## Combined Weathering & Corrosion Testing

Applications, Methods, & Limitations

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#### **Topics**

- Accelerated tests for product qualification
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#### **Matrix of Accelerated Tests**

Accelerated Test Type	Result	Test Time	Results compared to	Research? Development? Certification?	
Quality Control	Pass / fail	<ul><li>Defined</li><li>Short</li></ul>	Material specification	Certification & Research	
Qualification / validation	Pass / fail	<ul><li>Defined</li><li>Medium-long</li></ul>	Reference material or specification	Certification & Development	
Correlative	Rank-ordered data	<ul><li>Open-ended</li><li>Medium</li></ul>	Natural exposure (Benchmark site)	Development	
Predictive	Service life Acceleration factor	<ul><li>Open-ended</li><li>Long</li></ul>	Natural exposure (Service environment)	Development & Warranty Contracts	

# What happens when your customer's qualification test gives incorrect data?

They still want their warranty!

## Protective Coatings Industrial Maintenance Coatings Marine Coatings

- Primary job is to protect steel structures, industrial hardware, or other infrastructure in corrosive environments
- Sunlight exposure is often a factor
- Re-coating can be very expensive

#### **Infrastructure Protection**

- Bridges
- Metal buildings
- Petrochemical plants











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#### **Weathering and Corrosion**



#### Weathering

Changes in material properties resulting from exposure to the radiant energy present in **sunlight** in combination with **heat** (including temperature cycling) and **water** in its various states, predominately as humidity, dew, and rain.





#### (Atmospheric) Corrosion

Deterioration and destruction of a material and its vital properties due to electrochemical reactions on the surface of a metal in an atmospheric environment. It occurs when the surface is wet by moisture formed due to rain, fog and condensation.

#### **Combined Corrosion/Weathering**

Developed in the 1980s by Sherwin Williams





#### **Combined Corrosion/Weathering**

As a coating degrades from UV exposure, its ability to protect against corrosion is reduced



#### **Combined Weathering/Corrosion Cycle**





7 Days

7 Days, ASTM G85 A5

UVA-340 Condensation	4:00 4:00	0.89 W/m²/nm	60°C 50°C	Fog (dilute solution) Dry-off	24°C 35°C
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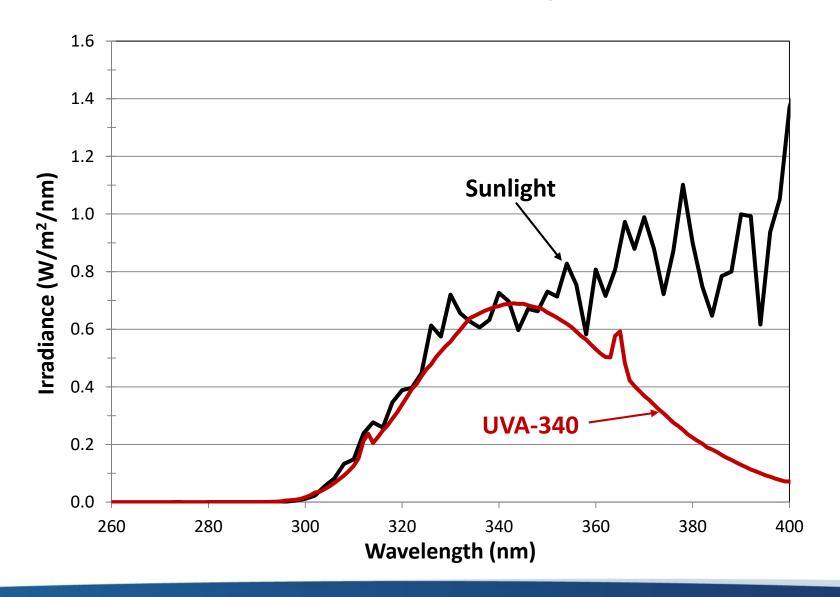
#### Fluorescent UV Weathering Tester

QUV shown with new dual-touchscreen controller

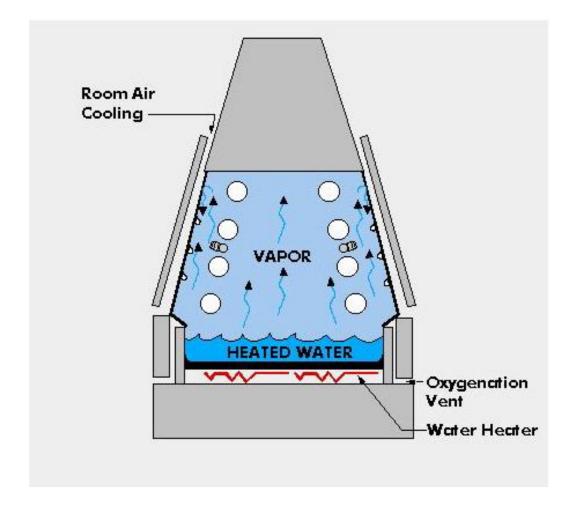




#### **UVA-340 Lamps**

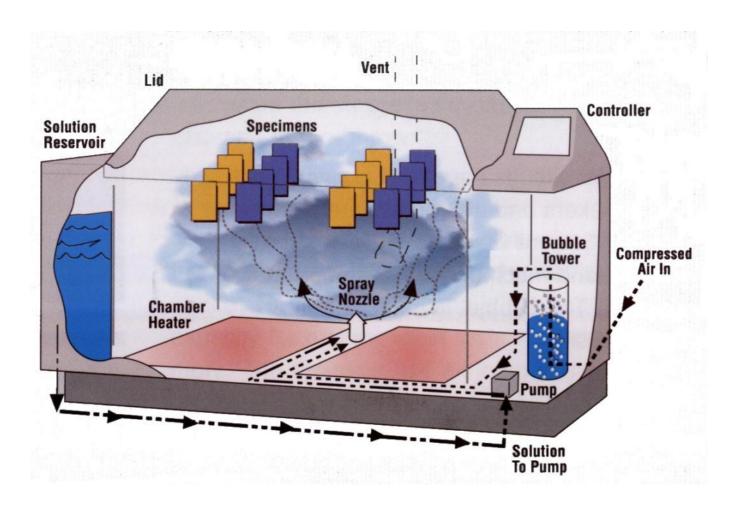


#### **Condensation**



Hot condensation is very effective at simulating moisture absorption in a wet environment such as Florida.

### **Continuous Salt Spray Salt Fog Environment**

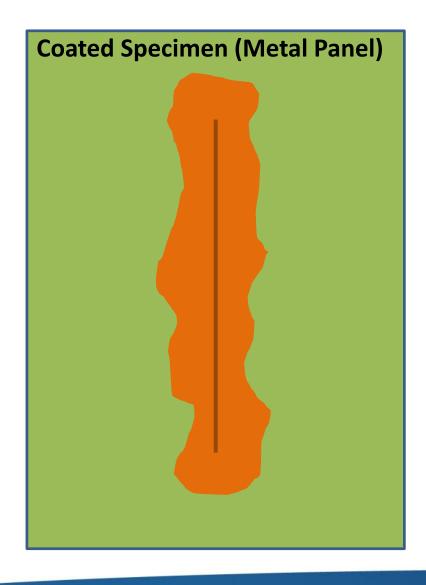


A solution of NaCl or other salts is pumped to an atomizing spray nozzle along with moisturized compressed air, creating a very fine mist that appears similar to fog.

#### **Corrosion Specimen Evaluations**

- Corrosion creep along a scribe
- Blistering
- Degree of rusting (ASTM D610)

#### **Corrosion Along a Scribe**

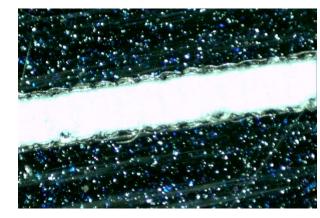


#### **Scribing Tool**

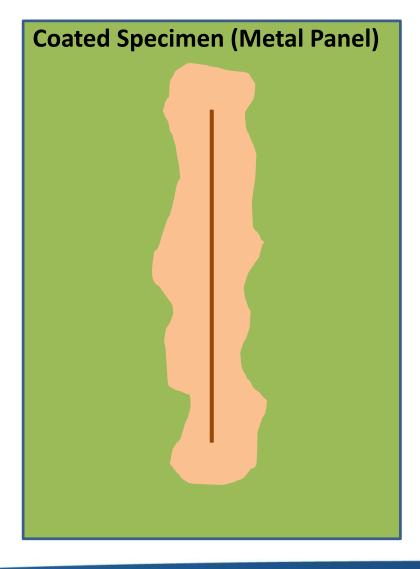


Scribe (cut)
through the
coating to the
metal
substrate

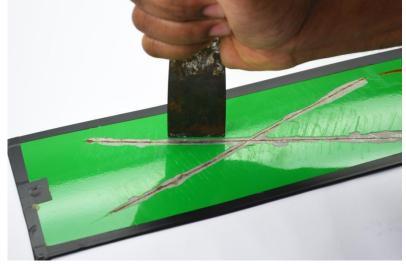
Expose the panel and allow corrosion to "creep" from the scribe



#### **Corrosion Along a Scribe**

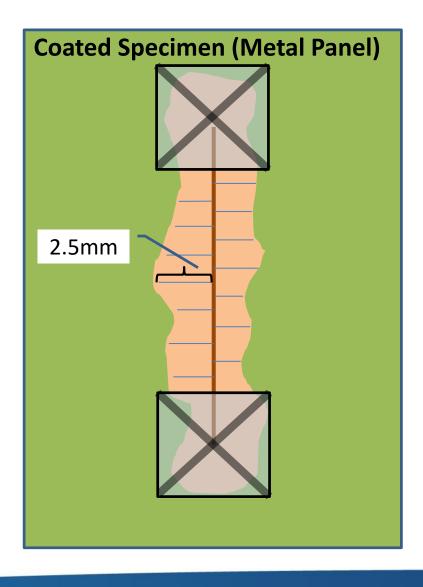


Remove rust "scab" with dull blade



Now the panel is ready for evaluation

#### **Corrosion Along a Scribe**



Ignore corrosion areas near ends of scribe (approximately 6-12 mm)

Create grid lines (minimum of 6) from scribe perpendicular to edge of corroded areas—transparency can be placed over panel for this purpose

Measure distance between scribe and edge of corrosion

Paint removed due to loss of adhesion is a separate measurement

#### **Corrosion Specimen Evaluations**

Corrosion creep

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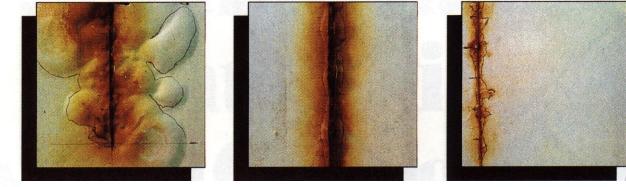
Loss of adhesion (cathodic delamination)



In this study, delamination data from laboratory tests correlated best to outdoor data

#### **Salt Spray vs Outdoors**

Salt Spray for 2000 hours (1000 for latex)



27 months outdoor marine environment

#### **Outdoor**

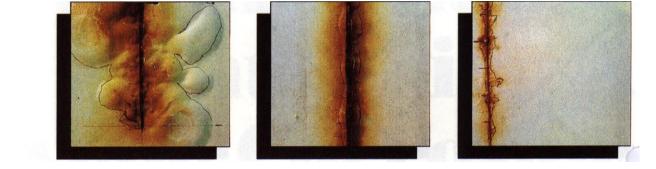
**Salt Spray** 

#### **Cyclic Wet/Dry vs Outdoors**

Prohesion (ASTM G85 A5)

Epoxy Alkyd Latex

Salt Spray for 2000 hours (1000 for latex)



Outdoor

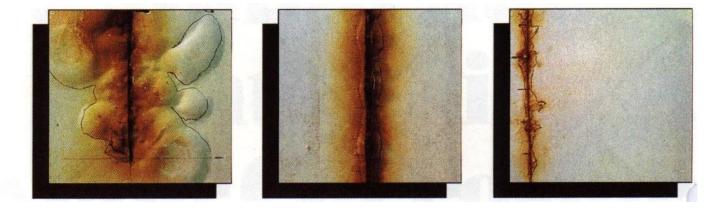
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#### **Combined Corrosion/Weathering vs Outdoors**

Epoxy Alkyd Latex

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ASTM D5894 - for 2000 hrs



27 months outdoor marine environment

**Outdoor** 

**ASTM D5894** 

#### **Corrosion/Weathering Validation**

Society for Protective Coatings (SSPC)

- Cleveland Society for Coatings Technology (CSCT)
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)

#### **SSPC**

- Society for Protective Coatings
- 15 different systems
- Outdoor vs. accelerated
  - 31 months
- Accelerated tests
  - Salt spray 5%
  - Prohesion
  - 2 types of cyclic immersion tests
  - Combined corrosion/ weathering test



#### **SSPC Test Results**

Laboratory Test Method	Correlation w/Severe Marine Environment		
Conventional Salt Spray	-0.11		
Prohesion	0.07		
Cyclic Immersion Procedures	0.48		
Cyclic Immersion with UV Procedure	0.61		
Combined Corrosion/ Weathering Cycle	0.71		

Results stated are Spearman rank coefficient 1.0 = perfect correlation, 0 = random, -1 = perfect rank reversal

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#### **ASTM D5894**





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#### **ASTM D5894 Variations**

- NACE TM0304, TM0404
  - Replaces dilute NaCl/(NH<sub>4</sub>)₂SO<sub>4</sub> solution with
     ASTM D1141 synthetic seawater
- Freeze cycling added to US Federal Highway Administration test

#### Synthetic Sea Water (ASTM D1141)

Compound	Concentration (g/L)		
NaCl (sodium chloride)	24.53		
MgCl <sub>2</sub> (magnesium chloride)	5.20		
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (sodium sulfate)	4.09		
CaCl <sub>2</sub> (calcium chloride)	1.16		
KCl (potassium chloride)	0.695		
NaHCO <sub>3</sub> (sodium bicarbonate)	0.201		
KBr (potassium bromide)	0.101		
All Others	<0.10		

pH of synthetic seawater is 8.2

#### ISO 12944-6:2018

### "Corrosion of steel structures by protective coating systems"

- Corrosivity categories described in ISO 12944-2 (based on ISO 9223)
- Durability classes described in ISO 12944-1
- ISO 12944-9 covers "off-shore" structures CX corrosivity classification (replaces ISO 20340)

#### ISO 12944-6

#### Annex B Cyclic Ageing Test

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
UV/con	densation — ISO	16474-3	Neutral	l salt spray — I	SO 9227	Low-temp. exposure at (-20 ± 2) °C

Repeat for 72 hours: 4 hours UVA-340, 0.83 W/m²/nm at 340 nm, 60°C 4 hours dark condensation, 50°C



72 hours of continuous salt fog at 35°C



Rinse panels and put in a freezer for 24 hours

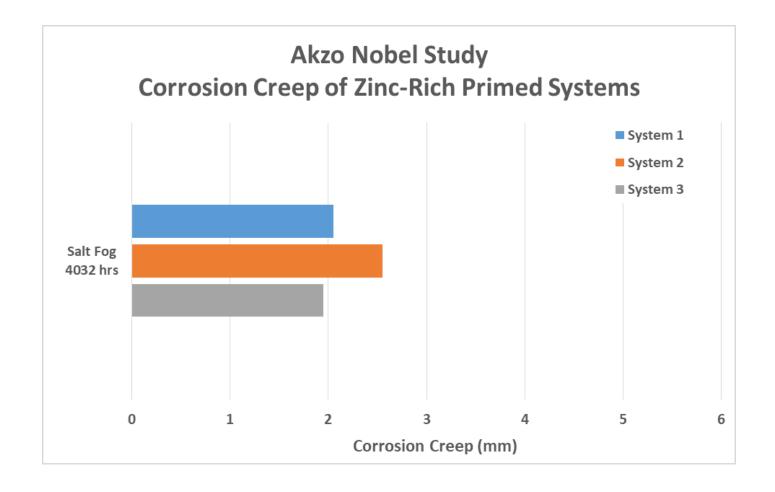
#### Which Weathering/Corrosion Test is the Best?

- Actually, all generally exhibit good correlation to field studies
- Test severities are similar at equal duration

#### **Topics**

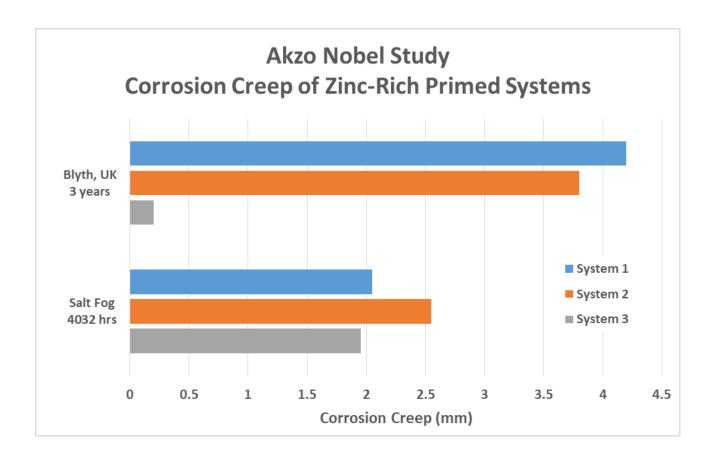
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#### **Correlation Study (Akzo Nobel)**



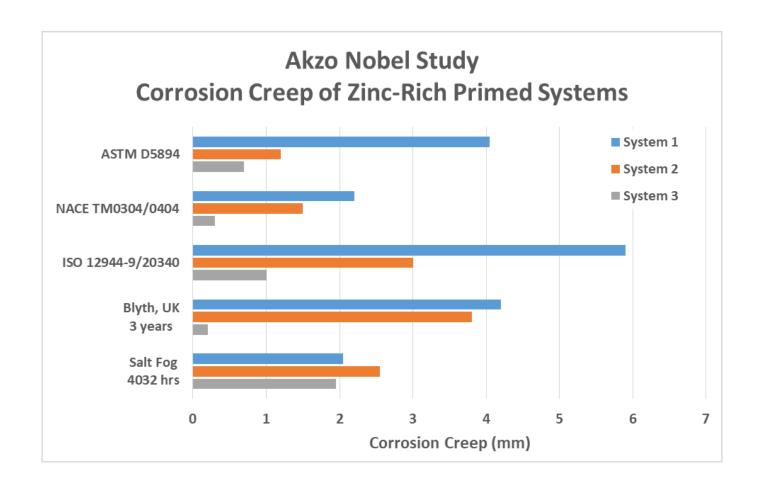
Three systems perform similarly to continuous salt fog

## Salt Fog versus Outdoor Coastal Exposure





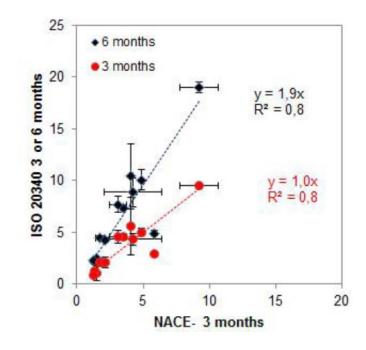
## **Combined Weathering/Corrosion Cycles**



## ISO 20340/12944-9 vs NACE TM0304

	Acceptable		Excluded	
ISO 20340 6 months	Zn primer ≤3 mm	Other ≤8 mm	Zn primer >3 mm	Other >8 mm
Scribe 2,0mm	S1 S2	S6 S12 S9	S4 S5 S3	S10 S11 S8
NACE rust creepage 3 months	Zn primer <1,5 mm	Other <3,5 mm	Zn primer >1,5 mm	Other >3,5 mm
Scribe 2,0 mm	S1 S2	S6 S12	S4 S5 S3	S7   S8   S9   S10   S11

12 Coating systems on grit blasted steel panels Pass/fail agreement on 11 of the 12 systems



ISO 20340/12944-9 and NACE methods have equal severity on a time scale

Nathalie LeBozec and Cecile Hall, French Corrosion Institute; Denis Melot, Total NACE Corrosion 2014 Paper 3762

## **Reproducibility Concerns**

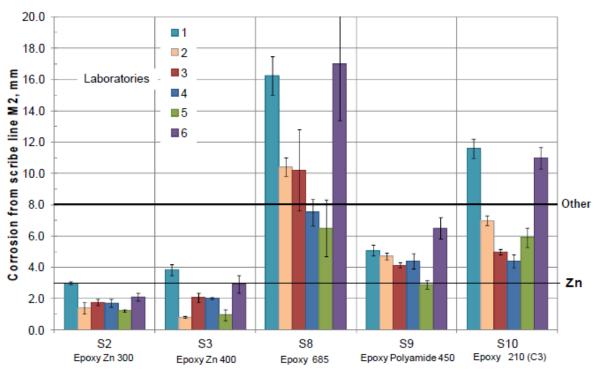


Figure 2 : Corrosion extent from the scribe line after ISO 20340 Annex A test. Requirements for Zn Primer (<3mm) and non-Zn primer (<8mm) are highlighted.

- For 2 of 5 coating systems, all six labs agreed on pass/fail result
- 2 of 5 systems had multiple contradictory pass/fail results

Nathalie LeBozec, French Corrosion Institute; Laurence Bougon, CEREMA; John Carter, EXOVA; Tanja Scholz, Fraunhofer IFAM; Ole Oystien Knudsen, SINTEF; Adeline Flogard, SP Technical Research Institute of Sweden

NACE Corrosion 2016 Paper 6991

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## Reproducibility Case Study – Prohesion

- ASTM G85 Annex 5 (Prohesion)
- Part of ASTM D5894, modified in NACE standards

## **ASTM G85 Annex 5 (Prohesion)**

- 1 Hour fog at "ambient" temperature (room should be 24°C)
- 1 hour dry-off 35°C

Solution: 0.05% NaCl

 $0.35\% (NH_4)_2SO_4$ 

pH: 5.0 - 5.4

## **ASTM G85 Annex 5 (Prohesion)**

- How dry is dry?
- How long does it take to achieve a "dry" condition?

Answers are in the non-mandatory appendix: "within ¾ hour all visible moisture is dried off the specimens"

## **Problem Statement**

My new chamber isn't as severe as my old one

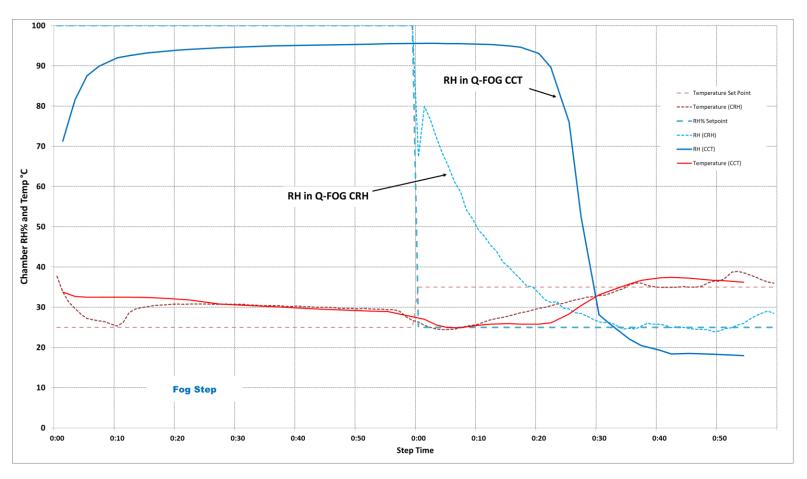
After 1000 hours of Prohesion, new chamber produced less severe results on a coatings test



Q-FOG CCT

Q-FOG CRH

## **Prohesion RH Profile in Two Chambers**



#### Q-FOG CCT Cycle:

Step 1: Fog 24°C 1:00

Step 2: Dry 35°C 1:00

Step 3: Go to Step 1

#### Q-FOG CRH Cycle:

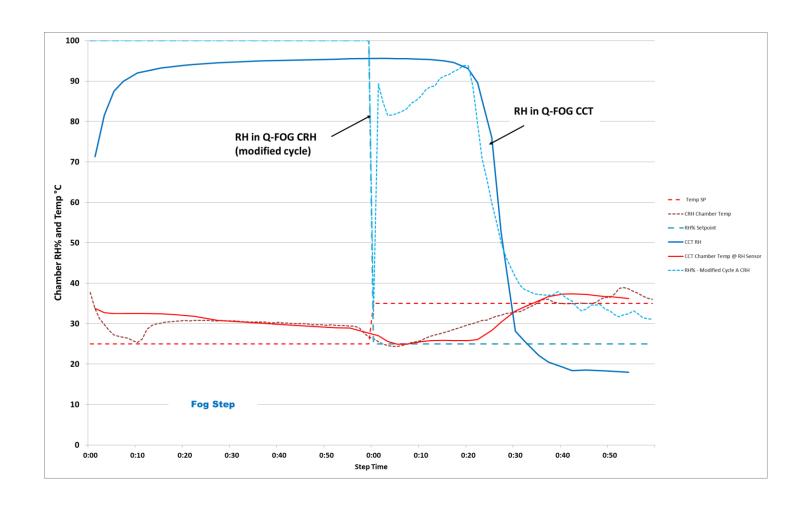
Step 1: Fog 24°C 1:00

Step 2: RH 35°C, 25% RH 1:00

Auto transition

Step 3: Go to Step 1

## **Modified CRH Prohesion Cycle**



#### **Modified Prohesion Cycle:**

Step 1: FOG 24°C 1:00

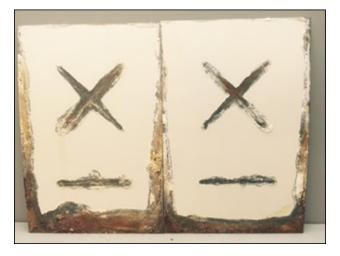
Step 2: RH 35°C, 95%RH 0:30

Auto transition

Step 3: RH 35°C, 25% RH 0:30

Auto transition

Step 4: Go to Step 1

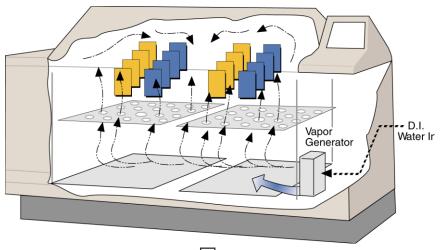


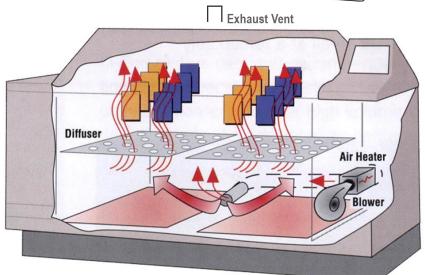
Q-FOG CCT

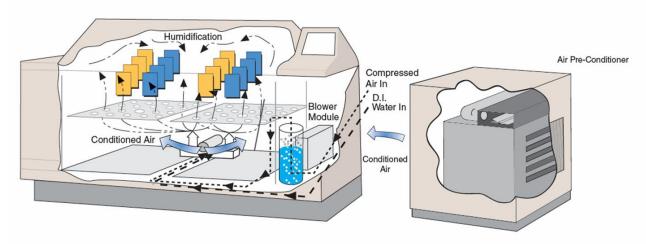
Q-FOG CRH (modified cycle)

## Q-FOG CCT vs CRH

Q-FOG CCT has simple humidity generation without air flow and dry-off by blown heated air through chamber

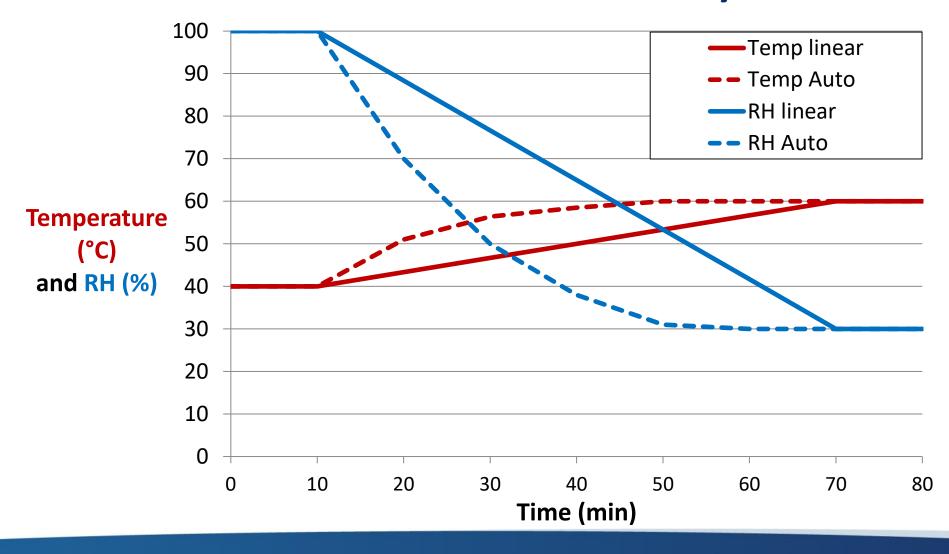






Q-FOG CRH has atomizing humidification nozzles, an air drier (chiller), and a recirculation system with damper to regulate moist and dry air streams

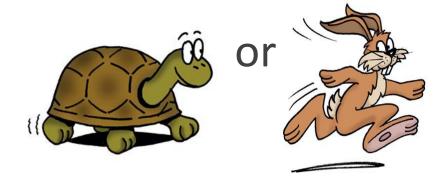
## Q-FOG CRH Linear and Auto Ramping Transition from Wet to Dry



## **Improving Test Reproducibility**

- Specify chamber RH and transition times of corrosion cycles
- Develop specimen handling instructions that reduce variability (lab conditions during handling, maximum time outside the chamber, whether rinsing should be performed)

## Which technician runs the test?



# Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

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