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1. SCOPE

- a. This specification covers the basic requirements for a corrosion resistant electrolytically applied zinc with yellow hexavalent chromate base coat with topcoat multiple epoxy application and a final sealing coating applied for fasteners.
- b. These coatings are applied by conventional dip-spin or dip-drain or spray methods which can be handled through a cleaning, coating and baking operation per coating manufacturer's specified requirements.

2. PROCESS REQUIREMENTS

- a. Prior to coating, the parts shall be free from oil, scale and similar foreign materials
- b. Parts shall be baked at a temperature per the requirements specified by the part product standard.

3. COATING REQUIREMENTS -

- a. Appearance
 - i. The coating shall have a uniform appearance free from tears, blisters, uncoated areas, and other discontinuities which may affect the appearance or performance of the coating.
 - ii. The color shall be brown unless otherwise specified.
 - iii. The coating shall not be tacky to the touch and shall not leave particulate residue on equipment hands or gloves.
- b. Topcoat A polyester topcoat applied to the epoxy coating is required and must meet the requirements defined in this specification.
- c. Thickness The coating shall not have any adverse effects on normal installation and removal practices. For reference, typical zinc thickness is $8 \mu m$, and the nano coating $15 \mu m$ based on an average of individual measurements when measured on the significant surface as defined by ASTM F1941/F1941M or ISO 10683.
- d. Adhesion Adhesion of the coating shall be tested in accordance with ASTM D3359 Test Method A (*with an X-*Cut) or ISO 2409 and visually rated to classify

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the adhesion result. The coating shall show only trace peeling and removal when performing the adhesive tape test.

e. Corrosion Resistance – The coating shall be capable of withstanding exposure to salt spray when tested in accordance with ASTM B117 or ISO 9227 to the minimum hours specified in Table 1 prior to red rust. Unless otherwise defined, acceptable corrosion resistance shall be Rust Grade 6 or higher ASTM D610 on significant surfaces.

Table 1 Salt Spray Requirements

Product Description and Size	Minimum Salt Spray Hours
Deck screws of various head forms and thread configuration	1000

- g. There shall be no signs of blistering after salt spray testing.
- h. Cathodic Protection The cathodic protection capability of the coating shall be tested utilizing the salt spray test above for a duration of 72 hours with a specimen which has been scratched down to the base metal. The scratch shall have a maximum width of 0.02-in (0.5mm). After the salt spray test, there shall be no red rust in scratched area.

4. RECESS FILL

a. Coating processing shall be controlled so as to limit the buildup of coating within the recess drive which would prevent the functionality of screw installation.