

### **Standard Operating Procedure**

### **Passivation of Welded Stainless Steel Surfaces**

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#### 1 Purpose

1.1 To establish guidelines/instruction procedures for the passivation of welded stainless steel surfaces.

#### 2 Scope

- 2.1 Passivating Stainless Steel welded surfaces using the DYNAFLUX Heat Tint Removal (HTR) system.
- 2.2 Passivating Stainless Steel welded surfaces using the ASTROPAK UltraPass® Gel Passivation Kit system.
- 2.3 Passivating Stainless Steel welded surfaces using the 'immersion' treatment process.
- 2.4 Passivating Stainless Steel welded surfaces using the 'flow-thru' treatment process.

#### 3 Responsibilities

- 3.1 Project Managers: Shall be responsible for the specification review, coordination and planning of the passivation work.
  - 3.1.1 PM shall issue passivation process submittals to the client for approval, as required, prior to start of passivation processing.
- 3.2 Forepersons: Shall be responsible for the coordination and planning of the welding, related finishing work and delivery coordination as needed for passivation.

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- 3.3 The following is the responsibility of the Quality Assurance Manager.
  - 3.3.1 Ensure the passivation process has been submitted and accepted by the client as required.
  - 3.3.2 Ensure that each weld area is passivated

#### 4 Procedures



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- 4.1 Passivating Stainless Steel welded surfaces using the DYNAFLUX Heat Tint Removal (HTR) system.
  - 4.1.1 Connect the HTR system power cord to 110-120VAC source.
  - 4.1.2 Connect the ground clamp to the work piece.
  - 4.1.3 Pick up and hold the applicator (spoon, brush).
  - 4.1.4 Switch the unit to 'ON'.
    - 4.1.4.1 If using the smaller brush option, set to 'Low Power'.
  - 4.1.5 Saturate the applicator brush with HTR cleaning solution.
  - 4.1.6 Apply to the discolored (heat tint) area of the work piece in gentle strokes.
  - 4.1.7 Keep the brush/boot saturated with cleaning fluid to prevent arcing.
  - 4.1.8 Wipe away residual solution with a water soaked cloth/wiper.
    - 4.1.8.1 Make sure all areas are free of chemical residue.
  - 4.1.9 Complete Therma SOP Form FN 5.054.1 Passivation Report and provide to the QC Manager for inclusion in Turnover package.
- 4.2 Passivating Stainless Steel welded surfaces using the ASTROPAK UltraPass® Passivation Kit system.
  - 4.2.1 Examine the Gel Passivation Kit to ensure all contents are supplied as listed and the passivation procedure/report forms are included.
  - 4.2.2 Follow ASTROPAK instructions/procedures for 'Hand Passivation'.
    - 4.2.2.1 Clean weld or surface area with IPA or alkaline cleaner solution by wiping. Rinse with deionized water(DI).
    - 4.2.2.2 Apply the passivation Gel to the surface with the applicator brush provided. Record the start time on the report form.



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- 4.2.2.2.1Re-apply passivation gel every 15 minutes for a minimum of 90 minutes.
- 4.2.2.2Record the end time on the report form.
- 4.2.2.3 Mix neutralization solution by adding the component below (1 part) to deionized(DI) water (10 parts).
  - 4.2.2.3.1Add Sodium Bicarbonate and record initials on the report form.
- 4.2.2.4 Wipe off passivation gel from surface with a dry wipe.
- 4.2.2.5 Apply neutralization solution to the passivation surface area until foaming or reaction ceases.
- 4.2.2.6 Rinse with appropriate volume of DI water, while making sure all waste water is completely drained.
- 4.2.2.7 Verify that waste solution meets disposal criteria prior to dumping by testing with pH testing strips provided.
- 4.2.2.8 Make sure all areas are free of chemical residue.
- 4.2.2.9 Make sure rinse water meets pH or conductivity criteria.
- 4.2.2.10Complete Passivation Report Form and provide to the QC Manager for inclusion in Turnover package.
- 4.2.3 Passivating Stainless Steel welded surfaces using the 'immersion' treatment process.
  - 4.2.3.1 Immersion process is typically performed at a subcontracted shop for passivation/electro-polishing.
  - 4.2.3.2 When materials are for a 'process contact' application in an ASME BPE system, passivation contractor shall furnish a Certificate of Passivation Compliance per the current ASME BPE Standard.
    - 4.2.3.2.1The QCM shall review the certificate for acceptance, then insert into the Turnover Package



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- 4.2.4 Passivating Stainless Steel welded surfaces using the 'flow-thru' treatment process.
  - 4.2.4.1 The 'flow thru' passivation process is normally performed by a passivation sub-contractor either at their shop, or in Therma's shop, or at a field site.
  - 4.2.4.2 Project Manager and Foreperson shall coordinate with sub-contractor to plan for waste water treatment and disposal, etc.
  - 4.2.4.3 When materials are for a 'process contact' application in an ASME BPE system, passivation contractor shall furnish a Certificate of Passivation Compliance per the current ASME BPE Standard.
    - 4.2.4.3.1The QCM shall review the certificate for acceptance, then insert into the Turnover Package
- 5 Review and Approval
  - 5.1 Therma QA department shall review each document for acceptance and inclusion in the Turnover package(TOP).