated and organized by alloy and passivation treatment. The panels were carefully cleaned through the series of degreasing, cleaning, and rinsing steps as outlined in Figure 1.

Each panel was initially degreased with an acetone wipe of the surface. A second degreasing was performed with a detergent degreaser. The detergent degreaser consisted of a 15% by volume solution of Bruhlin 815 GD (30 minutes at 74 °C). The panels were removed from the degreaser and subsequently placed into a heated DI water bath to remove excess contaminants and the degreasing agent. The panels were then rinsed using an ambient temperature DI water spray.

Following the second rinse, a caustic (alkaline) cleaning was performed. This solution consisted of 7 ounces of Turco 4090 per gallon of DI water (20 minutes at 93 °C). After cleaning, the panels were rinsed in a heated DI water bath (5 minutes at 66 °C), followed by a DI spray-down with ambient temperature DI water. In order to verify that the degreasing and cleaning steps were performed successfully prior to passivation, the water-break of the final rinse was inspected to ensure appropriate removal of organic contaminants.

Cleaned panels were placed in passivation baths that contained citric acid solutions using the appropriate concentration, time and temperature conditions. Stainless steel tanks (using covers to limit evaporation (Figure 2)) were used. After each passivation was performed, rinses were conducted according to the USA (United Space Alliance) passivation process (Figure 1).



**Figure 2 – Test Panels Soaking in Citric Acid Passivation**

In order to determine the optimal citric acid passivation procedure for each alloy the following passivation parameters were employed.

- Time: 60 minutes, 90 minutes, and 120 minutes
- Temperature: 38 °C, 60 °C, and 82 °C
- Concentration: 4%, 7%, 10%

Parameters used for physical testing were determined by the stakeholders based upon the results of prior testing by the NASA TEERM office and USA.

After the rinsing process was performed, the pH of the water on the surface of each panel was checked to ensure that that it remained at a pH between 6.0 to 8.0. Ordinary pH paper was used to perform this function. The pH is typically of concern when a high volume of panels are being processed due to the increased possibility of residual passivation solution contaminating the rinse tanks. Although this study processed a relatively small number of panels, this step was included to remove any doubt that the acidic passivating solution was removed from the surface. Verifying that this parameter was met, the panels were subsequently dried with gaseous nitrogen. All panels were packaged in gaseous nitrogen prior to ASTM B117 salt spray exposure.

### **3 Parameter Optimization Testing**

Previous testing by the NASA TEERM office and USA determined that the parameters for citric acid passivation that resulted in optimum performance varied by substrate. The studies found that passivation with elevated temperature and longer immersion times (temperature > 100 °F and time > 30 minutes) provide significantly better corrosion protection than treatments at ambient temperature or shorter immersion times ( $T \approx 100^\circ\text{F}$  and  $t \approx 30$  minutes). The data obtained during the prior studies focused on a citric acid concentration of 4%. Parameter optimization testing, however, was necessary to determine the best parameters for other concentrations of citric acid. Parameter optimization testing for this project evaluated citric acid concentrations of 4%, 7% and 10%.

Table 1 outlines the parameters that were tested to determine the best passivation process for the alloys that were investigated in this project. For each stainless steel alloy previously tested, 54 test panels were required; two (2) concentrations X three (3) bath temperatures X three (3) dwell times X three (3) replicate panels = 54 panels. For each stainless steel alloy that has not yet been tested, 81 test panels will be required; three (3) concentrations X three (3) bath temperatures X three (3) dwell times X three (3) replicate panels = 81 panels.

**Table 1 – Parameter Optimization Test Outline**

Alloy	Passivation	Concentration (%)			Bath Temperature (°C)			Dwell Time (minutes)		
304	Citric Acid	4	7	10	38	60	82	60	90	120
316		4*	7	10	38	60	82	60	90	120
321		4*	7	10	38	60	82	60	90	120
13-8PH		4	7	10	38	60	82	60	90	120
15-5PH		4*	7	10	38	60	82	60	90	120
17-4PH		4	7	10	38	60	82	60	90	120
17-7PH		4*	7	10	38	60	82	60	90	120
A286		4	7	10	38	60	82	60	90	120
AL6XN		4	7	10	38	60	82	60	90	120

\* Optimization testing completed in a previous project

### 3.1 Salt Spray Resistance

ASTM B117 salt spray testing was used to rapidly evaluate the ability of the passivation process to protect stainless steel alloys from corrosion. Table 2 outlines the parameters that were used for salt spray testing.

**Table 2 – Salt Spray Testing Parameters**

Test	Corrosion Protection	Requirement	Test Methodology	Evaluation	Acceptance Criteria	Location
Salt Spray	Passivation Only	SAE AMS 2700	ASTM B 117	ASTM D 610	Alternative performs as well or better than control process	NASA Corrosion Technology Lab
				@ 2 hours		
				@ 168 hours		

#### 3.1.1 Test Procedure

Test panels were sorted by their unique alphanumeric descriptor and further by their citric acid concentration. Figure 3 shows the sorting process.



**Figure 3 – Sorting the Test Panels**

Test panels were subjected to a 5 percent NaCl salt-spray, pH-adjusted to a range of 6.5 – 7.2, in accordance with ASTM B 117 (Standard Practice for Operating a Salt Spray (Fog) Apparatus). According to the testing standard requirement (SAE AMS 2700), test panels only had to be tested in the salt-spray chamber for 2 hours then evaluated for corrosion. In order to obtain the best possible test results, the test panels were further exposed for an additional 166 hours (168 hours total). After each test, the panels were rinsed with deionized (DI) water and were then dried using compressed air. The test panels were evaluated for signs of corrosion following 2 hours and 168 hours of salt spray testing.

One (1) color photograph of the test coupons for each substrate was taken before testing. One (1) color photograph of the test coupons was taken after two hours of salt spray exposure and at the conclusion of testing.

### 3.1.2 Evaluation Procedure

Per SAE AMS 2700, “Passivation of Corrosion Resistant” test panels were evaluated after two (2) hours of salt spray exposure. According to SAE AMS 2700, “Parts shall not show evidence of red rust following completion of the test”.



**Figure 4 – Evaluation of Test Panels after 168 hours**

After completing the initial analysis per SAE AMS 2700, salt spray testing continued for an additional 166 hours. The additional testing gave an overall exposure duration of 168 hours, which was the exposure duration used during a previous NASA TEERM Project “Alternative to Nitric Acid Passivation; 2015”.

## 4 Laboratory Results

Each panel was assessed on a pass/fail evaluation in accordance to SAE AMS 2700. Table 1 shows how the test panels preformed after 2 hours in the salt-spray chamber. Table 4 shows how the test panels preformed after 168 hours in the salt-spray chamber. Green indicates that, the panel showed no evidence of red rust following completion of the test, thus it passed. Red indicates that the panel showed signs of rust, thus it failed. Both tables depict how the panels were laid out for evaluation and pictures (found in Appendix A– Pictures from Each Evaluation Set). Some of the panels showed no overall corrosion but contained a single corrosion pit, thus they were considered a failure as well.

**Table 3 – 2 Hour ASTM D610 Evaluations**

Post 2 hour ASTM B117 Evaluations											
Alloy	Passivation	Concentration (%)	Bath Temperature (-°C)	Dwell Time (minutes)							
				60		90		120			
304	Citric Acid	4	38C	Red	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Green	
			60C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	
			82C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	
		7	38C	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			60C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			82C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
		10	38C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			60C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			82C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
316	Citric Acid	4*	38C	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	
			60C	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	
		7	38C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			60C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			82C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
		10	38C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
60C	Green		Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		
82C	Green		Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		
321	Citric Acid	4*	38C	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	
			60C	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	
		7	38C	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			60C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			82C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
		10	38C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
60C	Green		Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		
82C	Green		Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		
13-8PH	Citric Acid	4	38C	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	
			60C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Single pit	Green
			82C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
		7	38C	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green	Red	Green	Red
			60C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			82C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
		10	38C	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			60C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Single pit	Green	Green	Green
			82C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
15-5PH	Citric Acid	4*	38C	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	
			60C	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	
		7	38C	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			60C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			82C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
		10	38C	Green	Green	Single pit	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
60C	Green		Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		
82C	Green		Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		

17-4PH	Citric Acid	4	38C									Single pit	Single pit		
			60C												
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**Table 4 – 168 Hour ASTM D610 Evaluations**

Post 168 hour ASTM B117 Evaluations											
Alloy	Passivation	Concentration	Bath Temp	Dwell Time (minutes)							
				60	90	120					
304	Citric Acid	4	38C	Red	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	
			60C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	
			82C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	
		7	38C	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
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316	Citric Acid	4*		Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	
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			60C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			82C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
321	Citric Acid	4*		Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	
		7	38C	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			60C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			82C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
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			60C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			82C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
13-8PH	Citric Acid	4	38C	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	
			60C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Single pit	Green
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			60C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			82C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
		10	38C	Red	Red	Red	Red	Single pit	Green	Green	Green
			60C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
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15-5PH	Citric Acid	4*		Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	
		7	38C	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
			60C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			82C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
		10	38C	Green	Single pit	Two pits	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
			60C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Single pit	Green	Green
			82C	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

17-4PH	Citric Acid	4	38C								Single pit	Single pit	
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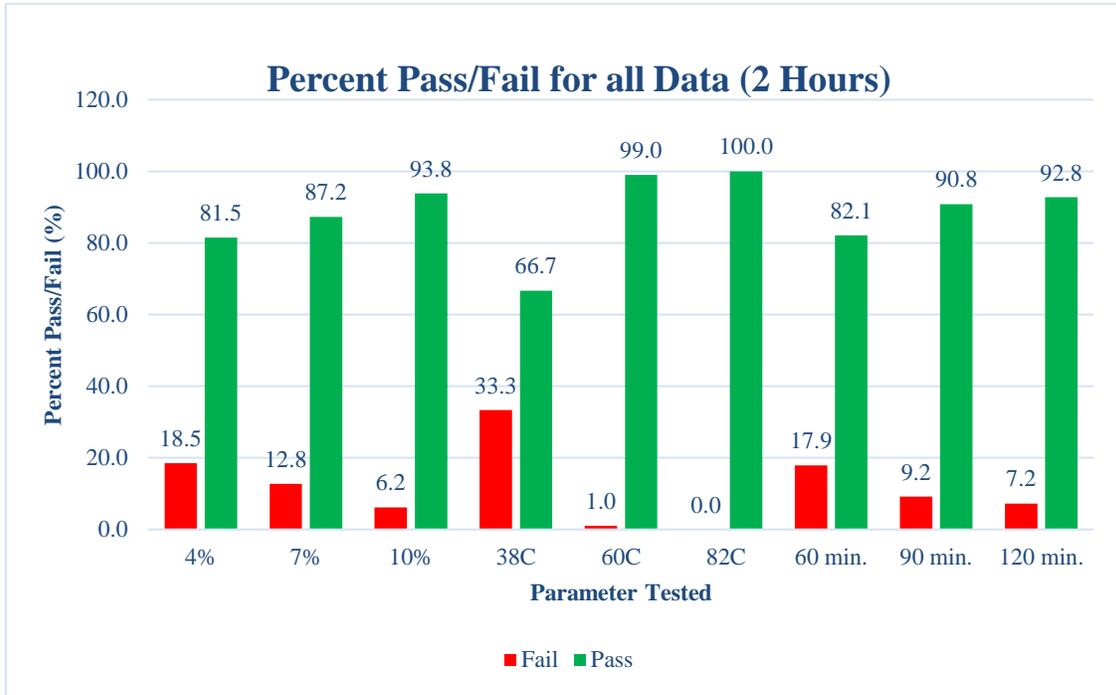
## 5 Conclusions

Overall, regardless of alloy, the higher citric acid concentration, temperature, and bath dwell time yielded the best results. Figure 5 gives a pass/fail percentage for the entire set of panels after 2 hours of salt spray testing and shows how the panels performed under the specific parameters. As the citric acid concentration increased, the percent of panels that passed also increased. When analyzing how the different temperatures performed, there is clear evidence that 38°C had a significantly greater number of failures than either 60°C or 82°C. When differentiating between 60°C and 82°C, there is not enough proof to signify that 82°C is better than 60°C because there is only a 1 percent difference in the failure data. Furthermore, the increased temperature increased difficulty in panel processing. When scaled to an industrial process, the 82°C baths would require constant replenishing.

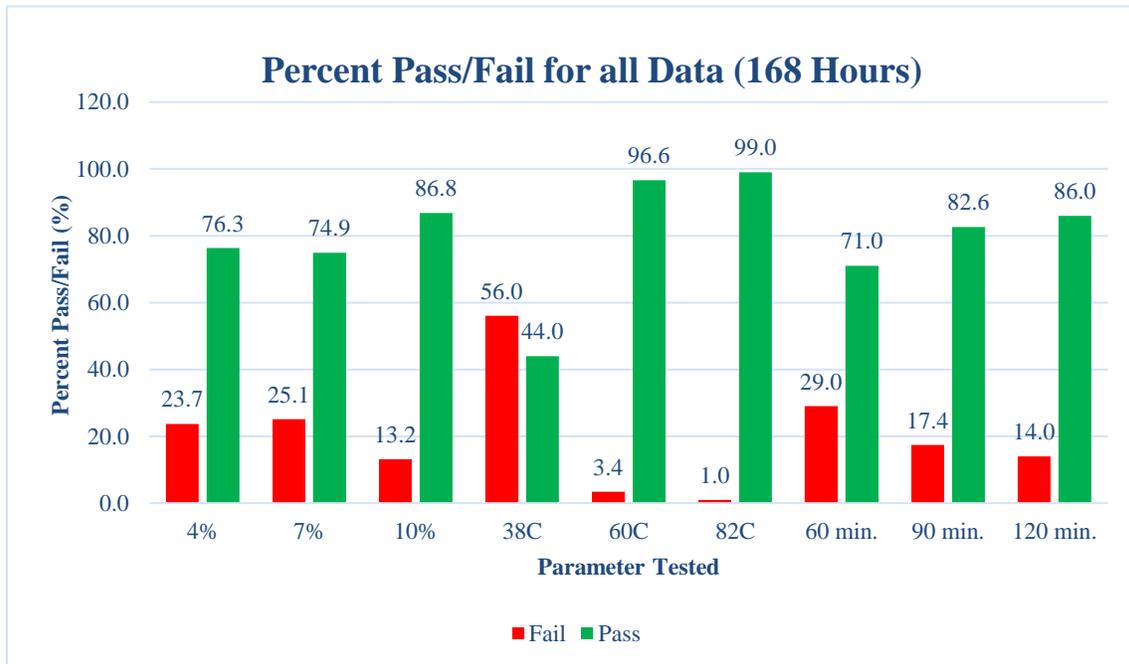
An investigation of increasing immersion time reveals that an increased number of panels passed as immersion time increased. However, the difference between the percent passed for 90 and 120 minutes is approximately 2 percent. It was important to continue ASTM B117 testing for an additional 166 hours to clarify the results and draw the most accurate conclusions.

Figure 6 illustrates the performance of the test panels after 168 hours of exposure. With an increased exposure in the salt-spray chamber, the trend for citric acid concentrations changed slightly. The 4 percent pass rate exceeded the 7 percent pass rate by a very slim margin. For the series of panels investigated, a citric acid concentration of 10 percent showed an increased pass rate at 86.8%. The difference between 4 percent and 7 percent are very close, which makes it difficult to determine a clear trend. Following 168 hours of salt-spray exposure, the same trends following 2 hour of salt-spray testing regarding pass rates with respect to temperature persisted. 60°C and 82°C showed very similar pass rates with 82°C having a higher percentage of passing ratings. The failure rate of 38°C surpassed the pass rate by 12 percent, which is significant to determine that 38°C is not an ideal temperature for corrosion prevention by citric acid passivation. With the added time in the salt-spray chamber, the longer immersion times showed a clearer positive trend in pass rates. This strengthens the conclusion that 120 minutes may be the optimal immersion time.

The data for the differences between temperatures (60°C and 82°C) and immersion times (90 and 120 minutes) are less than 5 percent. But as the data shows, over time the differences between the two parameters increases. The data shows that the highest parameter for concentration, bath temperature and bathing time is the best for corrosion prevention of the stainless steel alloys tested. Overall, the parameters for the most ideal protection against corrosion using citric acid passivation are 10 percent citric acid concentration at 82° C for 120 minutes. Further, when analyzing Table 3 and Table 4, it is clear that every test panel with those specific parameters passed regardless of alloy.



**Figure 5 – Percent Pass/Fail for Different Test Parameters for 2 Hours**

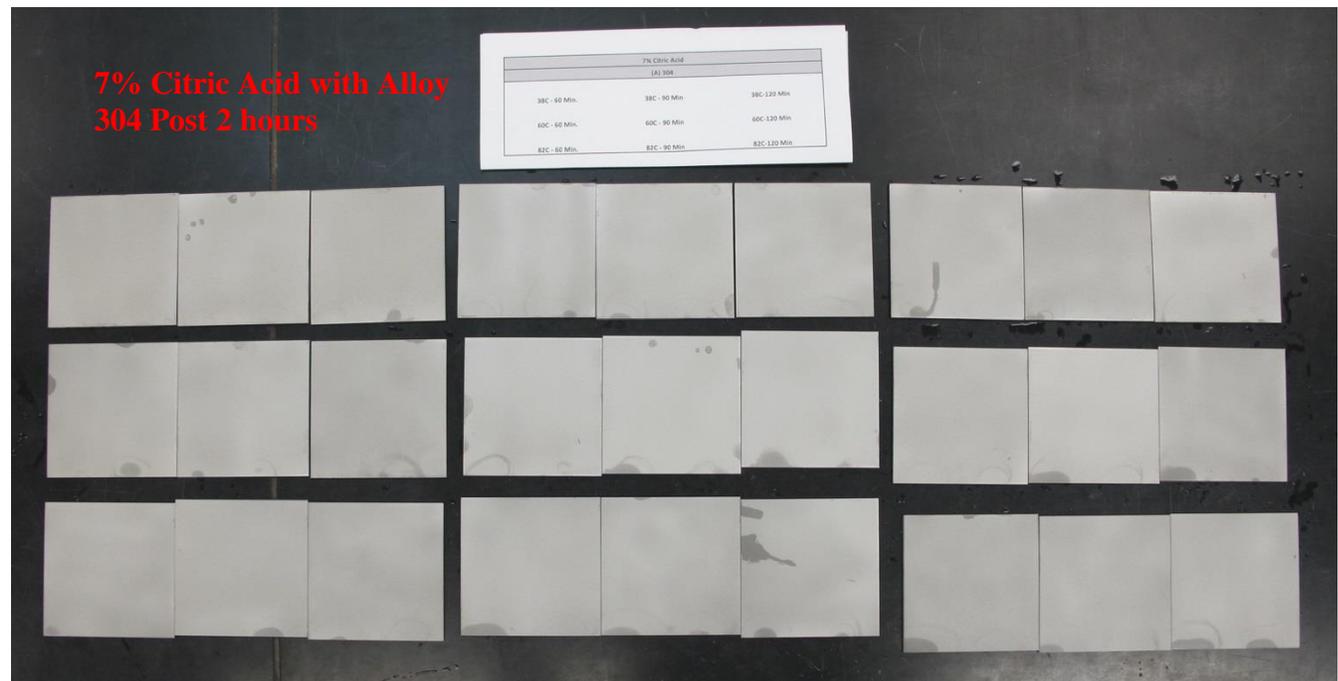
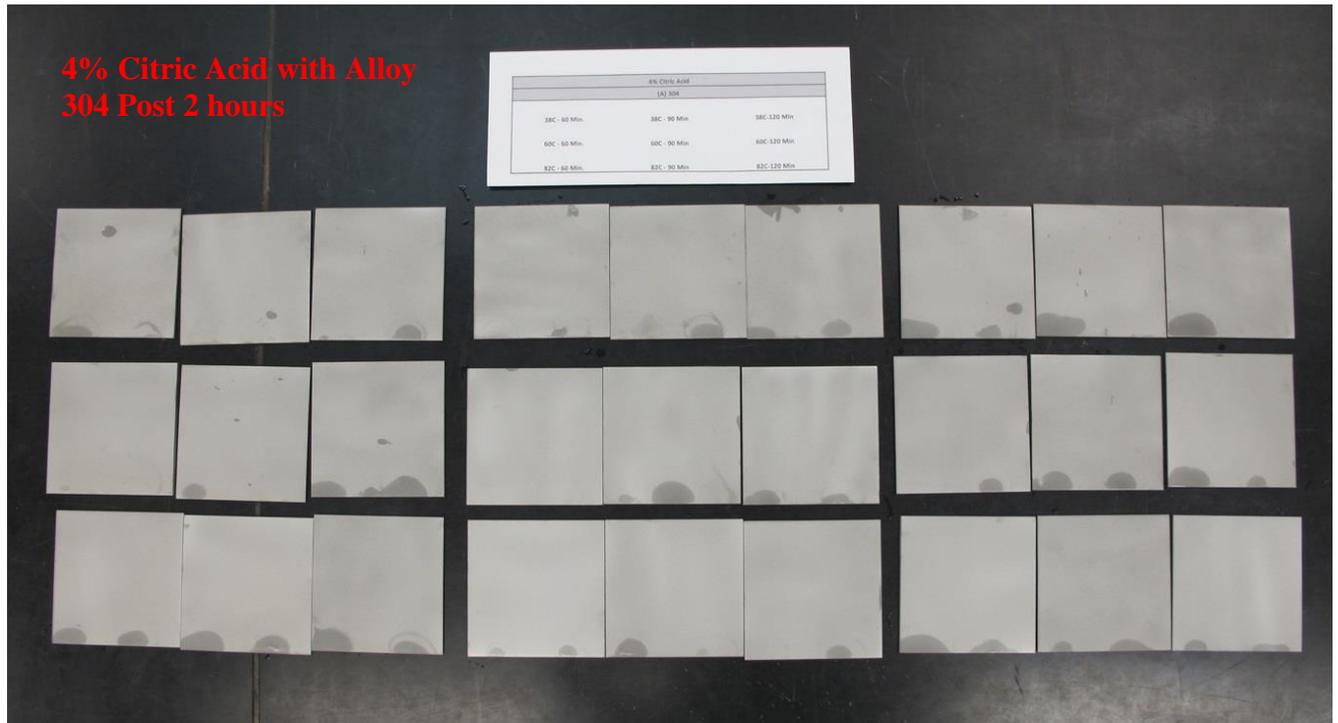


**Figure 6 – Percent Pass/Fail for Different Test Parameters for 168 Hours**

## **6 Recommendations**

The next step would be to expand the testing to include atmospheric exposure testing on the NASA Beachside Atmospheric Test Site at Kennedy Space Center. Testing the panels under coastal atmospheric conditions will provide performance data from exposure to very harsh “real world” environmental conditions. This will yield the greatest possible results to determine which citric acid passivation process provides the best protection against corrosion. Continued salt-spray testing for additional alloys and longer duration would further differentiate the test results, further clarifying which parameters perform best across the alloys.

## Appendix A– Pictures from Each Evaluation Set



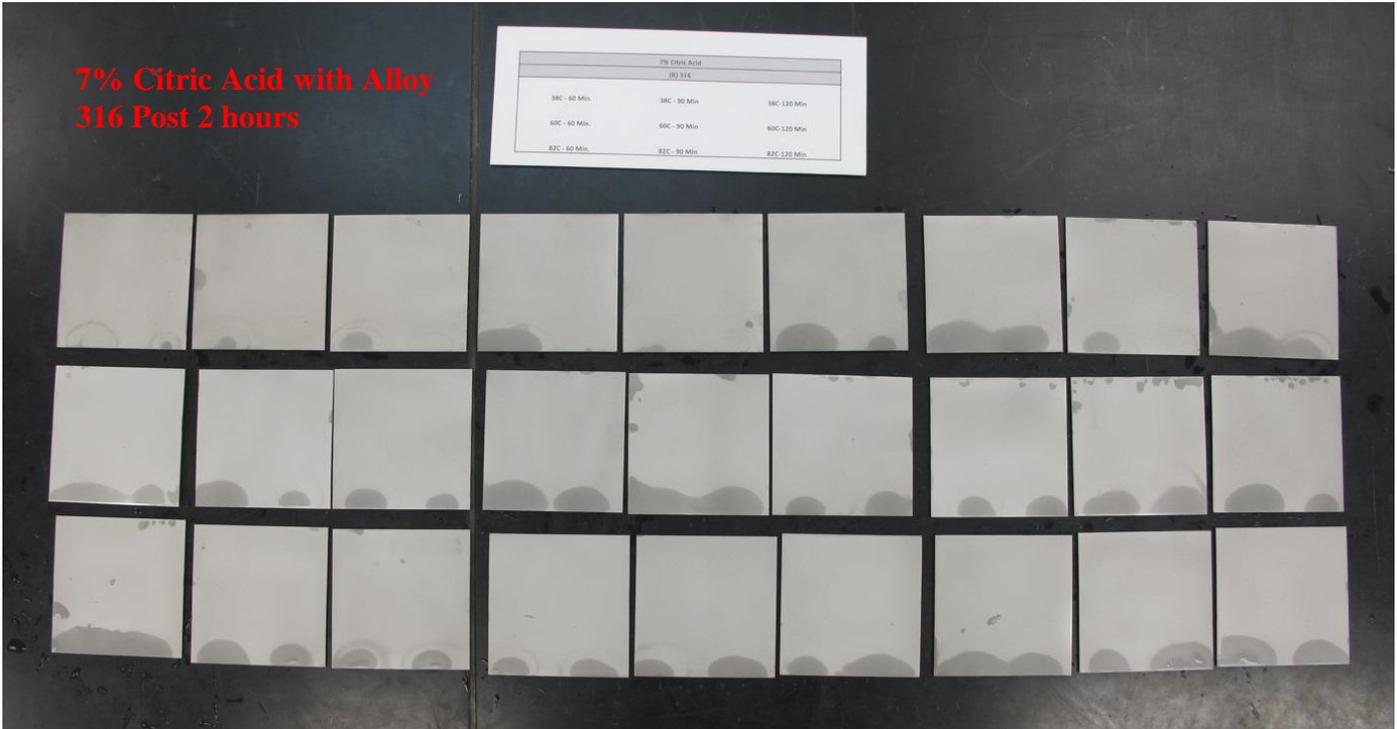
**10% Citric Acid with Alloy  
304 Post 2 hours**

10% Citric Acid		
[A] 304		
30C - 60 Min.	30C - 90 Min.	30C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



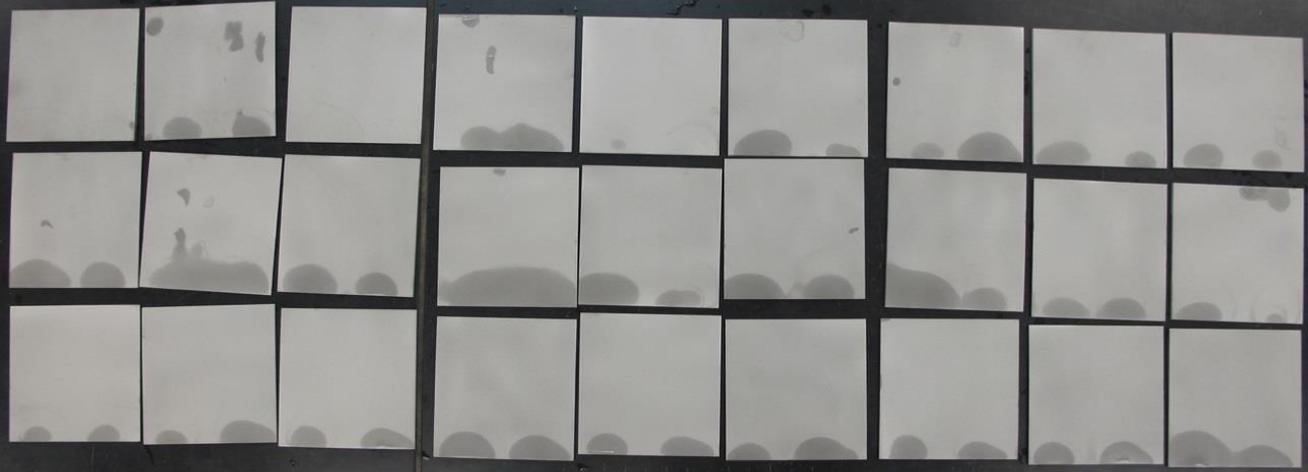
**7% Citric Acid with Alloy  
316 Post 2 hours**

7% Citric Acid		
[B] 316		
30C - 60 Min.	30C - 90 Min.	30C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



**10% Citric Acid with Alloy 316 Post 2 hours**

10% Citric Acid		
Alloy 316		
38C - 60 Min	38C - 90 Min	38C - 120 Min
60C - 60 Min	60C - 90 Min	60C - 120 Min
82C - 60 Min	82C - 90 Min	82C - 120 Min



**7% Citric Acid with Alloy 321 Post 2 hours**

7% Citric Acid		
Alloy 321		
38C - 60 Min	38C - 90 Min	38C - 120 Min
60C - 60 Min	60C - 90 Min	60C - 120 Min
82C - 60 Min	82C - 90 Min	82C - 120 Min



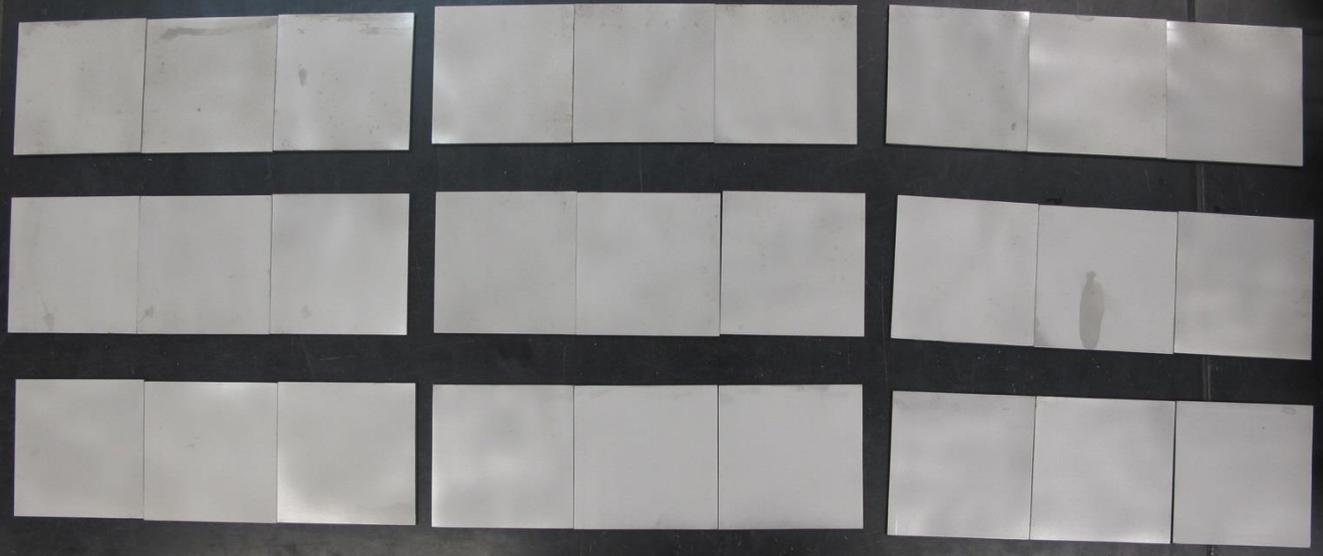
**10% Citric Acid with Alloy 321 Post 2 hours**

10% Citric Acid		
01 823		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



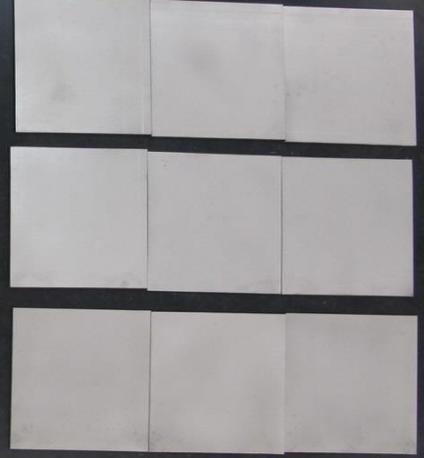
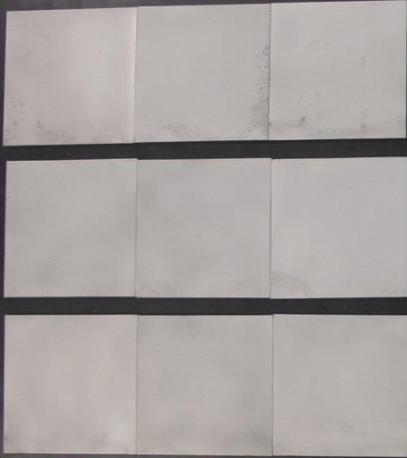
**4% Citric Acid with Alloy 13-8 Post 2 hours**

4% Citric Acid		
01 13-8		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



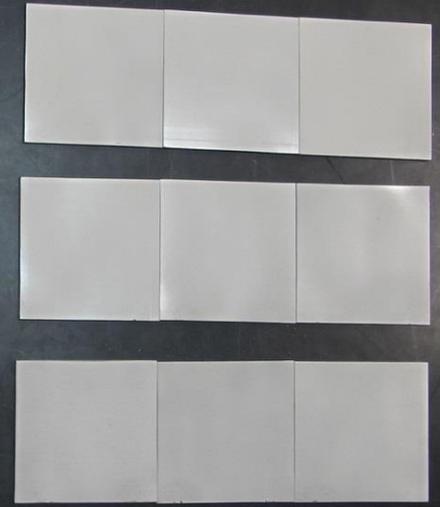
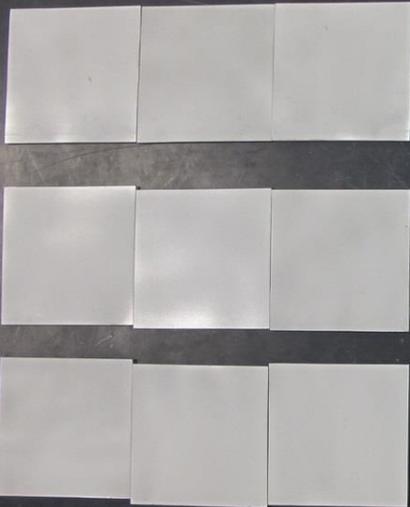
**7% Citric Acid with Alloy 13-8 Post 2 hours**

7% Citric Acid		
01/13/8		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



**10% Citric Acid with Alloy 13-8 Post 2 hours**

10% Citric Acid		
01/13/8		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



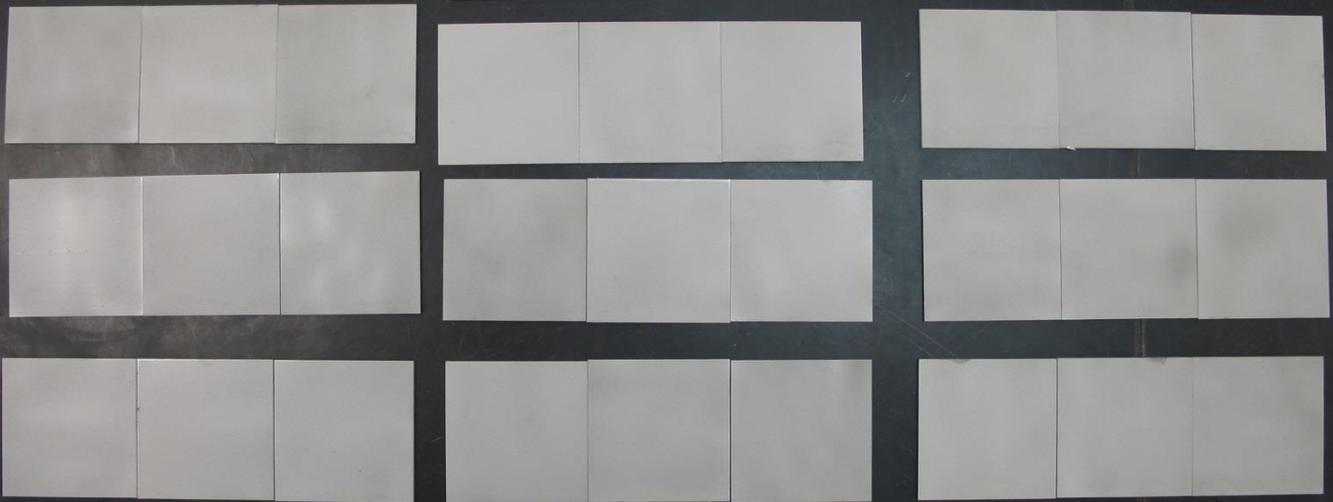
**7% Citric Acid with Alloy 15-5 Post 2 hours**

7% Citric Acid		
(X) 15-5		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min	38C-120 Min
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min	60C-120 Min
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min	82C-120 Min



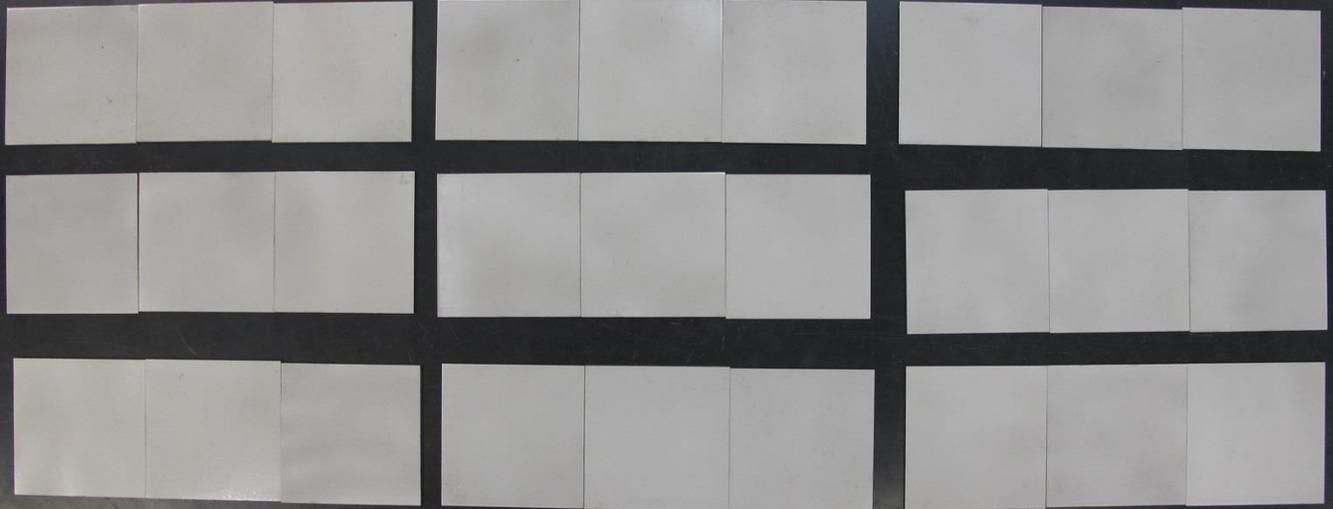
**10% Citric Acid with Alloy 15-5 Post 2 hours**

10% Citric Acid		
(X) 15-5		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min	38C-120 Min
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min	60C-120 Min
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min	82C-120 Min



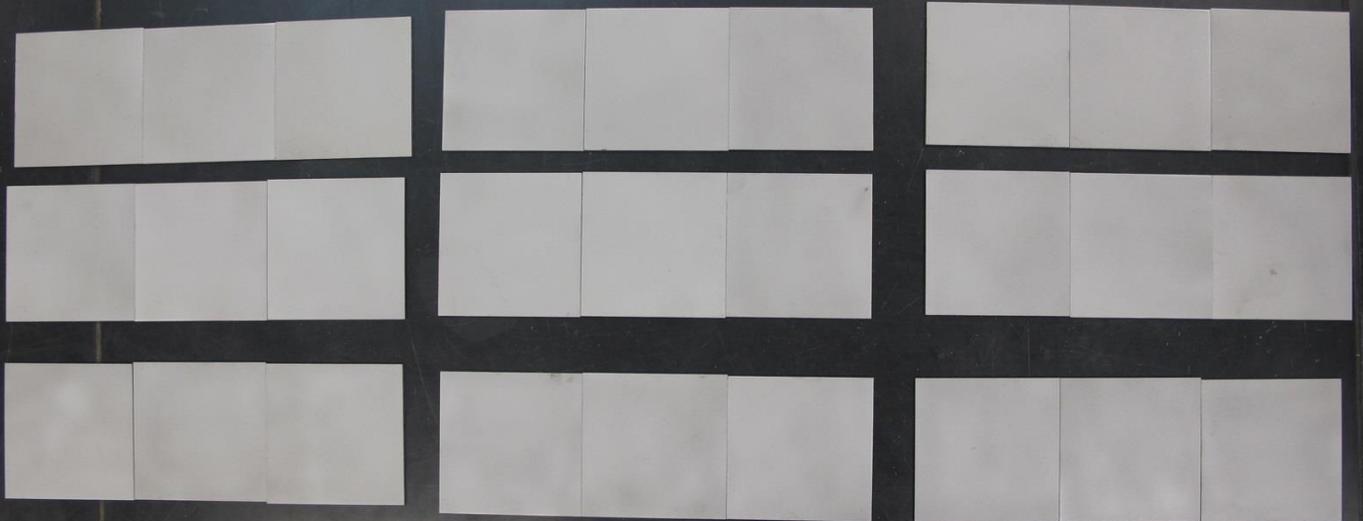
**4% Citric Acid with Alloy  
17-4 Post 2 hours**

4% Citric Acid		
(I) 17-4		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min	38C-120 Min
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min	60C-120 Min
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min	82C-120 Min



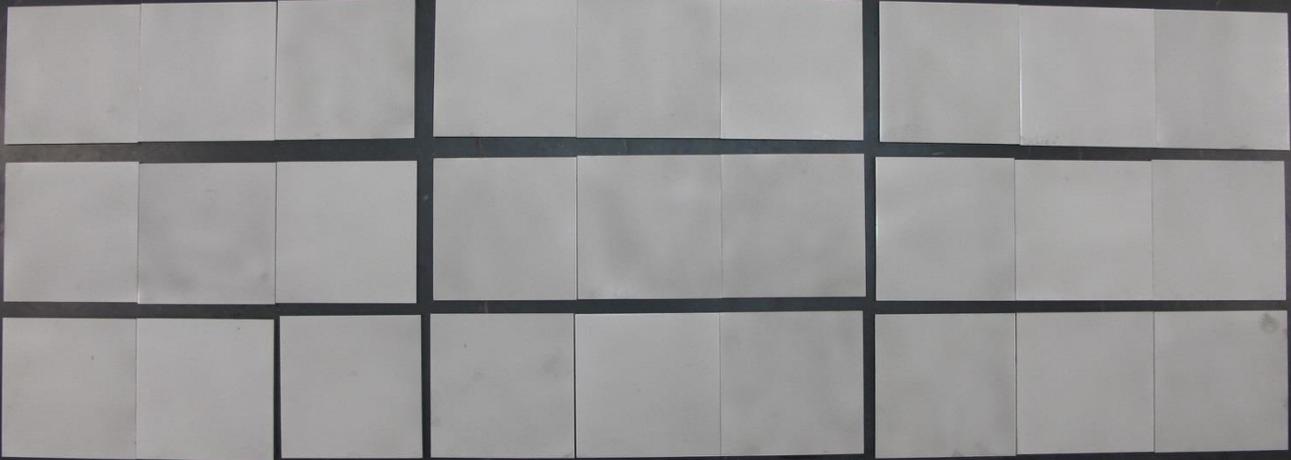
**7% Citric Acid with Alloy  
17-4 Post 2 hours**

7% Citric Acid		
(I) 17-4		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min	38C-120 Min
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min	60C-120 Min
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min	82C-120 Min



**10% Citric Acid with Alloy 17-4 Post 2 hours**

10% Citric Acid		
(F) 17-4		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



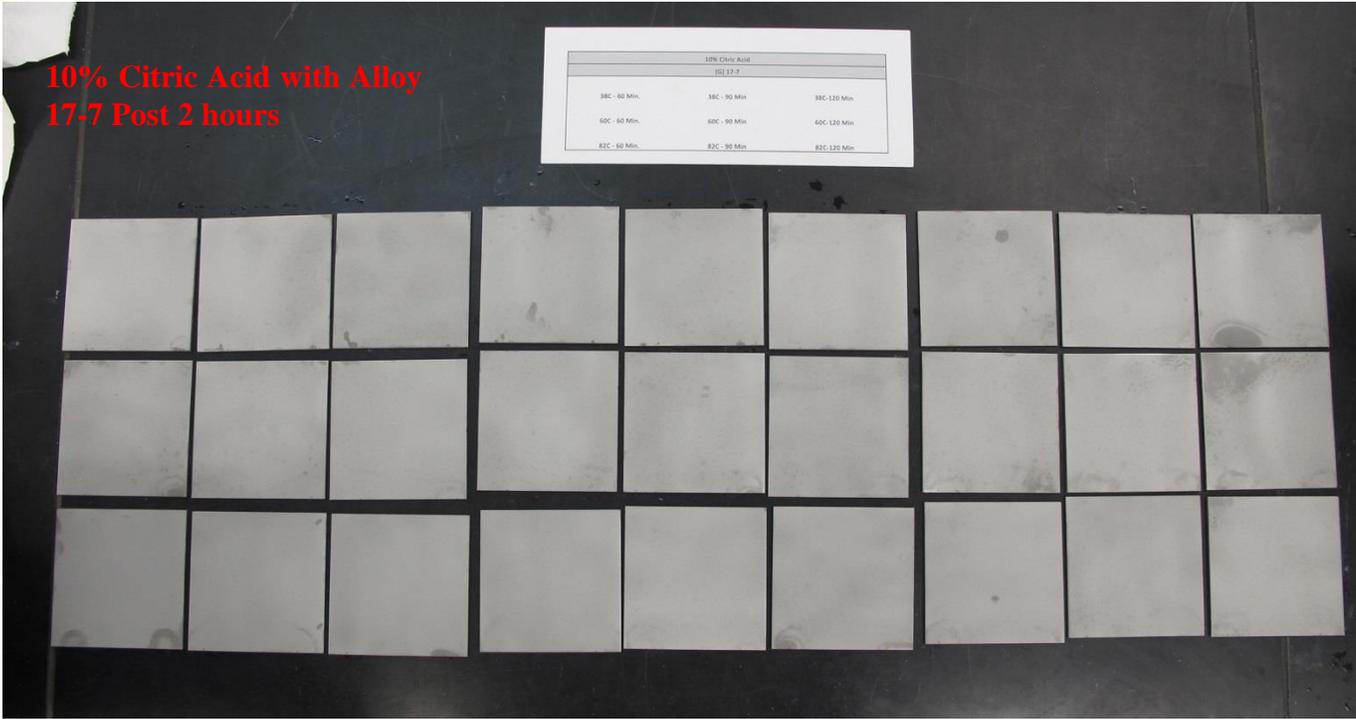
**7% Citric Acid with Alloy 17-7 Post 2 hours**

7% Citric Acid		
(G) 17-7		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



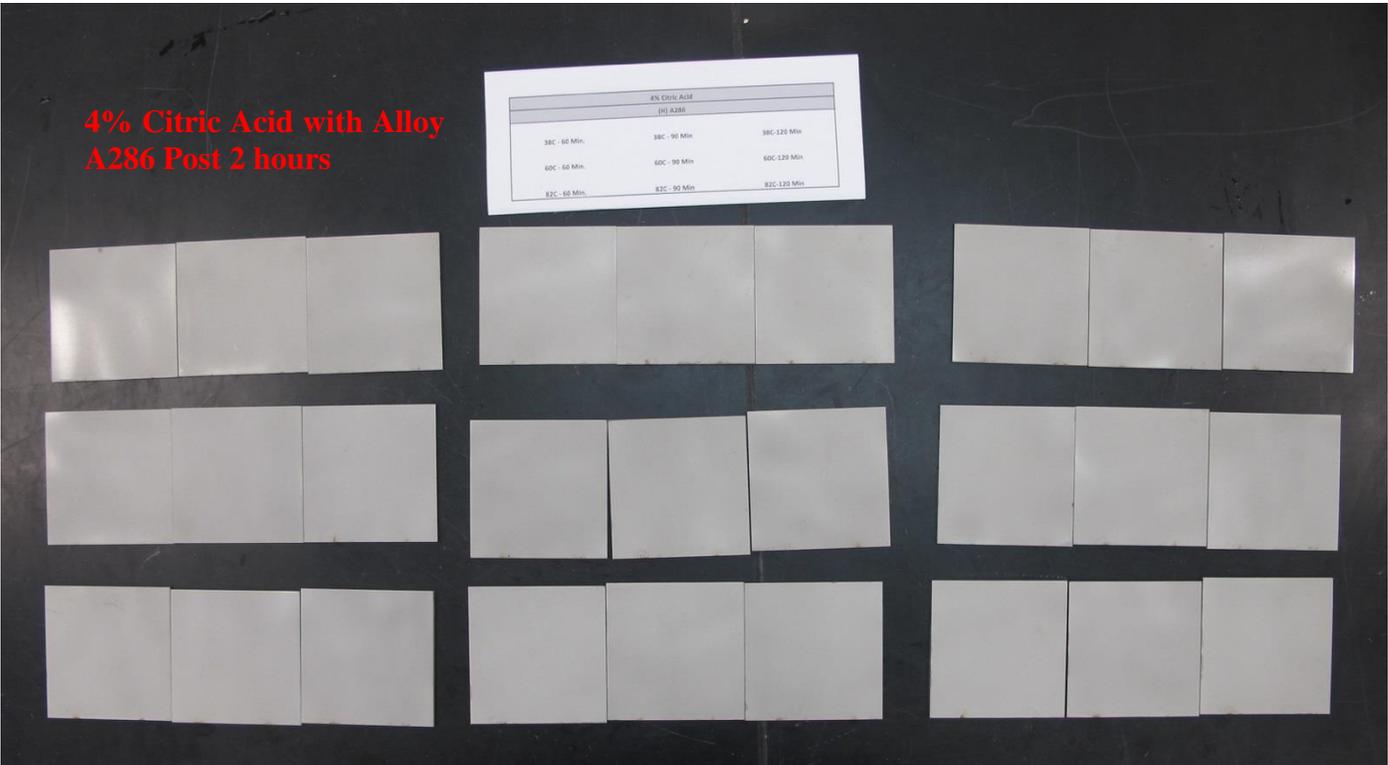
**10% Citric Acid with Alloy  
17-7 Post 2 hours**

10% Citric Acid		
[9] 17-7		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



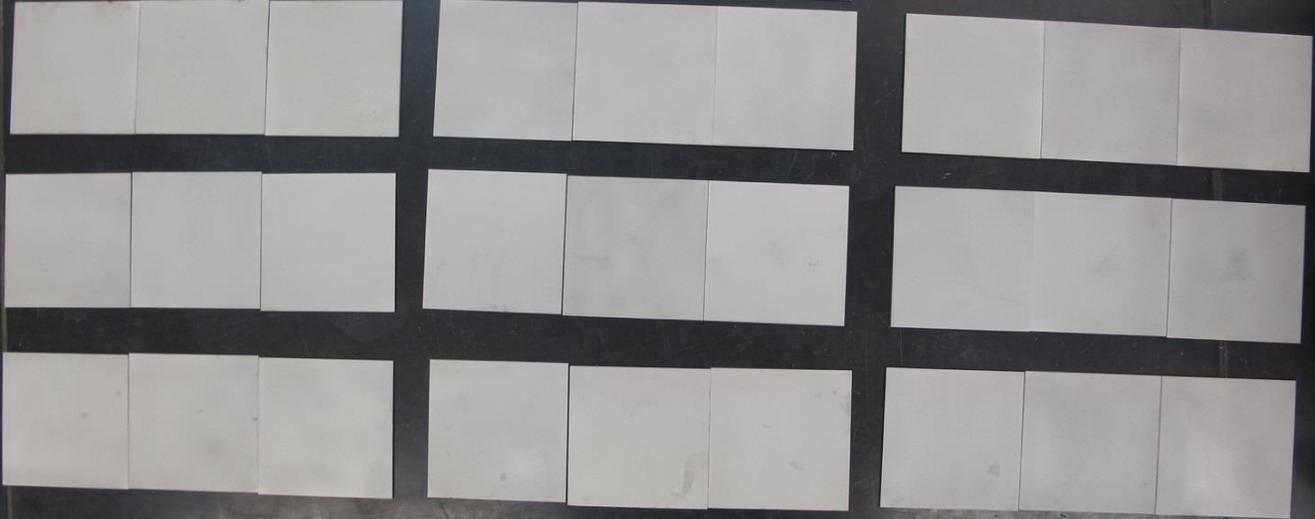
**4% Citric Acid with Alloy  
A286 Post 2 hours**

4% Citric Acid		
[9] A286		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



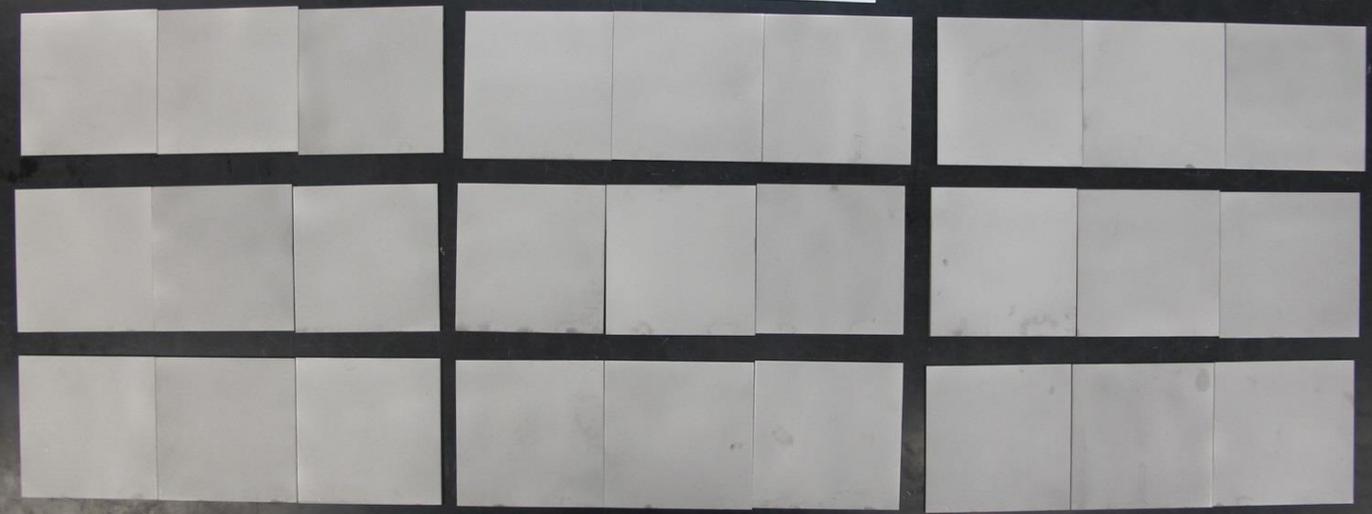
**7% Citric Acid with Alloy A286 Post 2 hours**

7% Citric Acid		
(H) A286		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



**10% Citric Acid with Alloy A286 Post 2 hours**

10% Citric Acid		
(H) A286		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



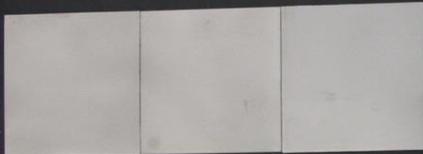
**4% Citric Acid with Alloy  
AL6XN Post 2 hours**

4% Citric Acid		
01 AL6XN		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



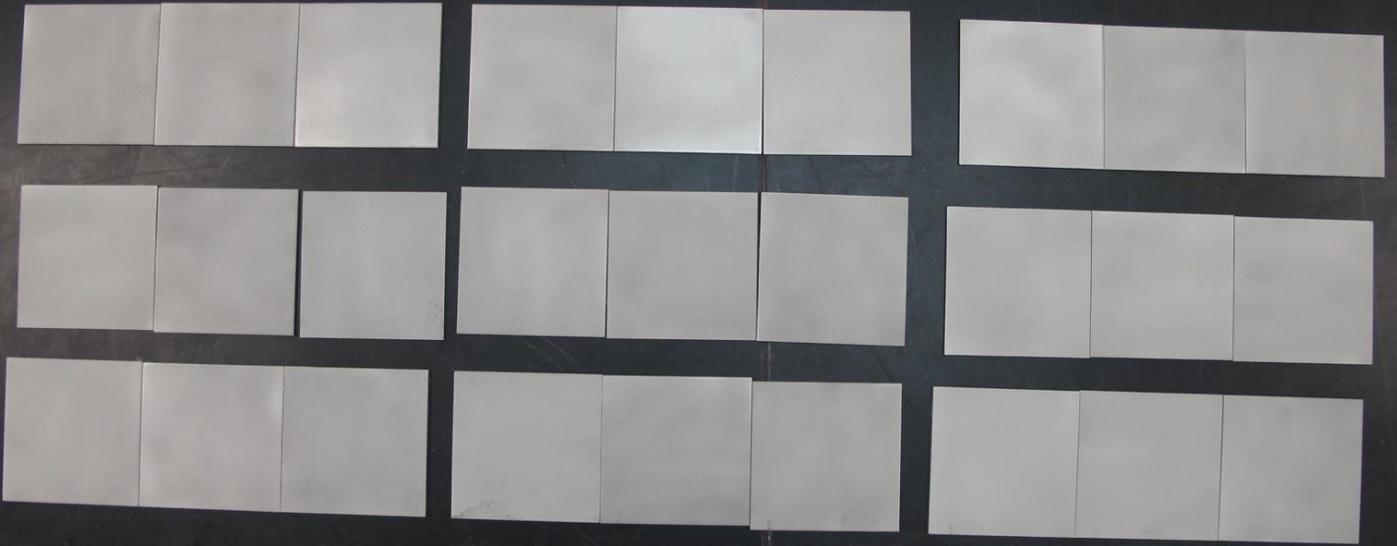
**7% Citric Acid with Alloy  
AL6XN Post 2 hours**

7% Citric Acid		
01 AL6XN		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



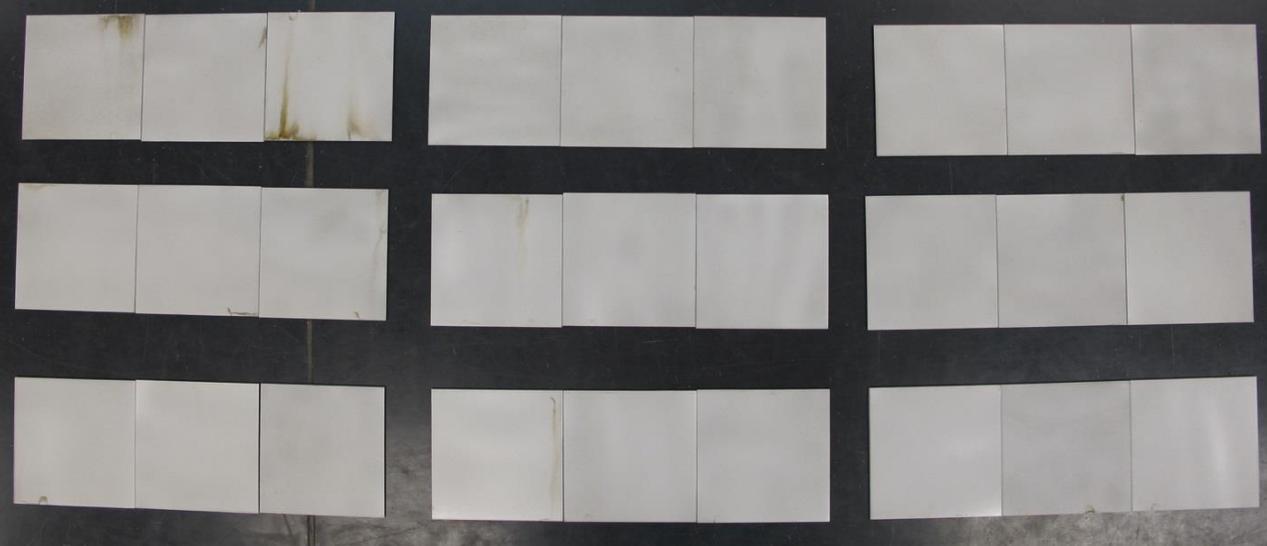
**10% Citric Acid with Alloy AL6XN Post 2 hours**

10% Citric Acid		
Al Alloy		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



**4% Citric Acid with Alloy 304 Post 168 hours**

4% Citric Acid		
Al 304		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



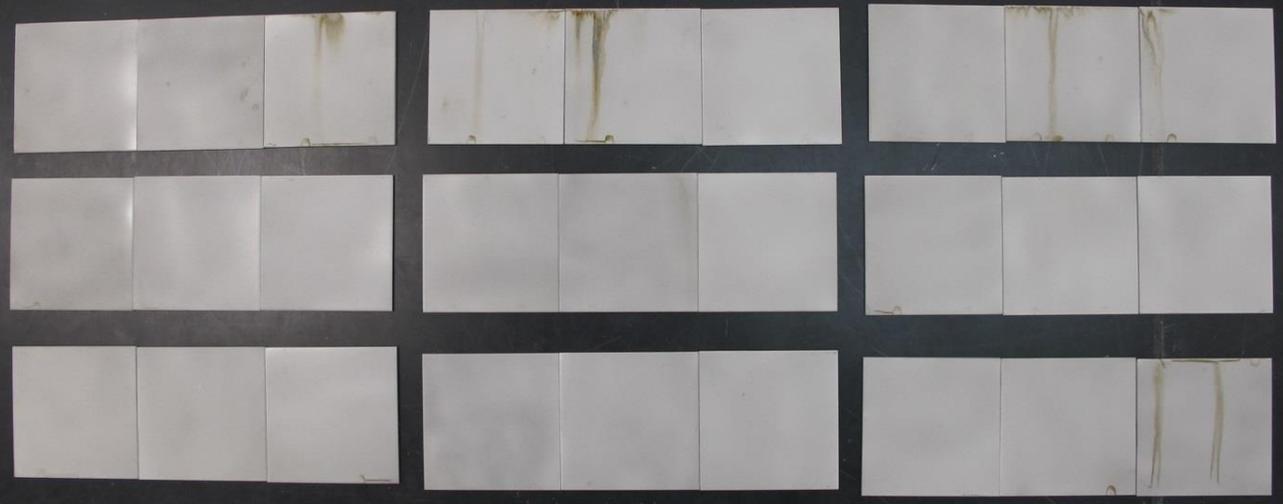
**7% Citric Acid with Alloy  
304 Post 168 hours**

7% Citric Acid		
(A) 304		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



**10% Citric Acid with Alloy  
304 Post 168 hours**

10% Citric Acid		
(A) 304		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



**7% Citric Acid with Alloy  
316 Post 168 hours**

7% Citric Acid		
(B) 316		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



**10% Citric Acid with Alloy  
316 Post 168 hours**

10% Citric Acid		
(B) 316		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



**7% Citric Acid with Alloy  
321 Post 168 hours**

7% Citric Acid		
C1 321		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



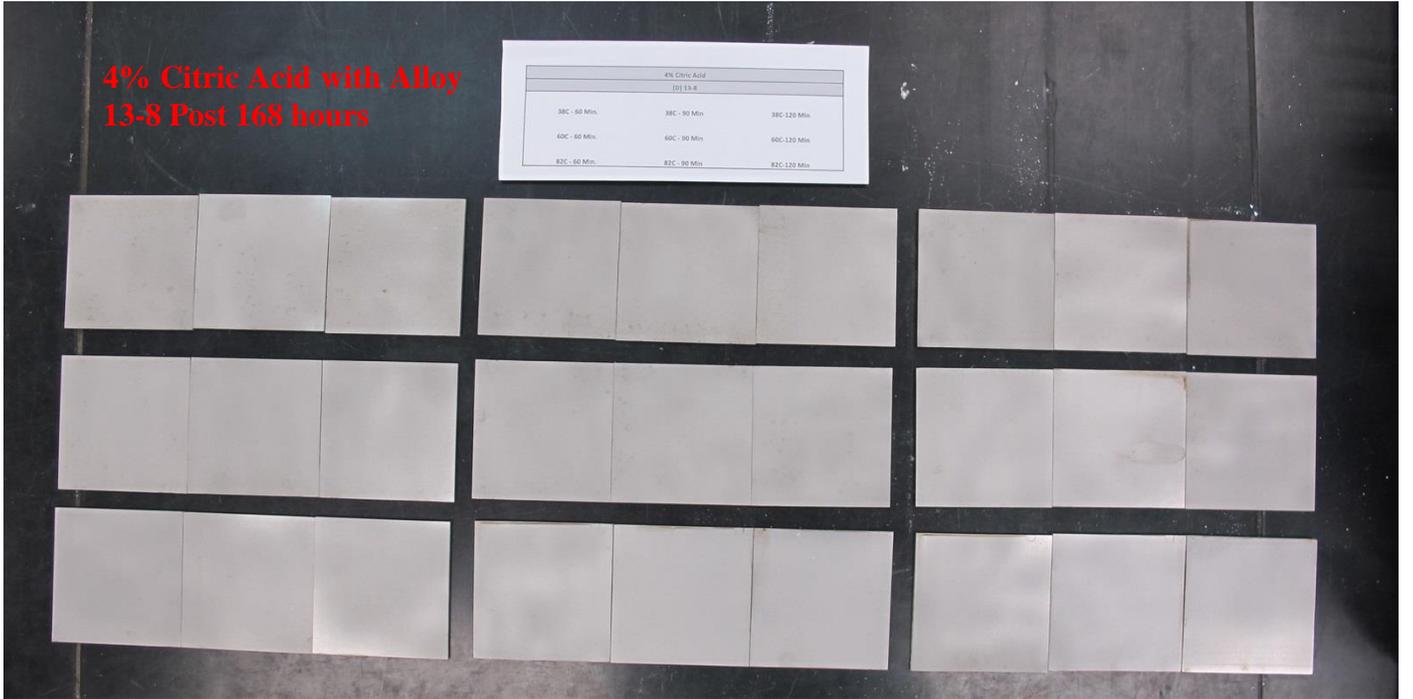
**10% Citric Acid with Alloy  
321 Post 168 hours**

10% Citric Acid		
C1 321		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



**4% Citric Acid with Alloy  
13-8 Post 168 hours**

4% Citric Acid		
(D) 13-8		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



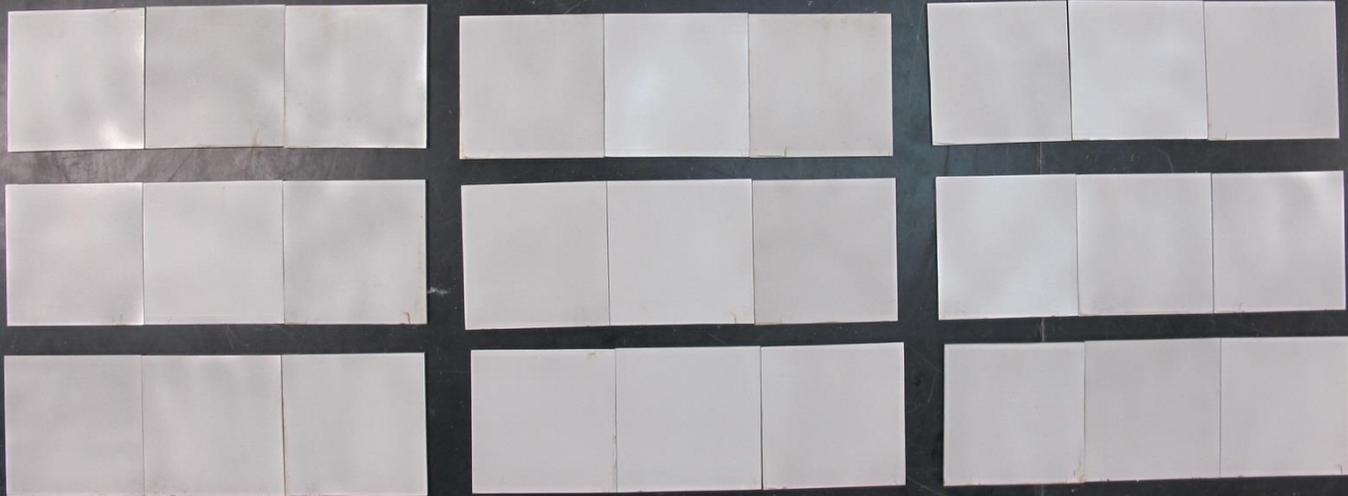
**7% Citric Acid with Alloy  
13-8 Post 168 hours**

7% Citric Acid		
(D) 13-8		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



**10% Citric Acid with Alloy  
13-8 Post 168 hours**

10% Citric Acid		
DT 13-8		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



**7% Citric Acid with Alloy  
15-5 Post 168 hours**

7% Citric Acid		
DT 15-5		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



**10% Citric Acid with Alloy  
15-5 Post 168 hours**

10% Citric Acid		
(R) 15-5		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C-120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C-120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C-120 Min.



**4% Citric Acid with Alloy  
17-4 Post 168 hours**

4% Citric Acid		
(R) 17-4		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C-120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C-120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C-120 Min.



**7% Citric Acid with Alloy  
17-4 Post 168 hours**

7% Citric Acid		
(F) 17-4		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min	38C - 120 Min
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min	60C - 120 Min
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min	82C - 120 Min



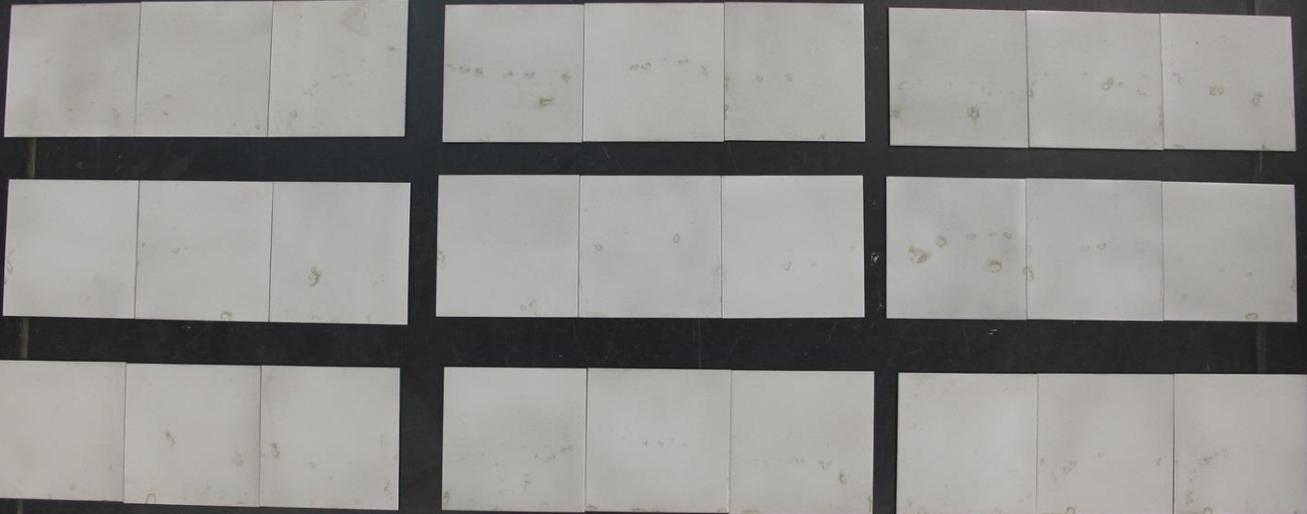
**10% Citric Acid with Alloy  
17-4 Post 168 hours**

10% Citric Acid		
(F) 17-4		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min	38C - 120 Min
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min	60C - 120 Min
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min	82C - 120 Min



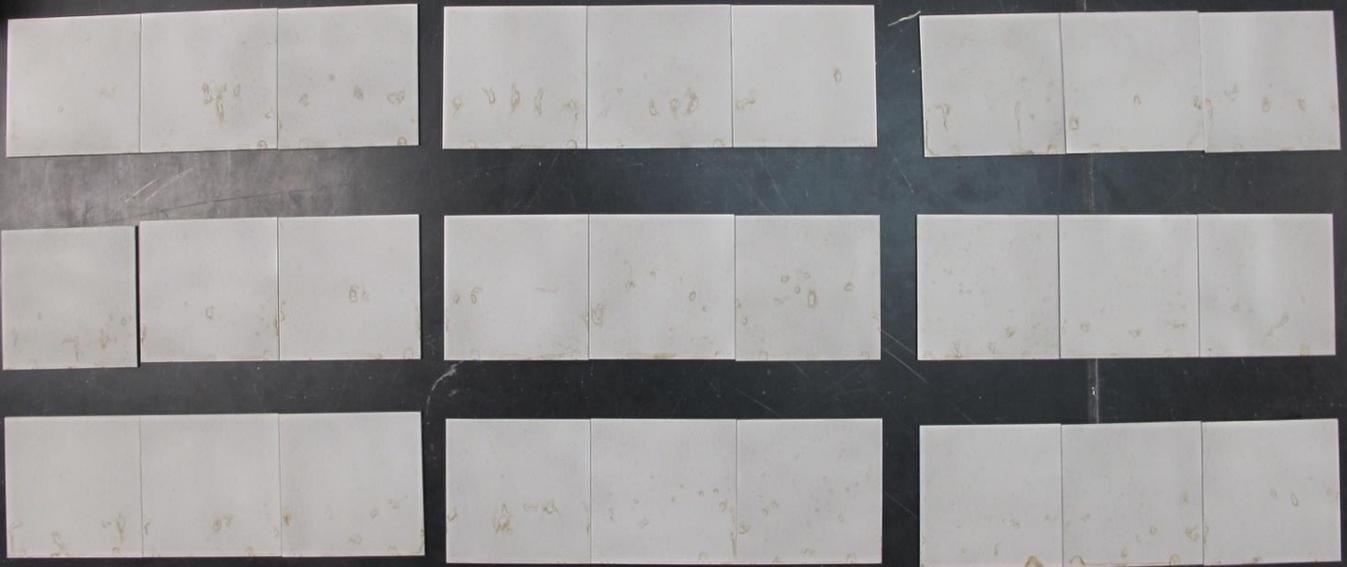
**7% Citric Acid with Alloy 17-7 Post 168 hours**

7% Citric Acid		
(S) 17-7		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



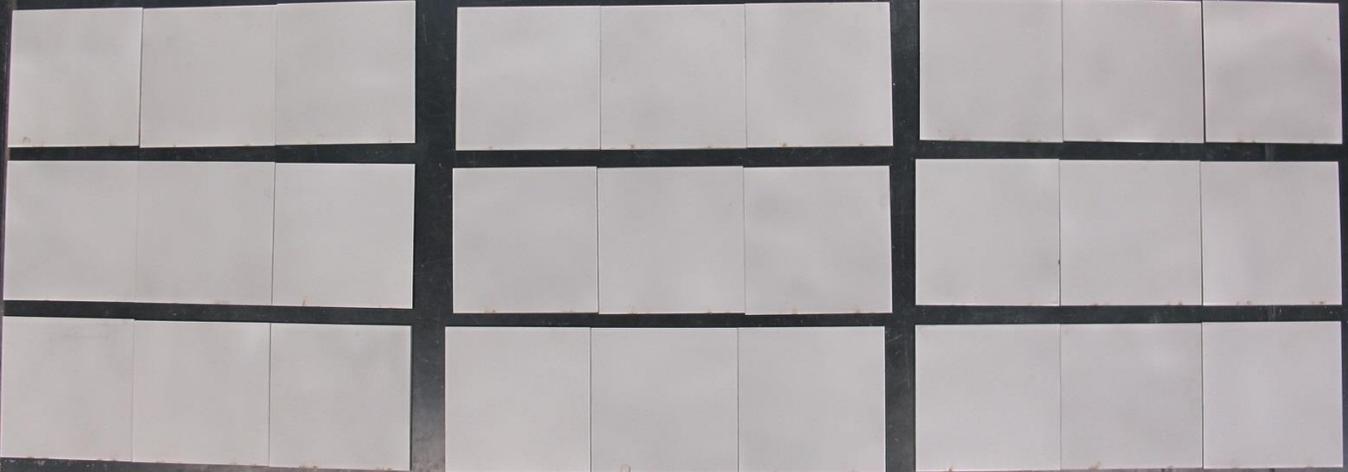
**10% Citric Acid with Alloy 17-7 Post 168 hours**

10% Citric Acid		
(S) 17-7		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



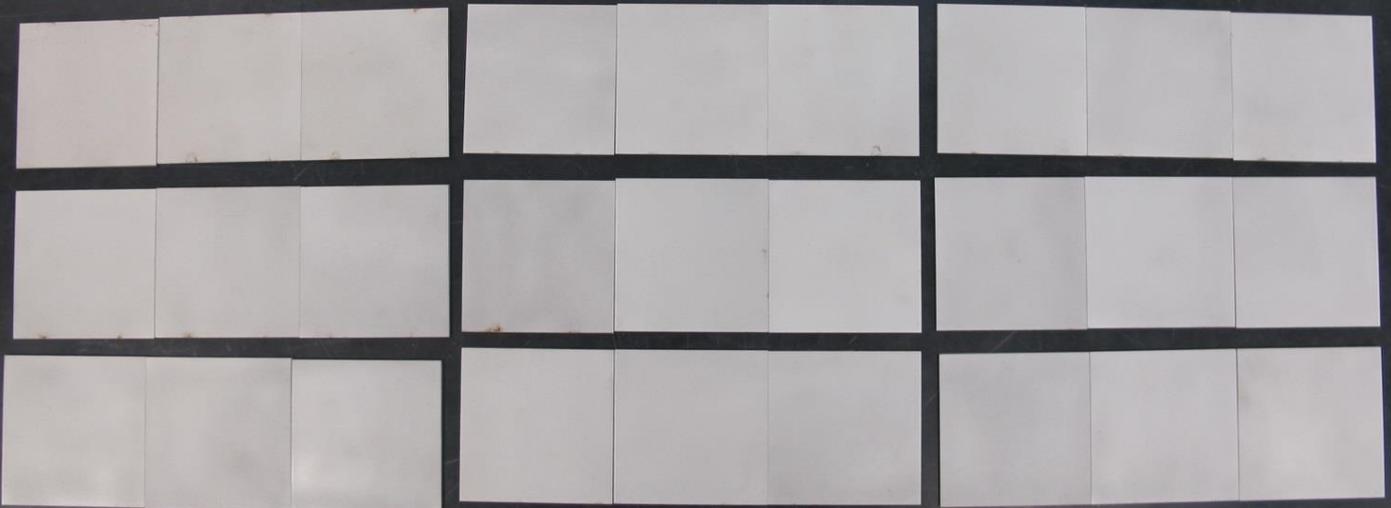
**4% Citric Acid with Alloy  
A286 Post 168 hours**

4% Citric Acid		
(H) A286		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



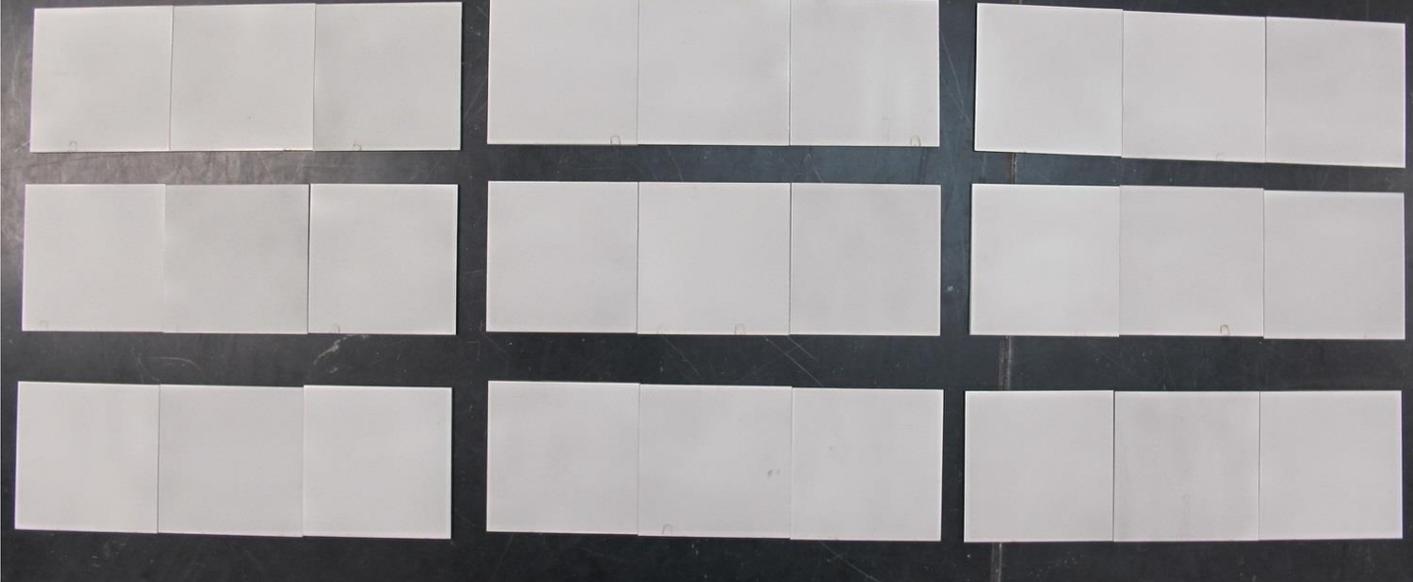
**7% Citric Acid with Alloy  
A286 Post 168 hours**

7% Citric Acid		
(H) A286		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



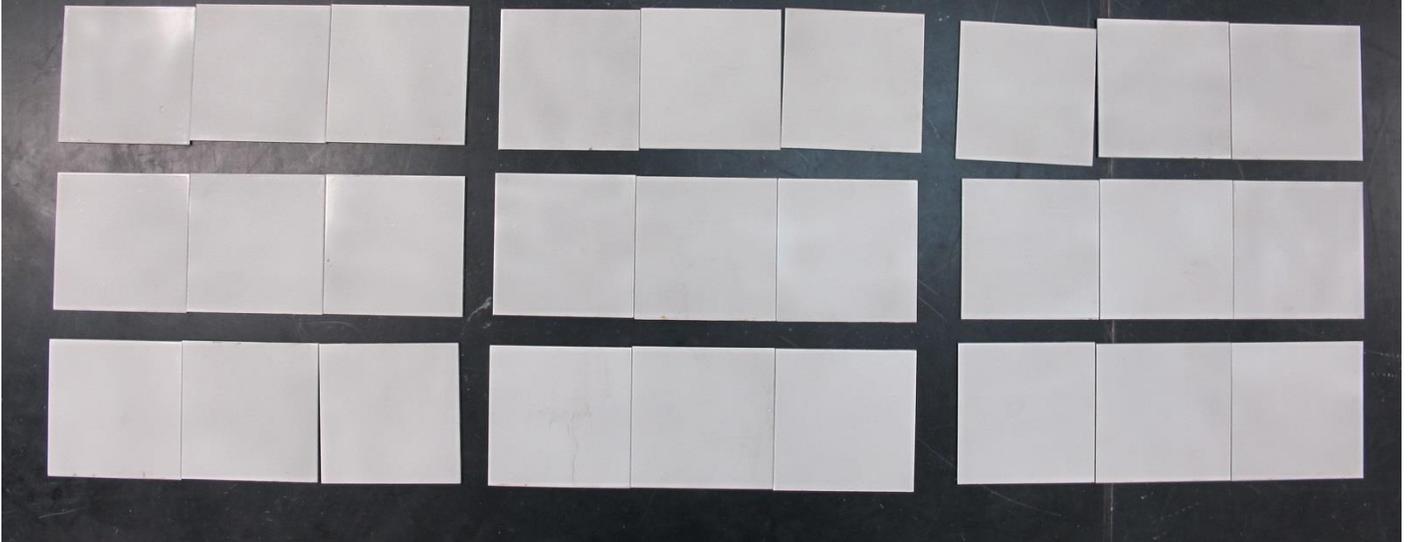
**10% Citric Acid with Alloy  
A286 Post 168 hours**

10% Citric Acid		
(H) A286		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min	38C - 120 Min
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min	60C - 120 Min
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min	82C - 120 Min



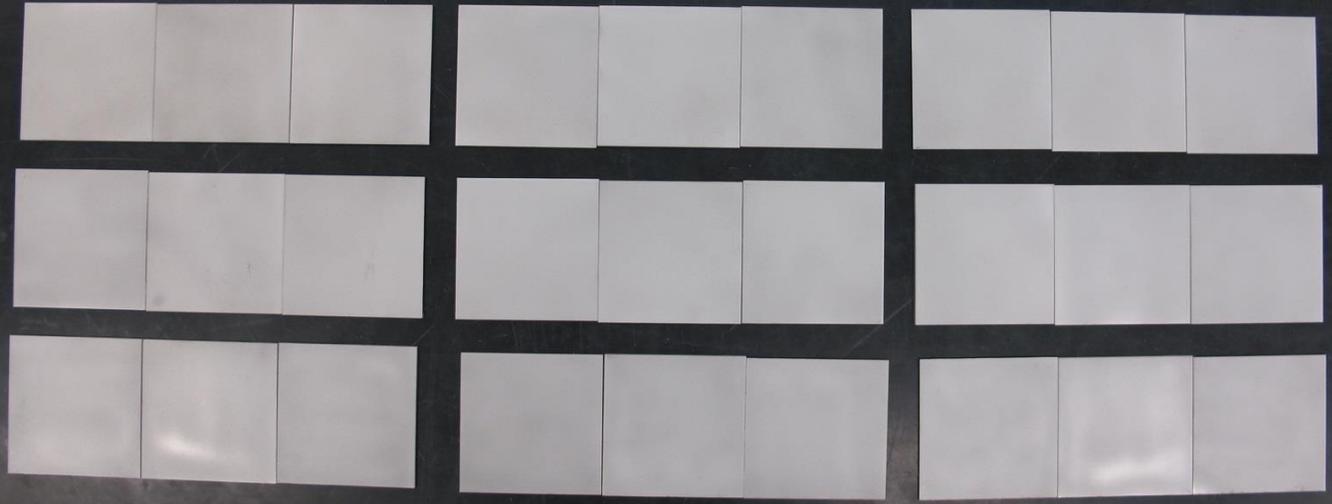
**4% Citric Acid with Alloy  
AL6XN Post 168 hours**

4% Citric Acid		
(J) AL6XN		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min	38C - 120 Min
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min	60C - 120 Min
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min	82C - 120 Min



**7% Citric Acid with Alloy  
AL6XN Post 168 hours**

7% Citric Acid		
(I) AL6XN		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.



**10% Citric Acid with Alloy  
AL6XN Post 168 hours**

10% Citric Acid		
(I) AL6XN		
38C - 60 Min.	38C - 90 Min.	38C - 120 Min.
60C - 60 Min.	60C - 90 Min.	60C - 120 Min.
82C - 60 Min.	82C - 90 Min.	82C - 120 Min.

