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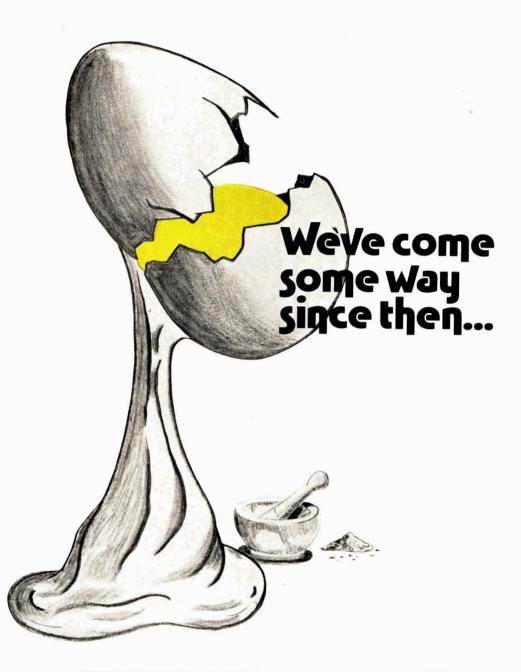
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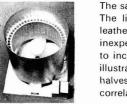
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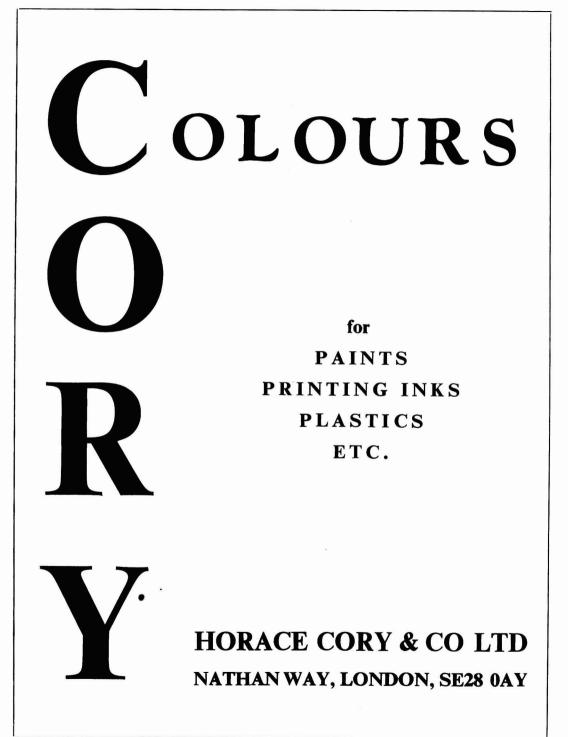
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Transactions and Communications-

Efflorescence on gypsum glass board

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Summary

The efflorescence found on gypsum glass board* consisted of sodium sulfate. Very small amounts of sodium methyl siliconate are added to gypsum plaster to reduce the tendency of the cast to absorb water. During drying, the sodium of the siliconate is converted into sodium sulfate, and if too large amounts of the additive are used, this sodium sulfate added to that already present

Keywords

Types and classes of structures or surfaces to be coated wall board*

Raw materials: extender pigments gypsum in the gypsum, may be sufficient to cause efflorescence. The problems associated with this phenomenon, which have been experienced by several manufacturers, have now ceased after a reduction in the amount of siliconate to about 0.1 per cent on the weight of the calcined gypsum.

Properties, characteristics and conditions primarily associated with structures or surfaces being coated efflorescence

Le problème de l'efflorescence sur la surface de plaques de plâtre renforcé par fibres de verre

Résumé

L'efflorescence qui se trouve sur la surface de plaques de plâtre renforcé par fibres de verre est composée de sulfate de sodium. On ajoute de très faibles quantités de méthyle siliconate de sodium au plâtre de gypse afin de diminuer la tendance mise en évidence par la pièce coulée à absorber l'eau. Pendant le sèchage, le sodium à partir du siliconate est converti au sulfate de sodium, et dans le cas où l'on utilise les quantités trop importantes d'adjuvant, le

Ausblühungen auf Gips-Glasplatten

Zusammenfassung

Die auf Gips-Glasplatten gefundenen Ausblühungen bestanden aus Natriumsulfat. Um die Tendenz zur Absorbierung von Wasser durch den Abguss zu reduzieren, werden dem Gipsstück sehr geringe Mengen von Natriummethylsiliconat zugesetzt. Das Natrium des Siliconates wird während des Trockenvorganges in Natriumsulfat umgewandelt; wenn aber zu hohe Zusätze gemacht

Introduction

Ref. 1, 2

The efflorescence on gypsum surfaces is usually due to sodium sulfate¹ and has been virtually unknown on gypsum sisal board for at least 15 years. It began to be noticed on the newly developed gypsum glass board in July and August 1972, although this material had been used in considerable amounts, particularly in Melbourne, during the previous year without any sign of the phenomenon. Actually, efflorescence has occurred on only a small percentage of the total sheeting fixed, (less than 0.1 per cent of jobs) but has caused concern as its incidence is concentrated in a few districts, where it has been a frequent but intermittent phenomenon. It has occurred on sheets during drying, at the edges of flush joints and beneath wads of fibre and gypsum plaster used for attaching the sheeting to the building framework.

sulfate de sodium qui en résulte et en plus celui qui se trouve déjà dans le gypse peuvent être suffisants pour provoquer l'efflores cence. Les problèmes associés à ce phénomène et qui ont été recontrés par divers fabricants, ont cessé dès que la diminution de la teneur en siliconate jusqu'à 0.1% à peu près, basé sur le poids du gypse calciné.

werden, kann dieses Zusätzliche zusammen mit dem bereits im Gips vorhandenen Natriumsulfat genügen, um Ausblühungen zu erzeugen. Die mit diesem Phänomen zusammenhängenden, von verschiedenen Erzeugern beobachteten Probleme verschwanden nach Verringerung der Siliconatmenge auf etwa 0.1 % des Gewichts des kalzinierten Gipses.

Efflorescence on gypsum surfaces may cause trouble with paint films.² So far, no such difficulties have been encountered with gypsum glass board, probably due to the material drying quickly and the efflorescence forming before the paint is applied. Nevertheless, it was decided that the matter should be investigated despite its comparative rarity and the results obtained are set out in this paper.

Experimental

Ref. 3-5

The capacity of gypsum glass board to produce efflorescence

Samples of sheeting were laid face downwards with supports at each end. Wet patches were produced on the faces of the sheets either by placing lots of unset plaster (100-200g) or

^{*}A number of lining boards based on cast gypsum are in use in Australia or are in the process of development. The nomenclature is becoming confused and in this paper a systematic terminology based on composition and constitution is used. They are all called "gypsum boards" after the main constituent, and distinctions are made according to the minor ones. The board (called variously "gypsum board", "gypsum wall board") consisting of a layer of cast gypsum between two layers of paper is called "gypsum paper board". Sheets of cast gypsum reinforced with sisal (traditional fibrous plaster) are designated "gypsum sisal board", and those reinforced with glass fibres as "gypsum glass board", which may be singly or doubly reinforced.

by pouring water on to the backs of the sheets. In susceptible specimens, efflorescence developed around the edges of the damp patches as they dried out. Tests were carried out in a room with static conditions of about 20°C and 65 per cent RH.

When specimens were cast in the laboratory, they were about 400mm \times 600mm in size and 6-10mm thick. A solids/ water ratio of 100/70 was used. About 3 per cent of glass fibres were added to prevent breaking. The specimens were dried before testing.

Chemical analyses

Sulfates, in general, were detected by dissolving the sample in water and adding hydrochloric acid and a solution of barium chloride. Sodium sulfate, in particular, was detected by shaking a powdered sample in water, filtering, adding barium chloranilate to the filtrate, filtering again, and observing the port wine colour in the clear solution. A blank was used for comparison.³

Chloride in cast or calcined gypsum was determined by Surkevicius's method.⁴ Recent work has confirmed that small quantities (>0.001 per cent as NaCl) can be determined reliably in this way.⁵

Sodium, in cast or calcined gypsum, efflorescence, water and glass fibres, was determined by atomic absorption spectroscopy. The procedure for the first two materials was:

Samples (0.5g) were dissolved in 10ml concentrated nitric acid and made up to 250ml with water free from sodium. Standards were made by dissolving the same quantity of gypsum (free from sodium) in nitric acid, adding selected amounts of sodium chloride and making up to 250ml. The results given in this paper are accurate to ± 0.001 per cent. In view of the similarity of the compositions of the tests and standards, it seems unlikely that the results could be subject to serious systematic error. In the case of glass fibres, estimation was carried out after digestion in hydrofluoric acid and extraction with nitric acid.

Sodium sulfate in cast or calcined gypsum was estimated quantitatively from the difference in the contents of sodium and chloride. Alkali in sodium methyl siliconate was determined by titration with N/10 HC1 using methyl orange as indicator and chloride by Volhard's method.

Materials used in experiments in the laboratory

Calcined gypsum (designated G_1) was a commercial product and contained 0.06 per cent Na₂SO₄. Specimens for experiments on efflorescence were cast with distilled water.

All reagents and additives, except the sodium methyl siliconate, were of analytical grade. The "sodium methyl siliconate" used in industry is actually a preparation containing 30 per cent solids, which include 14 per cent sodium as NaOH, but is referred to as sodium methyl siliconate in this paper. The preparation (distinguished as P_1) of sodium methyl siliconate used in experiments in the laboratory

contained 13.0 per cent free alkali as NaOH, 0.12 per cent NaCl and no detectable sulfate.

Results

Ref. 6, 2, 7, 8

Identity and quantity of the efflorescence

Chemical examination of a number of samples of efflorescence found on gypsum glass board showed that soluble sulfates, sodium salts or sodium sulfate were the major components. For example, Sample 1 (collected in the field) was a sulfate completely soluble in water and Sample 2 (also collected in the field) contained much sodium sulfate.

Sample 3, which was produced in a test in the laboratory on a commercial gypsum glass board, was found to contain sodium (as Na_2SO_4) equal to 50 per cent of the efflorescence.

A number of other samples taken at various times behaved as in the three cases above, and on the basis of all this evidence, it was concluded that the current problem must have been due to sodium sulfate.

In one house where a number of patches of efflorescence occurred, the loose white material was collected, ignited at 800° C and weighed. The weight of cast gypsum from which the efflorescence had been obtained was estimated from the area and thickness, using a density of 1.1g cm⁻³ (ie, that derived from a plaster with a solids/water ratio of 100/70)⁶. The yield of efflorescence expressed as a percentage of the weight of the supporting cast gypsum is given in Table 1 for a number of patches, and it is seen that it amounts to less than 0.01 per cent of the weight of the support.

Table 1
 Anhydrous efflorescence as a percentage of the substrate

Patch of surface	1	2	3	4	5
Dehydrated efflorescence %	0.005	0.002	0.006	0.003	0.009 (mean 0.005)

Quantity of sodium sulfate necessary for efflorescence

The best evidence suggests that the probability of the development of efflorescence on cast gypsum becomes significant when the content of sodium sulfate reaches a value of about 0.1 per cent (Ref. 2, Hoffmann, private communication; Ridge, unpublished data). However, the conditions used by Hoffmann in his experiments were quite different from those prevailing in the problem under consideration here and earlier workers did not measure the amount of sodium sulfate present in the calcined gypsum. Consequently, experiments were carried out to confirm that a content of 0.1 per cent Na₂SO₄ will produce efflorescence.

With calcined gypsum G_1 , specimens were cast with no added sodium sulfate and enough of it to produce casts containing 0.1, 0.2 and 0.4 per cent Na₂SO₄. When dry, they were tested for efflorescence. The results are given in Table 2 and it can be seen that 0.1 per cent sodium sulfate leads to definite efflorescence but the sample containing 0.05 per cent (due to the gypsum) gives none.

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Sodium sulfa	te added as such		e introduced as thyl siliconate
Total Na ₂ SO ₄	% Efflorescence	Total Na ₂ SO ₄	% Efflorescence
0.05*	None	0.05*	None
		0.07†	None
0.10	Efflorescence	0.10	Efflorescence
0.20	Efflorescence	0.20	Efflorescence
0.40	Efflorescence		(<u> </u>

 Table 2

 Relationship between content of sodium sulfate and efflorescence

*Amount of sodium sulfate derived from the calcined gypsum. †Produced by the addition of 0.12 per cent of P_1 sodium methyl siliconate roughly in accord with the recommendations of the Division of Building Research.

Source of sodium sulfate

The only possible sources of sodium sulfate in the efflorescing sheeting are (a) the glass fibre, (b) the water used in fabricating, (c) the calcined gypsum, (d) additives such as sodium methyl siliconate, retarders, etc., and (e) accidental contamination, such as that of the glass or calcined gypsum during transport. Each of these was examined with the following results.

(a) Glass fibres: Gypsum glass board is reinforced with 3-4 per cent by weight of drawn fibres of "E" glass, the composition of which in the "direct-melt" process is: SiO₂, 53.2; Al₂O₃ + Fe₂O₃, 14.8; CaO, 21.1; MgO, 0.3; Na₂O, 1.2; K₂O, 0.1; B₂O₃, 9.0; BaO, 0.3 per cent. If all the sodium oxide were leached out of the glass and converted to Na₂SO₄ the cast could contain as much as 0.1 per cent Na₂SO₄ which could cause efflorescence. However, since working temperatures are below 50°C, diffusion in the glass will be slow and complete release of sodium during drying would require the complete destruction of the fibres. No such destruction has been observed and most of the sheeting produced does not effloresce. Consequently, the glass fibres formulated as above can be dismissed as the cause of efflorescence.

The possibility was considered that the glass might sometimes deviate seriously in composition from the figures given above. Glass fibres were extracted from sheeting that readily effloresced and were found to be in good order. Analysis revealed the presence of 0.25 per cent Na₂O.

(b) Water: Efflorescence has been serious only in inland cities situated on rivers. A drought was in progress when the phenomenon was first reported and salts in the water were higher than usual. Water was taken from factories in two cities where efflorescence occurred and from two where the phenomenon appeared to be absent, and analysed for sodium. The results are given in Table 3, which shows that the highest

Table 3									
Sodium	as	sodium	sulfate	in	samples	of	water		

City	Sodium as Na ₂ SO ₄ %	Occurrence of efflorescence
Α	0.0115	Yes
В	0.0073	Yes
С	0.0058	No
D	0.0073	No

concentration was 0.0115 per cent as Na_2SO_4 . Assuming a solids/water ratio of 100/70 the water would contribute only 0.0076 per cent Na_2SO_4 to the cast provided that all the sodium were in the form of the sulfate, which it is almost certainly not.

(c) Gypsum: The quantitative determination of sodium sulfate depends upon having homogeneous samples that can be analysed independently for sodium and chloride, and the values meaningfully subtracted. It soon became apparent that gross segregation occurred in the casts, efflorescence being the extreme form, of course, and the method described in the Experimental Section could not be applied. Consequently, effort was concentrated on calcined gypsum which is a much more uniform product.

It has been shown recently that gypsum can contain more sodium sulfate than was previously thought to be the case.⁸ The contents of sodium and chloride given in Table 4 for

Table 4

Salts in samples of calcined gypsum taken from various factories

Sample	Sodium as NaCl %	Chloride as NaCl %	Estimated Na ₂ SO ₄ %
A ₁	0.085	0.032	0.064
A_2	0.110	0.126	
A ₃	0.072	0.059	0.016
A ₄	0.077	0.030	0.057
A.	0.090	0.088	0.002
A	0.052	0.048	0.005
$\begin{array}{c} A_5 \\ A_6 \\ A_7 \end{array}$	0.146	0.105	0.050

a number of samples of calcined gypsum taken from factories and jobs affected by efflorescence, show that there are appreciable differences in their equivalence. The derived contents of sodium sulfate are also given. In general, there is more sodium than is equivalent to the chloride. In one case, chloride exceeded sodium and the manufacturer is known to "aridize" (add calcium chloride) during calcination. The highest value for sodium sulfate was 0.064 per cent which according to the experimental evidence, however, is most unlikely to cause efflorescence.

(d) Additives: Sodium methyl siliconate is added to the sheets in the factories affected by efflorescence. Retarder is used in one factory, but it can be ignored as a source of sodium sulfate as it was not a sodium salt, and the quantity used is very small (> 0.01 per cent). The same consideration applies to the release agent used to facilitate lifting from the casting benches.

Sodium methyl siliconate reacts with carbon dioxide during drying to give sodium carbonate which undergoes double decomposition with calcium sulfate to give sodium sulfate and calcium carbonate. The recommended addition of siliconate is about 0.1 per cent, based on the weight of the calcined gypsum, and would contribute about 0.02 per cent Na_2SO_4 . If this were added to the highest content (0.064 per cent) of sodium sulfate so far detected in commercial calcined gypsum, the contribution to the cast (ie the dihydrate) would be 0.071 per cent Na_2SO_4 which is approaching the value of 0.1 per cent.

It is possible, in fact, that larger amounts of silicone than recommended are being used in industry and to test the possible effects, specimens were cast from calcined gypsum G_1 with selected amounts of P_1 sodium methyl siliconate to give a total sodium sulfate content of 0.07*, 0.10 and 0.20 per cent, on the weight of dihydrate. These were tested for efflorescence. The results are given in Table 2 and confirm that a total content of about 0.1 per cent Na₂SO₄ is needed for efflorescence.

The specimens made with siliconate in the laboratory, like some found in industry, were highly water-repellent, whereas some industrial specimens giving efflorescence were readily wetted. It is possible that some of the sodium methyl siliconate used in industry is not very effective.

Examination of practices in factories affected by efflorescence

Efflorescence occurs mainly in two inland centres, although a few cases have occurred in other areas. Visits were paid to the two centres experiencing trouble and two others that were not, in order to measure the amounts of sodium methyl siliconate actually used. The results were as follows:

Factory 1. A number of casting benches of different sizes were in use and each had its own appropriately sized ladle for the addition of the siliconate. In practice, the ladles were not always used with the bench for which they were intended. Measurement of the capacities of the ladles and the sizes of the benches revealed that the addition of silicone could vary from 0.165-0.35 per cent which could contribute 0.035-0.08 per cent Na₂SO₄ to the cast. Some of the sheets were highly water-repellent and this manufacturer had trouble with efflorescence.

Factory 2. Measurements showed that 0.28 per cent siliconate was used, contributing 0.06 per cent Na₂SO₄ to the cast. Sheets were highly water-repellent and this manufacturer also had trouble with efflorescence.

Factories 3 and 4. Siliconate was added to the extents of 0.06 per cent and 0.12 per cent for factories 3 and 4 respectively and neither factory was troubled by efflorescence.

It was suggested to the managers of Factories 1 and 2 that the amount of siliconate be reduced to about 0.1 per cent. Enquiries made several months later revealed that the problem had ceased to exist.

Discussion

Ref. 2

It is clear from Table 2 and the work of Hoffmann² that the presence of 0.1 per cent Na₂SO₄ can lead to efflorescence. It is also clear that some manufacturers of gypsum glass board are using excessive quantities of sodium methyl siliconate and that efflorescence ceases when the addition is reduced. However, the highest possible contamination of sodium sulfate from sodium methyl siliconate found in the detailed investigation of practices in factories was 0.08 per cent which seems unlikely to be responsible for the spectacular efflorescence that has been observed. The situation, however, becomes quite different when it is considered that the calcined gypsum can contain up to 0.064 per cent Na₂SO₄ (See Table 4). It seems then that the sporadic but spectacular efflorescence that had been observed on gypsum glass board was the result of excessive additions of sodium methyl siliconate coinciding with high contents of sodium sulfate in the calcined gypsum. Other factors, such as the porosity of the cast, humidity and temperature, would have some effect on the form of the efflorescence, but none would develop if the content of sodium sulfate were sufficiently low. Also, the use of highly effective siliconate would tend to reduce the occurrence as no efflorescence would occur if. say, dampness from wads of gypsum plaster and glass fibre used for attaching the sheeting to a suspending system did not penetrate to the surface.

The highest contents of sodium sulfate observed so far in commercial calcined gypsum is only 0.064 per cent. This is derived from the original gypsum deposit. However, calcium sulfate dihydrate crystals containing 0.8 per cent Na₂SO₄ have been grown in the laboratory (unpublished data) and an investigation of this salt in natural gypsum is being made.

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lon exchange behaviour of some anti-corrosive paints and paint media

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Summary

The ion exchange capacity of alkyds and pigmented alkyds when exposed to a corrosive environment of 5 per cent sodium chloride solution in a salt spray chamber has been measured at different intervals. It was found that both the alkyds and pigmented alkyds

Keywords

Types and classes of coatings and allied products corrosion resistant coating

Raw materials: binders (resins etc.) alkyd resin

having good corrosion protection efficiency, show a very slow change in the ion exchange capacity with time. The method developed is a useful tool for following the progressive deterioration of paint systems.

Processes and methods primarily associated with manufacturing or synthesis ion exchange

Properties, characteristics and conditions primarily associated with materials in general electrical resistivity permeability

Le comportement en tant qu'échangeurs d'ions de certaines peintures anti-corrosion et de certains milieux pour peintures

Résumé

On a dosé aux divers intervalles, l'efficacité en tant qu'échangeurs d'ions des alkydes et des alkydes pigmentées, en les exposant à un environnement corrosif d'une solution de 5% de chlorure de sodium dans un appareil à brouillard salin. On a trouvé que les alkydes et les alkydes pigmentées à la fois sont des protecteurs anti corrosif bons et efficaces et qui montrent en même temps un très lent changement de leurs caractéristiques d'échangeurs d'ions en fonction du temps. La méthode mise au point par les auteurs est un outil commode pour suivre la dégradation progressive des systèmes de peintures.

Ionenaustauschverhalten Lackfarben und Bindemittel

Zusammenfassung

Die Fähigkeit von Alkydharzlösungen und pigmentierten Alkydharzlacken zum Ionenaustausch wurde, wenn einer korrosiven Umgebung aus 5% Natriumchloridlösung in einer Salzsprühkammer ausgesetzt, in verschiedenen Zeitabständen gemessen. Es wurde festgestellt, dass beide, gute antikorrosive Schutzwirkung

Introduction

Ref. 1-6

Serviceable anticorrosive paints may take several years to test. Many attempts have been made to discover means of reducing the duration of the test by using accelerated test methods or by means of electro-chemical tests. One important contribution towards this end was made by Cherry and Mayne,1-4 who showed that the slow change in electrical resistance of paint films immersed in electrolyte solution was due to the continuous ion exchange process; in the case of alkyd resins, for example, the exchange of firmly attached hydrogen ions of the carboxyl group with the more mobile metallic ions of the surrouding electrolyte solution. Maitland and Mayne⁵ found that studies of the changes in electrical resistance of paint films can be used to predict their anticorrosive ability. Further investigations by Bacon,⁶ who tested about 300 pigmented paints, showed that the changes in electrical resistance of paint films with time correlate well with their performance in the marine environments. Changes in the ion exchange capacity with time should, therefore, have some relationship with the ability of paint films to prevent rust.

besitzende Alkydharzlösungen und pigmentierte Alkydharzlacke im Verlauf der Zeit nur eine sehr langsam vor sich gehende Veränderung in ihrer Fähigkeit Ionen auszutauschen, zeigen. Die entwickelte Methode ist ein wertvolles Mittel, um die fortschreitende Verschlechterung des Anstrichsystems zu verfolgen.

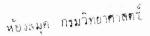
This paper describes the work which has been done to find out the relationship between the rust preventive abilities and the change with time of the ion exchange capacities of some alkyd resins and anticorrosive paints, when exposed to the corrosive environment of salt solution in the salt spray chamber.

Experimental

Ref. 7-9

Three linseed oil based alkyd resins A, B and C with high, medium and low ion exchange capacities in turn, were selected as binders. The pigments used were red lead, titanium dioxide, zinc chromate, chromium—manganese oxide (IP-1971) and iron oxide. The studies were carried out using 25 per cent pigment volume concentration (PVC). The weights used in the various paint formulations were calculated from the densities of the pigments and the binders, based upon the total solids in the binders. Cobalt (0.1 per cent) and lead naphthenates (0.3 per cent) were added as driers. All pigments used were of commercial grades and no extenders were added to the systems. Pigments were dispersed in the binders by ball milling.

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Mild steel and glass panels, 15×10 cm, were used. The glass panels were thoroughly washed and dried. Mild steel panels were pickled in 10 per cent sulfuric acid at 50°C for half an hour, washed thoroughly in running water and allowed to dry in air for 24 hours. The dried panels were scrubbed with emery paper, cleaned first with benzene and then with acetone and dried. The panels were coated with test binders and paints to give a controlled film thickness (40 µm). Only one side of the steel panels the reverse side was given a thick coat of an aluminium pigmented epoxy paint. The coated panels were allowed to dry for three weeks.

The panels were placed with their test surface upwards in the salt spray chamber. A 5 per cent solution of sodium chloride was sprayed for 800 hours. Paint films were detached from the glass plates after intervals of 0, 200, 400, 500, 600 and 800 hours. The detached films were then washed with water, dried and kept in a desiccator.

The ion exchange capacity was measured by the method described by Ulfvarson and Khullar.^{7, 8} The solution (200mg of film in 50ml of 0.1M sodium chloride, pH 6.0) was titrated periodically against standard sodium hydroxide solution, using an Elico (India) pH meter model LI-10. The experiment was performed at 50 \pm 1°C. Nitrogen was bubbled through the solution during the experiment to eliminate the effects of carbon dioxide.

The extent of corrosion was noted by the method described by Gardner^{θ} in which 10 on the scale indicates a perfect surface with no corrosion of the metal substrate or damage to the film, whilst 0 indicates deterioration of the film and corrosion of the metal substrate.

Results and discussion

The ion exchange capacity of the alkyd resins, calculated as nol kg⁻¹, are given in Table 1. It was observed that the ion exchange capacity fell slowly in the case of alkyd C which had a low ion exchange capacity, and rapidly in the case of alkyd A having high ion exchange capacity (Fig. 1), as the time of exposure to the corrosive environment is increased. An alkyd which shows a slow change in ion exchange capacity with time should have a greater corrosion resistant efficiency, therefore, and this is evident from Table 1.

The ion exchange capacities of pigmented paint films, calculated as mol kg⁻¹ of binder, are given in Table 2. It is apparent from this Table that zinc chromate and red lead pigments decrease considerably the ion exchange capacity of the pigmented films, as can be seen by comparison with the ion exchange capacities of the unpigmented films of the three binders used in this study. Chromium—managanese

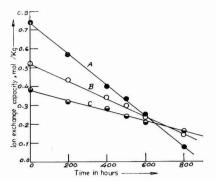


Fig. 1. Change in the ion exchange capacity of binder films with time

oxide and titanium dioxide have a moderate effect, whereas iron oxide has the least effect on the ion exchange capacities. The decrease in the ion exchange capacity of pigmented paint films can be explained in two ways.

Firstly, the pigments are basic in nature, so they can react with the acid groups of the binder in the film, resulting in the decrease of the ion exchange capacity. The other explanation may be that all the pigments are either soluble to some extent or contain water soluble salts, which possibly dissolve in the water taken up in the swollen film and thus neutralise the acid group of the binder concerned. This point of view is supported by the fact that a pigment having high conductivity, when suspended in water decreases the ion exchange capacity to a greater extent than does a pigment having low conductivity. Thus, zinc chromate being highly basic and soluble in water, decreases the ion exchange capacity to zero in all the three binders.

It is further to be observed that the change in ion exchange capacity of a pigmented paint film with time depends upon the nature of the binder as well as the pigment present. All the pigments used show a small change in the ion exchange capacity in binders B and C, whilst the change is comparatively high in binder A. Zinc chromate pigmented paints do not show any ion exchange capacity and have the best corrosion resistance efficiency. In red lead, the change in exchange capacity is very slow and thus it shows good rust preventive ability. In case of chromium-manganese oxide and titanium dioxide, the change in the ion exchange capacity is medium. whilst iron oxide, which shows a sharp fall in the ion exchange capacity (Fig. 2), is the least resistant to corrosion. It is also clear from Table 2, that the corrosion protection ability of a paint depends upon the change of the ion exchange capacity with time: the smaller the variations in ion exchange capacity with time, the more efficient is the corrosion protection.

Table 1 Ion exchange capacity of binder films

		Alk	yd		Time in hours				000	Degree of	
					0	200	400	500	600	800	 protection efficiency
					Ion exchange capacity, mol/kg of binder						emelency
A				 	0.74	0.57	0.40	0.33	0.25	0.07	3
Β				 ••	0.52	0.43	0.34	0.30	0.24	0.14	5
с	• •			 ••	0.38	0.32	0.28	0.24	0.21	0.16	7

Conditions: 0.1M NaCl solution, temperature 50 \pm 1°C, pH 6.0.

Alkyd	Pigment	Paint						n hours			Degree of
		No.			0	200	400	500	600	800	protection
						Ion ex	change capac	ity, mol/kg of	binder		 efficiency
	Red lead	1			0.15	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.10	7
	TiO ₂	2			0.36	0.31	0.25	0.23	0.19	0.14	3
1 1	Zn CrO ₄	3			Second Second	Description ((9
	Cr-Mn oxide'				0.28	0.24	0.21	0.21	0.18	0.15	3
	Fe_2O_3	5	• •		0.56	0.46	0.37	0.34	0.27	0.19	2
	Red lead	6			0.08	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.04	9
	TiO ₂	7			0.24	0.22	0.20	0.19	0.15	0.10	5
	Zn ČrO ₄	8						0.115	0.115	0.10	10
	Cr-Mn oxide*	* 9			0.20	0.19	0.18	0.18	0.16	0.12	6
	Fe_2O_3	10	•••	• •	0.34	0.28	0.23	0.21	0.17	0.11	3
	Red lead	п			0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.05	9
	TiO ₂	12			0.14	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.04	9 5
	Zn ČrO ₁	13						0.111	0.07	0.04	10
	Cr-Mn oxide*	14			0.11	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.04	10
	Fe ₂ O ₃	15			0.20	0.19	0.16	0.14	0.12	0.04	4

	Table 2
Ion exchange	capacity of paint films

Conditions: 0.1M NaCl solution, temperature 50 ± 1°C, pH 6.0, PVC 25%. *IP-1971.

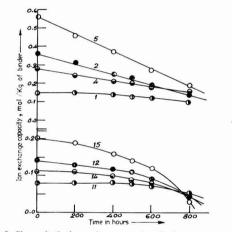


Fig. 2. Change in the ion exchange capacity of paint films with time

This method can be utilised, therefore, to evaluate the corrosion protection efficiency of paints and paint media.

The method of relating the changes in ion exchange capacity to the rust preventive ability of paint films is superior to other electrochemical methods, since local defects present in the film do not interfere with the measurements.

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Oxidation of copper phthalocyanine blue pigment with potassium dichromate in acid solution By A. M. Islam, A. M. Naser, A. A. El-Mariah and A. A. Salman

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Summary

The behaviour of copper phthalocyanine blue pigment towards oxidation with potassium dichromate in sulfuric acid medium has been studied. Copper phthalocyanine, phthalimide and phthalic

Keywords

Raw materials: prime pigments and dyes copper phthalocyanine pigment phthalocyanine blue anhydride are completely and quantitatively oxidised to carbon dioxide and water. The controlled oxidation of the pigment to phthalimide has also been studied and this method is evaluated.

Processes and methods primarily associated with analysis, measurement or testing oxidation

L'oxydation des bleus de phtalocyanine de cuivre par le dichromate de potasse en solution acidique

Résumé

On a étudié l'oxydation des pigments bleus de phtalocyanine de cuivre par l'acide sulfurique. La phtalocyanine, la phtalimide et l'anhydride phtalique sont complètement et quantitativement oxydisées à l'acide carbonique et à l'eau. D'ailleurs on a étudié l'oxydation réglementée du pigment à la phtalimide et l'on a évalué cette méthode dont on peut se servir pour effectuer le dosage quantitativement de l'acide carbonique.

Oxidation von blauem Kupferphthalzyaninpigment mit Kaliumdichromat in Saurer Lösung

Zusammenfassung

Das Verhalten von blauem Kupferphtalzyaninpigment bei Oxidation mittels Kaliumdichromat in Schwefelsäure wurde untersucht. Kupferphthalzyanin, Phthalimid und Phthalsäureanhydrid werden völlig und quantitativ zu Kohlensäure und Wasser oxidiert. Die

Introduction

Ref. 1-14, 4, 3

The phthalocyanine pigments are some of the most important coloured pigments due to their outstanding properties. They have remarkable resistance to alkalies, concentrated sulfuric acid and normal stoving conditions. Their tints are very light fast and have excellent durability in exterior finishes, so they are used in paints, lacquers, enamels and plastics. Their stability to light, acids and alkalies also makes them valuable pigments for printing on paper and textile goods.¹

Although copper phthalocyanine pigments resist atmospheric oxidation at temperatures above $100^{\circ}C$, when dissolved in sulfuric acid they are easily oxidised by various oxidising agents such as sodium hypochlorite,² potassium kontrollierte Oxidation des Pigments zu Phthalimid wurde ebenfalls geprüft, und diese Methode beurteilt; sie kann zur quantitativen Bestimmung der Kohlensäure verwendet werden.

permanganate and ceric sulfate. The oxidation product was identified in most cases as phthalimide.³ These oxidations are irreversible and the oxidation products cannot be reduced to the original pigment again, except in traces or as transient intermediates which are rapidly hydrolysed.¹ * Copper phthalocyanine can also be oxidised by benzoyl peroxide, diacyl peroxide, organic hypochlorites, chlorine or bromine in methanol, or concentrated nitric acid in nitrobenzene to give well-defined oxidation products.⁹ ¹¹ These products are soluble in organic solvents and can be reduced back to the original pigment.

The oxidation of the pigment with ceric sulfate is used in its quantitative estimation.⁴ It is found that the oxidation of one molecule of copper phthalocyanine blue requires one oxygen atom, which is donated by one molecule of ceric sulfate, and phthalimide is the final oxidation product according to the following equation:

 $(C_8H_4N_2)_1 Cu + 2 H_2SO_4 + 2 Ce(SO_4)_2 + 8 H_2O - Copper$ phthalocyanine $4 (C_8H_5O_2N) + CuSO_4 + 2 (NH_4)_2 SO_4 + Ce_2(SO_4)_8$ Phthalimide

When potassium permanganate was used to replace the ceric sulfate at the boiling point for the oxidation of the pigment, variable results were obtained.³ There was no explanation for the higher results. As a matter of fact, 80 per cent of the calculated amount of phthalimide was estimated

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Experimental

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Preparation of copper phthalocyanine blue pigment

The pigment was prepared by heating phthalic anhydride (2g), urea (3g), cupric chloride (0.4g) and a few milligrammes of ammonium molybdate in a silica crucible until the strong blue colour was developed. The crude pigment was pulverised and dissolved in cold concentrated sulfuric acid and precipitated by dilution with distilled water. After filtration through a sintered glass funnel, the precipitate was washed several times with water, followed by ethyl alcohol and finally with ether and dried in an oven at $120^{\circ}C.^{15}$ The pigment was ground in an agate mortar and the purity was determined electrolytically using the Fischer controlled potential electroanalyzer, model $140.^{16}$ The purity of the prepared pigment was found to be 96.8 per cent.

Oxidation of copper phthalocyanine blue pigment

The oxidation studies of the pigment using potassium dichromate were carried out by either volumetric or gravimetric analysis.

Volumetric analysis

Preliminary experiments were carried out by complete dissolution of the pigment in cold concentrated sulfuric acid followed by rapid addition of excess 0.1N dichromate solution at various temperatures and back titration of the excess standard against standard ferrous ammonium sulfate using sodium diphenylamine sulfonate as the indicator.¹⁷ The results are recorded in Table 1. The study was then extended to include phthalimide, and phthalic anhydride, which are the possible oxidation intermediates, in addition to copper phthalocyanine blue. They were separately refluxed with 6N potassium dichromate solution in 50 per cent (by volume) sulfuric acid for 3 hours. The dichromate solution consumed was determined by back titration of the excess dichromate against 0.1N ferrous ammonium sulfate using sodium diphenylamine sulfonate as the indicator. A blank was conducted at the same time under the same conditions. The results are given in Table 2.

Gravimetric analysis

A parallel study was also made by estimating the amount of carbon dioxide evolved during the oxidation of the pigment. It was determined gravimetrically by absorbing the evolved gas in a Nesbitt tube filled with self-indicator soda asbestos and dehydrating agent.^{19, 20} The apparatus used is shown in Fig. 1. The results obtained from the oxidation of copper phthalocyanine blue pigment, and the possible oxidation intermediates (phthalimide and phthalic anhydride) are shown in Table 3.

Table 1	
Controlled oxidation of copper phthalocyaning phthalimide using 0.1N potassium dichromate medium	e blue pigment to e in sulfuric acid

	medium										
Weight of pigment mg	Titre of 0.1N pot. dichromate ml	Calculated weight, mg	Consumed at Found	i oxygen oms Calcd.							
(a) at 100°C	C for 15 minutes										
63.7	51.5	1,483	23.3	1							
33.2	19.8	570	17.2	î							
47.7	41.6	1,199	25.1	î							
45.1	90.7	2,612	57.9	î							
28.6	66.7	1,921	67.0	î							
37.2	81.6	2,350	63.0	i							
(b) at 60°C											
60.0	3.1	89.3	1.5	1							
67.0	3.3	95.0	1.4	1							
71.2	2.3	66.2	0.9	1							
78.8	3.5	100.8	1.2	1							
99.9	5.8	167.0	1.7	î							
133.7	7.2	207.4	1.8	i							
(c) at room	temperature										
60.0	2.9	83.5	1.4	1							
67.0	3.0	86.4	1.3	1							
89.2	3.7	106.6	1.2	1							
71.2	3.2	92.1	1.3	1							
91.1	3.8	109.4	1.2	1							
69.3	3.3	95.0	1.4	1							
(d) at 0°C											
118.9	4.4	126.7	1.1	1							
114.3	4.4	126.7	1.1	1							
111.8	4.4	126.7	1.1	1							
107.4	4.1	118.1	1.2	1							
103.5	4.4	126.7	1.2	1							
104.6	4.2	121.0	1.2	1							
	and in sulfuric/phos 1 by volume)	phoric acid mix	kture								
47.8	1.7	49.0	1.1	1							
35.0	1.2	34.6	1.0	î							
43.7	1.5	43.2	1.0	î							
103.8	3.6	103.7	1.0	i							
11.7	0.4	11.5	1.0	î							
97.8	3.4	97.9	1.0	1							

Table 2

Complete oxidation of copper phthalocyanine blue pigment, phthalimide and phthalic anhydride to carbon dioxide and water using 6N potassium dichromate in sulfuric acid medium

Weight of sample,	Titre of 0.1N pot. dichromate	Calculated weight,	No. of dic	hromate noles
mg	ml	mg	Found	Calcd.
(a) Copper	phthalocyanine blu	e pigment		
28.1	57.1	27.0	19.5	20.3
40.6	84.1	39.7	19.9	20.3
22.1	45.7	21.6	19.9	20.3
23.8	51.5	24.3	20.8	20.3
18.6	39.8	18.8	20.5	20.3
19.0	40.8	19.3	20.6	20.3
(b) Phthalin	mide			
33.4	63.5	31.3	4.7	5.0
32.6	64.5	31.6	4.8	5.0
27.0	56.5	27.7	5.1	5.0
120.0	235.6	115.5	4.8	5.0
80.1	169.3	83.0	5.2	5.0
86.1	181.6	89.0	5.2	5.0
(c) Phthalic	anhydride			
33.6	67.5	33.3	5.0	5.0
37.0	73.4	36.2	4.9	5.0
54.0	106.6	52.6	4.9	5.0
19.6	38.7	19.1	4.8	5.0
36.3	78.0	38.5	5.3	5.0
29.9	61.2	30.2	5.1	5.0

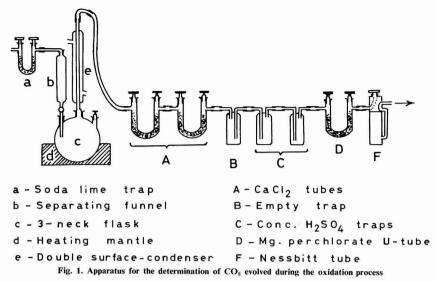


Table 3
Gravimetric estimation of carbon dioxide evolved during oxidation
of copper phthalocyanine blue, phthalimide and phthalic anhydride

Weight of	Weight of CO ₂		Calculated	Number of CO ₂	
sample mg	Found	Calcd.	weight mg	moles	
	mg	mg		Found	Calcd.
(a) Copper	phthaloc	yanine blue	pigment		
8.8	22.5	21.5	9.2	33.5	32.0
6.0	16.8	14.7	6.9	36.6	32.0
31.3	76.8	76.4	31.4	32.0	32.0
26.2	64.2	64.0	26.3	32.1	32.0
25.3	60.9	61.7	25.0	31.5	32.0
38.0	90.1	92.7	36.9	31.0	32.0
(b) Phthali	mide				
65.2	144.3	156.0	59.5	7.4	8.0
62.5	137.0	149.7	56.4	7.3	8.0
52.1	118.1	124.7	48.7	7.6	8.0
21.2	48.7	50.7	20.1	7.7	8.0
27.7	64.3	66.3	26.5	7.8	8.0
34.9	80.6	83.5	33.2	7.7	8.0
(c) Phthalic	c anhydric	le			
47.4	104.0	112.7	43.7	7.4	8.0
31.2	67.8	74.2	28.5	7.3	8.0
32.0	69.1	76.1	29.1	7.3	8.0
33.5	76.2	79.6	32.6	7.7	8.0
39.0	91.1	92.7	40.3	7.9	8.0
31.8	72.9	75.9	30.7	7.7	8.0
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Discussion

Ref. 18

The quantitative oxidation of copper phthalocyanine blue with both ceric sulfate and potassium permanganate had been studied previously. Good results were obtained with the former and variable results with the latter oxidising agent. The present work deals with potassium dichromate as an oxidising agent and its behaviour under different conditions.

Assuming phthalimide to be the final oxidation product, the hypothetical equation for the oxidation of the pigment with potassium dichromate is as follows: 3 (C₈H₄N₂)₄ Cu + 13 H₂SO₄ + 17 H₂O + K₂Cr₂O₇ \longrightarrow Copper phthalocyanine

12 $C_8H_{\delta}O_2N+K_2SO_4+Cr_2(SO_4)\textbf{g}+3$ CuSO_4 + 6 (NH_4)_2 SO_4 Phthalimide

From the data obtained in Table 1, it can be concluded that controlled oxidation of the pigment to phthalimide with potassium dichromate is greatly affected by the temperature, and the best results are obtained at 0°C. For this reason, replacing part of the sulfuric acid with phosphoric acid would lead to a decrease in the heat of dilution of the acid and consequently might give better results. This prediction is confirmed¹⁸ as shown in Table 1. Better results were obtained and calculation of the relative mean deviation for this set of experiments shows it to be 1.07 per cent, which is much less than that for sulfuric acid alone under the same conditions (13.1 per cent).

More reproducible results were obtained when complete oxidation of copper phthalocyanine blue, phthalimide and phthalic anhydride were carried out with 6N potassium dichromate in 50 per cent sulfuric acid for three hours, as in Table 2. It was clear that the great deviation of results from theoretical values, especially those at higher temperatures, could be due to formation of the carbon dioxide which was detected. Accordingly, phthalimide cannot be the final oxidation product of copper phthalocyanine blue in an acid medium.

From the results in Table 3, the average number of dichromate moles consumed and the average number of carbon dioxide moles evolved when copper phthalocyanine blue, phthalimide and phthalic anydride (or acid) are oxidised with 6N potassium dichromate solution in 50 per cent (by volume) sulfuric acid medium, are shown in Table 4.

It should be noted that there is no decarboxylation occurring during the oxidation of copper phthalocyanine blue with potassium dichromate, since benzoic acid does not undergo this oxidation under the same conditions.

 Table 4

 Analysis of dichromate and carbon dioxide

Substance	Number of dichromate moles consumed		Number of carbon dioxide moles formed	
	Found	Calcd.	Found	Calcd.
Copper phthalo- cyanine blue	20.2	20.3	32.8	32.0
Phthalimide	5.0	5.0	7.6	8.0
Phthalic anhydride	5.0	5.0	7.6	8.0

After this survey of the results of the present work, the authors suggest three different steps to explain the oxidation of the pigment in acid medium.

The first step requires only one oxygen atom as in the following equation:

 $(C_8H_4N_2)_4Cu + 3H_2SO_4 + 7H_2O + O \longrightarrow Copper phthalocyanine$

 $4 C_8 H_5 O_2 N + CuSO_4 + 2 (NH_4)_2 SO_4$ Phthalimide

This equation has been proved by the oxidation of the pigment with ceric sulfate and also from the results in presence of a mixture of sulfuric and phosphoric acids at 0° C.

The second step, which requires no oxygen atom since the oxidation of both phthalimide and phthalic anhydride gives the same number of potassium dichromate moles, can be represented by the following equation:

The third step was obtained during the oxidation of phthalic anhydride (or acid) to carbon dioxide; it was shown that each molecule of phthalic acid requires 15 oxygen atoms (5 moles of potassium dichromate) as shown in the following equation:

 $C_8H_6O_4 + 15 O \longrightarrow 8 CO_2 + 3 H_2O$

This step probably proceeds through initial hydroxylation, which involves the introduction of a hydroxyl group (activating group) in the benzene nucleus of the phthalic residue. The reaction mechanism and the identification of the reaction intermediates are still under investigation.

The sequence of the oxidation reactions occurring during the oxidation of copper phthalocyanine blue pigment can be represented by the following series of reactions:

Conclusions

Controlled oxidation of copper phthalocyanine blue pigment to phthalimide is achieved by using 0.1 N potassium dichromate as the oxidising agent and a sulfuric/phosphoric acid mixture as solvent at 0°C. This method gives promising results as a method for the quantitative estimation of the pigment.

Further oxidation of the pigment leads to the evolution of carbon dioxide and this explains the higher results obtained with both potassium dichromate and permanganate.

Accordingly, the pigment is first oxidised to phthalimide, which is then hydrolysed to phthalic acid under the same conditions. Finally, phthalic acid is oxidised completely to carbon dioxide.

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 $\begin{array}{l} 3 \left(C_8 H_4 N_2 \right)_4 Cu \,+\, 13 \,H_2 SO_4 \,+\, 17 \,H_2 O \,+\, K_2 Cr_2 O_7 \, \longrightarrow \, 12 \,C_8 H_5 O_2 N \,+\, K_2 SO_4 \,+\, Cr_2 (SO_4)_3 \,+\, 3 \,Cu SO_4 \,+\, 6 \,(NH_4)_2 SO_4 \,+\, Cr_2 (SO_4)_3 \,+\, 3 \,Cu SO_4 \,+\, 6 \,(NH_4)_2 SO_4 \,+\, Cr_2 (SO_4)_3 \,+\, 3 \,Cu SO_4 \,+\, 6 \,(NH_4)_2 SO_4 \,+\, Cr_2 (SO_4)_3 \,+\, 3 \,Cu SO_4 \,+\, 6 \,(NH_4)_2 SO_4 \,+\, Cr_2 (SO_4)_3 \,+\, 3 \,Cu SO_4 \,+\, 6 \,(NH_4)_2 SO_4 \,+\, Cr_2 (SO_4)_3 \,+\, 3 \,Cu SO_4 \,+\, 6 \,(NH_4)_2 SO_4 \,+\, Cr_2 (SO_4)_3 \,+\, 3 \,Cu SO_4 \,+\, 6 \,(NH_4)_2 SO_4 \,+\, Cr_2 (SO_4)_3 \,+\, 3 \,Cu SO_4 \,+\, 6 \,(NH_4)_2 SO_4 \,+\, Cr_2 (SO_4)_3 \,+\, 3 \,Cu SO_4 \,+\, 6 \,(NH_4)_2 SO_4 \,+\, Cr_2 (SO_4)_3 \,+\, 3 \,Cu SO_4 \,+\, 6 \,(NH_4)_2 SO_4 \,+\, Cr_2 (SO_4)_3 \,+\, 3 \,Cu SO_4 \,+\, 6 \,(NH_4)_2 SO_4 \,+\, Cr_2 (SO_4)_3 \,+\, 3 \,Cu SO_4 \,+\, 6 \,(NH_4)_2 SO_4 \,+\, Cr_2 (SO_4)_3 \,+\, Cr_2 (SO_4)_4 \,+\, Cr_2 (SO_4)_4 \,+\,$

 $12 C_8 H_6 O_4 + 60 K_2 C r_2 O_7 + 240 H_2 S O_4 \longrightarrow 96 C O_2 + 60 K_2 S O_4 + 60 C r_2 (S O_4)_3 + 276 H_2 O_2 O_2 + 60 K_2 S O_4 + 60 C r_2 (S O_4)_3 + 276 H_2 O_2 + 60 K_2 S O_4 + 60 C r_2 (S O_4)_3 + 276 H_2 O_2 + 60 K_2 S O_4 + 60 C r_2 (S O_4)_3 + 276 H_2 O_2 + 60 K_2 S O_4 + 60 C r_2 (S O_4)_3 + 276 H_2 O_2 + 60 K_2 S O_4 + 60 K_2 K_2 + 60 K_2 + 6$

Net reaction

 $^{3 (}C_8H_4N_2)_4 Cu + 61 K_2Cr_2O_7 + 259 H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 96 CO_2 + 61 K_2SO_4 + 61 Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 3 CuSO_4 + 235 H_2O + 12 (NH_4)_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 96 CO_2 + 61 K_2SO_4 + 61 Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 3 CuSO_4 + 235 H_2O + 12 (NH_4)_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 96 CO_2 + 61 K_2SO_4 + 61 Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 3 CuSO_4 + 235 H_2O + 12 (NH_4)_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 96 CO_2 + 61 K_2SO_4 + 61 Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 3 CuSO_4 + 235 H_2O + 12 (NH_4)_2SO_4 + 61 Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 61 Cr_2(SO_4)$

CORRIGENDA JOCCA

Next month's issue

The Honorary Editor has accepted the following papers for publication, and they are expected to appear in the May issue of the Journal.

An appraisal of artificial weathering methods for assessment of the durability of paint films by C. E. Hoey and H. A. Hipwood

Flow and ageing of polyvinyl chloride pastes by Raj K. Khanna

Water absorption by polymeric films by I. Anzur, U. Osredkar and I. Vizovisek

Corrigenda

Anti-mildew coatings

Dr O. Pauli has advised the following amendments to his paper "Anti-mildew coatings 1. Review" (JOCCA, 1973, 56, 285-288).

On page 286 under "Barium metaborate," only reference 6 should have been given.

Under Dithocarbamates on page 287, references 8-13 should read 7-13.

The determination of copper, mercury and arsenic in antifouling paints by means of X-ray fluorescence

The following alterations should be made to the above paper by C. L. Miniussi and R. H. Perez (*JOCCA*, 1974, 57, 83-87):

Page 85, column 1, line 12: "6 seconds" should read "64 seconds".

Table 1, sample 9: The value for D^2 should be 0.04.

Page 87, paragraph 3: The four concentrations given as "g¹ l¹¹" should read "gl⁻¹".

Page 87, paragraph 4: "10 per cent mercury" should read "10 per cent mercuric oxide".

Reviews

Epoxy resins chemistry and technology

Edited by C. A. May and Y. Tanaka

Marcel Dekker Inc., New York, 1973. Pp xii + 801. Price \$59.50.

This comprehensive review of epoxy resins is covered by twelve chapters which have been contributed by competent experts, ranging from the purely academic to the industrial technologist. A good balance has been achieved by the contributors and this reflects creditably upon the joint editors.

The book is not intended as a first introduction to epoxy resins but it will prove to be invaluable to the chemists. physicists and technologists, already familiar with this class of compounds. Polymer and resin chemists will find the first four chapters, extending over three hundred pages, an excellent source of reference to the synthesis of epoxies, their curing reactions and the modifiers and curing agents which have been evaluated to date. Chapter two, dealing with the synthesis and characteristics of epoxy resins, carries a total of 719 references, and this thorough attention to the published literature, with one notable exception, is maintained throughout the book. Physical properties are reviewed in chapter five, followed by chapters dealing with epoxy resin adhesives, epoxy resin coatings, electrical and electronic applications, epoxy laminates, epoxy plasticisers and polymer stabilisers. Analytical procedures are covered by chapter eleven and the final chapter is devoted to toxicity, hazards and handling methods.

The chapter concerned with epoxy resin coatings is perhaps the most disappointing section, for it gives only brief coverage of this major industrial outlet for more than 50 per cent of all manufactured epoxy resins. In thirty-four pages, including the introduction and a mere thirty-two references, it speeds through the various coating outlets and often refers to outdated and cumbersome formulations. A two-pack epoxy polyamide maintenance paint lists fourteen components in the base portion alone, and the only formulations offered in the powder coating sections refer to products manufactured by resin kettle mixing or by dry blended ball mill techniques.

Nevertheless, the polymer chemist will be more than satisfied by the technical content of this massive volume, and the double space printing and easy to read type make this an essential addition to the reference library shelf.

S. T. HARRIS

Progress in polymer science, Japan

Vol. 3 S. Okamura and M. Takayanagi (Eds.), 1972, pp. xxii + 388. Price £8.15

Vol. 4 K. Imahori and Y. Iwakura (Eds.), 1972, pp. x + 278. Price £7.00

Halstead Press; Tokyo, New York, London

But for a single blemish, of which more anon, these volumes maintain the high standard set by their predecessors (*see JOCCA*, 1973, **56**, 458).

In Volume 3 the emphasis on polymerisation by radical mechanisms seen in the earlier volumes is transferred to jonic and co-ordination processes. Four papers are devoted to these topics, the remaining three being concerned with structure and properties. Few, if any, surface coatings manufacturers with captive resin facilities have so far ventured into ionic and Ziegler-Natta techniques so the papers on these subjects will be of only passing interest to all but the polymer science enthusiasts. The chapter on polypeptides related to collagen is fascinating but again is unlikely to offer much to surface coatings technologists in general. It is the remaining two chapters, by Wada and Hayakawa on relaxation processes, and by Nagasawa and Fujimoto on the preparation, characterisation and viscoelastic properties of branched polymers, which will be those most likely to persuade readers to buy this volume. The first of these reports studies on the mechanical and dielectric relaxation of partially crystalline polymers and, in discussing their interpretation in terms of modern theories. postulates (on questionable grounds, some may think) the co-existence of crystalline, amorphous and "intermediate" phases in such systems. The branched polymers treated in the second of these papers are those having relatively long branches including comb, cruciform and star structures in which this reviewer has several times expressed interest.

Volume 4 contains five papers, three on synthesis and two on structure and properties, all but the last (on metalloenzyme models) being of direct interest to JOCCA's readers. Yoda et al. present another chapter in the story of thermostable polymers, concentrating on those prepared by cyclopolycondensation, though there is a disappointing lack of quantitative results. Iwakura et al. provide a strong stimulus to the imaginative resin formulator in their brief review of pseudoxazolones, of their ring opening reactions and of their copolymerisation with oxygen. Okawara et al. disappoint with their paper on polymers containing reactive functional groups. Some interesting new syntheses are presented but the treatment is superficial and, for the first time in this series, the editors seem to have fallen down on their job. Block and graft polymers, so long in the commercial doldrums, are now very much in the news and the contribution by Kawai et al., which is largely concerned with domain formation, is timely and should be compulsory reading for any serious student of the modern polymer scene.

A. R. H. TAWN

Information Received

Chemicals EDC announces new studies

The Chemicals Economic Development Committee has decided to form a new working party under the chairmanship of Mr S. Woodhams, to establish and supervise sector groups for the major product areas of the industry. A specially important group will cover the organics (including petrochemicals) sector—enabling the EDC to keep in direct touch with the providers of essential base chemicals and intermediates.

The organics sector group would liaise with the Energy Advisory Group recently established by the National Economic Development Office to assess the result of the changed energy prospects. This will provide a basis for consultation with the chemical industry about its energy problems.

Other sector groups would cover inorganics, pharmaceuticals, toilet preparations, paint, soap and detergents, synthetic resins and plastics materials, synthetic rubber, dyestuffs and pigment and ferilizers.

English China Clays offers titanium dioxide substitute

In order to offset a world shortage of titanium dioxide, English China Clays of St Austell has increased production of its "M100" high performance pigmenting extender clay and is promoting it to paint manufacturers as a part substitute for titanium dioxide. M100 is a calcined clay which the makers claim gives improved brightness, opacity and scrub resistance compared with most other extenders.

Revertex to build liquid butadiene telomer plant

As a result of a successful technical and commercial development of the "Lithene" liquid butadiene telomers, Revertex Limited is building a plant at its Stallingborough, Lincolnshire, site. The plant is due on stream in Autumn 1974. In addition, to asist in process development and to support market development in the UK and Europe, a new pilot plant is operating at Stallingborough.

New caprolactam plant in Iran

National Petrochemical Company (Iran), Bayer AG and Inventa AG fur Forschung und Patentverwertung (Zurich/Switzerland) have signed a statement declaring their intention of setting up in Iran a caprolactam production plant in the form of a joint venture. The capital investment is expected to be in the order of US \$125 million. NPC will hold 50 per cent, Bayer 35 per cent, and Inventa 15 per cent of the new company's shares.

Ambosol sales to Hoechst UK

The sale of synthetic magnesium silicate under the trade name "Ambosol" has been transferred by mutual agreement from Chemitrade Limited, Berkeley Square, London WI, to the Chemicals Division of Hoechst UK Limited, Hounslow, Middlesex.

Allied Chemical Corporation centred in Haasrode

Allied Chemical Corporation has now consolidated its European headquarters at Haasrode in the Louvain Industrial Research zone. Previously, its operations were established in three locations in the greater Brussels area.

Literature

Laboratory instruments from Copley

A new illustrated product list containing over 80 illustrations and covering a range of general and specialised laboratory instruments is now available from F. Copley & Sons of Nottingham. Instruments include moisture testers, thermostats, washing machines for glassware, microscopes and balances.

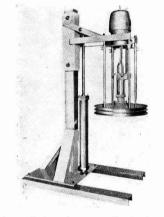
Polymer emulsion testing

Vinyl Products Limited, Carshalton, Surrey, has recently published a new edition of its Technical Service Report G2 summarising the company's tests used in the quality control of "Vinacryl" and "Vinamul" polymer emulsions.

New products

Steetley filling machine

The Industrial Equipment Department of the Steetley Company Limited has developed a fully automatic filling system complementary to its "Karr" and "Graco" semi-automatic filling units.



A new single post ram mounting for Graco transfer pumps

The Industrial Distribution Department can now supply a new single post ram mounting for Graco transfer pumps for emptying more easily straight sided mixing vessels. Emptying rates depend on the product, but will generally be between one and ten gallons per minute.

Laboratory disperser

A new variable speed disperser, model "LVS 10-1", which is being marketed by Russell Finex Ltd., has been designed specially for laboratory use. It is powered by a lhp motor operating on 400/440 volts three-phase current and has a speed range of 1,500 to 6,500 rpm.



The Russell-Finex disperser for laboratory work

Spex

Glen Creston, Stanmore, Middlesex, has launched a multi-purpose spectrometer/ monochromotor/spectrograph. In its simplest form this instrument, the "Spex 1870", is a high-resolution f/6.9 spectrometer/ monochromator covering a wide spectrum from ultra-violet to infra-red and having digital readout of wavelength in Ångstrom units. By placing a camera at the exit port, the spectrometer is converted to a spectrograph. The latest addition to the many accessories is a vibrating mirror for timeresolved derivative or correlation spectra, or continuous line-to-background ratios. Accessories are interchangeable between the new instrument and earlier Spex models.

Apex dosing units

A range of fully packaged automatic dosing units, each comprising a low-pressure polypropylene storage tank with a top mounted dosing pump is now being marketed by Apex Fluid Equipment Limited, Wembley, Middlesex. The system is known as the Apex "Doset" and the storage tanks range from 60 to 1,000 litres capacity, with other sizes available to order.

New glaze stains from Degussa

The Ceramic Colours Division of Degussa, Frankfurt am Main, has introduced the following new basic stains: 203 10572 green (Cr-Mg-Co-Zn-Al), 203 10576 intensive green (Cr-Al-Co), 203 10577 blue-green (Al-Co-Cr), 202 20415 cobalt blue (Co-Al-Si), 203 30419 praseodymium yellow (Zr-Si-Pr), 201 30424 amber yellow (Zr-Si-Pr), 201 30424 amber yellow (Zr-V), 203 80058 violet (Sn-Cr-Ce).

Section Proceedings

Hull

New developments in colour instrumentation

A meeting was held on Monday 7 January at the Dorchester Hotel, Hull. The Section chairman, Mr F. D. Robinson, introduced Mr R. P. Best of Instrumental Colour Systems Limited, who gave a lecture entitled "New developments in colour instrumentation."

Mr Best commenced with a short account of the physics associated with the measurement of colour, explaining how the sensation of colour experienced by the observer was related to the energy spectrum of the illuminant, the sensitivity of the eye and the nature of the specimen.

Discussing colour measurement by reflectance spectrophotometry, Mr Best stated that it is important to obtain accurate results at low reflectance values. In some insruments, the quantity of stray light received by the detector could sometimes exceed that reflected from the specimen and in modern instruments the quantity of stray light was calculated by an associated computer and automatically deducted from the measured reflectance.

The lecturer referred briefly to commercially available spectrophotometers and colorimeters and then reviewed the use of the analogue computer, COMIC, for colour matching. This had been used successfully with pale tints where the scatter coefficients of the minor constituents could be ignored,

Newcastle

Masonry coatings

AImeeting was held in the Royal Turks Head Hotel, Newcastle upon Tyne, on 3 January, when Mr G. W. Rothwell, of the Building Research Establishment, presented a paper on masonry coatings.

Mr Rothwell began by outlining the main criteria for the successful coating of masonry, as well as the reasons for the increasing necessity for them. The need for surface cleaning was stressed, particularly where mould releasing agents had been used for pre-cast units. Blasting had been found to be the only really successful method. Where a system required a sealer, the correct choice was critical since this could lead to very premature failure. As a general rule, solvent types had been found to be superior to emulsion types due to the latter's initial high water sensitivity.

Fungal growth was also discussed; solution of the basic

Scottish

A trade journalist speaks his mind

Mr D. Eddowes, editor of Polymers Paint and Colour Journal, gave a talk entitled "A trade journalist speaks his mind" on Thursday 17 January 1974.

He first indicated the different approaches of trade journals and the national press, and the influence that each had in their respective fields.

Recalling that he had first visited Scotland some 25 years ago as a liaison officer for the Paint Research Station, he drew comparisons between the situation in the paint and related industries at that time and the present. He mentioned especially the many mergers that had occurred and queried but less successfully when this assumption was no longer realistic. With the introduction of digital computers for the solution of colour difference equations, time shared computers had been popular at first, but the trend was now towards in-house mini computers.

The lecture was followed by a discussion period, after which a vote of thanks for an excellent lecture was proposed by Mr A. J. Ford. The meeting was attended by 18 members and 10 visitors.

J.A.H.

The Humber bridge construction

A joint meeting with the Institute of Chemical Engineers South Humberside Group was held at the Barrow Haven Inn, Lincolnshire, on Thursday 13 December when Mr J. H. Hyatt, of Freeman Fox and Partners, gave a lecture on the construction of the Humber bridge.

The high interest which the lecture aroused in the audience of about 40 people was reflected in the range of questions which were put to Mr Hyatt during the discussion period. A vote of thanks for a most enjoyable lecture was proposed by Mr F. D. Robinson.

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problem by the method of construction was always preferable in Mr Rothwell's experience, due to the limited time during which fungicides had been found to be effective.

Various test methods for alkali resistance, weathering, discolouration and flexibility were discussed. Whilst accelerated weathering was thought to be of limited use, various trends in discolouration, staining and chalking could be detected.

In general, textured coatings were found to be superior to smooth coatings in terms of cracking properties. The presence of fibres had, in practice, been found not to impart any useful properties.

The talk was well illustrated with colour slides and a number of interesting questions were raised. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr C. N. Finlay.

J.B.

whether or not some of them had been worthwhile and successful.

Attempting to give some indication of trends in the paint industry during 1974, he commented on the existing raw material situation which appeared to him to present some anomalous features.

Going on to the development of technology within the industry, he criticised the slow adoption of polyurethane and powder coatings in the UK compared with Europe, and the reluctance of most companies to develop into fields outside coatings which, nevertheless, demanded similar know-how and processing techniques. Finally, he commented briefly on the function and future of the Paint Research Association and OCCA.

In the ensuing discussion, it was noted that despite the various mergers and closures which had occurred, small specialised paint companies continued to be formed.

West Riding

Epoxy resin curing agents

A meeting was held on Tuesday 8 January 1974 at the Griffin Hotel, Leeds. Dr C. G. Tilley, of Anchor Chemical Co. Ltd., presented a paper on the subject of epoxy resin curing agents.

Dr Tilley outlined the factors influencing the choice of curing agents with regard to the properties of the resin/ curing agent system in both the uncured and cured states. Aliphatic polyamines were among the earlier materials to find application as curing agents, although they had tended to be replaced by derivatives such as polyamides and adducts with epoxides, acrylics, and ketones etc.

A number of cyclo-aliphatic polyamines were available and the range had increased over the past 4-5 years. Their rate of reaction with epoxy resins was slower than that of the straight aliphatic amines. They would give a full cure at elevated temperatures but some modification was required for curing at room temperature. Commonly used additives were salicylic acid as an accelerator and benzyl alcohol as a diluent and flexibiliser. Chemically modified types were now becoming of some importance.

As to the future of the industry, one speaker suggested that by the end of the year, the natural forces of supply and demand were likely to bring about some stabilisation of the raw material situation both in terms of availability and price.

GHR.

Aromatic amines had been growing steadily in importance. They were almost all solids and were of importance in heat cured structural applications but had been adapted for use with liquid resins at room temperature. Particular characteristics were that they had a longer pot life than aliphatic amines, and could be varied over a wide range by the choice and amount of accelerators such as phenols or organic acids.

Other compounds used included heterocyclic and tertiary amines. Dicyandiamide had found increasing use in powder coating formulations and laminates. This curing agent when used unmodified gave systems having a very long pot life and requiring heat cure. For use in powder coatings, it was normally accelerated with, for example, imidazole, although there was some loss of properties.

Dr Tilley pointed out that he had made little or no reference to many other curing agents, some of which, for example polyamides, were very widely used.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr T. Apperley,

R.A.C.

Notes and News-

Register of Members

The following elections to membership have been approved by Council. The Section to which new members are attached is given in italics.

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Never has the value of the Association's annual Technical Exhibition been so apparent as during the present shortage of raw materials for the surface coatings industries, since the Exhibition provides a unique forum for technical discussion between the personnel using these resources and the suppliers. Grasping this opportunity to explain to the technical personnel in the industries the optimum use of those resources available, many companies are using this splendid platform to show how they are helping their clients during these critical times.

At the Exhibition this year, over 120 companies from the United Kingdom and 13 overseas countries (Australia, East Germany, Finland, France, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, USA and West Germany) will be represented.

Manufacturers of resins, pigments, extenders, additives, solvents, oils, machinery, laboratory machinery, and instruments and other miscellaneous items will be present, as shown in graphical form later in this preview.

In addition, there have been numerous requests from intending visitors throughout the world for advance copies of the Official Guide to the Exhibition, although the Association wishes it to be known that copies of this publication will be freely available at the entrance to the Exhibition hall.

The Association is particularly pleased to be welcoming to its Exhibition a delegation of Japanese paint manufacturers who will want to discuss arrangements for production under licence in Japan.

Aims of the Exhibition

The Exhibition Committee wishes the aims of the Exhibition as stated in the Invitation to Exhibit, to be as well known as possible, and accordingly these are reproduced below.

The aim of the Exhibition is the presentation of technical advances in those industries supplying the paint, varnish, printing ink, colour, linoleum and other allied industries. The technical advances may relate to: new products, new knowledge relating to existing products and their uses, or in suitable cases, existing knowledge which is not generally available in the consuming industries.

The Committee stipulates that exhibitors present a technical theme—i.e. to display in a technical manner the technical develop-

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Shortages of raw materials enhance the value of this unique forum for technical display and discussion in the surface coatings industries

23-26 April 1974, Empire Hall, Olympia, London

ments in raw materials, plant or apparatus illustrated by experimental evidence. It is essential that a technically or scientifically trained person who has full knowledge of the products displayed, be available on the stand throughout the official hours of opening.

Whilst the Committee naturally encourages the showing of new products, it does not stipulate that a new product has to be shown each year, since it fully appreciates that there are occasions when this is not possible. Accordingly, the Committee draws attention to the fact that new technical data on existing products are regarded as acceptable subject matter.

International character

The Exhibition, which has long been known as the forum for technical display and discussion for the surface coatings industries, in 1973 attracted visitors from more than 50 overseas countries. The motif chosen for this year's Exhibition shows the flags of the enlarged European Economic Community and, by converging on the flag of the UK, symbolises the welcome extended for many years to exhibitors and visitors not only from these countries, but from farther afield to the OCCA Exhibitions in London, one of the capital cities of the European Economic Community. To further the aim of a truly international character, the Exhibition is widely advertised in technical journals both at home and overseas. Furthermore, it has been the practice for many years to issue information cards in ix languages (English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Russian) and these are widely distributed to firms and individuals in many countries. Interpreters are available at the Exhibition without charge to help both exhibitors and visitors alike.

Official Guide

Copies of the Official Guide have been despatched to all members of the Association, in the UK and abroad, to chemists and technologists in Europe, to technical colleges, to embassies, and chambers of commerce and, through the courtesy of the trade associations, to companies in the paint, printing ink and pigment industries in the UK. Any intending visitor may obtain a copy of the Official Guide, without charge, from the Association's offices. (Telex: 922670 OCCA Wembley; Telephone: 01-908 1086). (Due to production difficulties as a result of the three-day working week in Great Britain, the Official Guide was published later than would normally be the case.)

Hours of opening

There is no charge for admission to the Exhibition which will once again take place in the Empire Hall, Olympia, London W14, and will be open on the following dates and times:

Tuesday 23 April		09.30-18.00hr
Wednesday 24 April	•••	09.30-18.00hr
Thursday 25 April		09.30-18.00hr
Friday 26 April		09.30-16.00hr
(Please note times)		

Exhibition Dinner

Following the success of the Exhibition Dinner on the opening day in 1973, the Committee has decided to hold a Dinner at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2, on Tuesday 23 April at 19.00 for 19.30 hrs. At the request of some exhibitors, a cash bar will be made available after the function for those visitors wishing to use this facility. Applications for tickets are now being accepted at the Association's offices.

Travel and accommodation

The Underground train service will operate at 10- to 15-minute intervals to Olympia from Earls Court (District and Piccadilly lines), the first train leaving Earls Court at 09.00 and the last train leaving Olympia at 19.00 hours.

The Wayfarers Travel Agency Ltd., Cranfield House, 97-107 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4BQ, will be allocated a stand facing the OCCA Information Centre at the Exhibition and will be prepared to advise on, and arrange, hotel accommodation and travel facilities to the Exhibition. They will also be able to make theatre ticket reservations for the evenings of the Exhibition.

Visits

Much interest has been aroused by the suggestion that Sections of the Association in the UK should arrange parties, on the lines of works visits, to the Exhibition, since this would afford a much cheaper form of travel for many of the younger members. Non-members will be able to take advantage of this facility if there were places available, and those wishing to have further information on this facility should write to the Association's offices as soon as possible, in order that they may be put into contact with the Section Secretary nearest to their place of residence.

Admission

There will be no charge for admission to the Exhibition and, in order to assist the increasing number of both overseas visitors and exhibiting companies, interpreters will

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again be in attendance. Amongst the facilities available at the Empire Hall is the Empire Restaurant (with luncheon facilities) and two licensed buffets. A special bar is available for exhibitors.

Banking and Postal Services

National Westminster Bank Limited has been allocated Stand II where full facilities will be available, including the cashing of cheques and receipts of credit, and the encashment of foreign drafts and notes, travellers' cheques and letters of credit. Credits for the cashing of cheques should be established at the West Kensington Branch of National Westminster Bank Limited, 85 Hammersmith Road, London W14, through visitors' and exhibitors' own bankers.

A Post Office Self-Service Suite will be available in the Great Hall for the sale of postage stamps and letter cards. A postbox will also be provided and collections will be made at intervals during the hours of opening. Public telephones are situated by the escalators.

Technical Education

As in previous years, a Stand will be devoted to Technical Education, and invitations have been extended to schools to send parties of senior science students to the Exhibition on the mornings of 24, 25 and 26 April, when they will be given a short introductory lecture by members of the Association in a separate lecture room before visiting the Exhibition. The Technical Education Stand will be staffed by representatives from the Association, technical colleges and trade associations, and details will be shown not only of courses available in the technology of the industries but also of the optional professional grade recently introduced by the Association for its Ordinary Members.

The theme of the stand this year will be "Powder coating". A leaflet with this title has been specially prepared and copies will be freely available on the stand.

Information Centre and Overseas Visitors

The OCCA Information Centre (Stand 18) is placed opposite the main entrance with the Interpreters (Stand 17) on one side and the Technical Education stand (Stand 19) on the other. In front of the Information Centre is one of the three seating areas which are a special feature of this Exhibition, allowing visitors an opportunity to read literature from the stands and write notes at ease. Many overseas visitors find it convenient to meet their friends at the Infor-mation Centre and the OCCA staff and the interpreters will be only too pleased to assist them in this way. The use of the public address system to find visitors is restricted to one announcement each hour (on the hour) and those wishing to use this service should give in the name of the visitor(s) concerned to the OCCA staff and make a point of being at the Information Centre when the announcement is broadcast. Overseas visitors are particularly requested to sign the special Visitors' Book at the Information Centre.

News of Exhibitors

GAF (Great Britain) Limited

Stand 46

It is expected that the new "Gaflo® RB2-A" mild steel pressure vessel will be available for the Exhibition, and will be displayed for the first time in Europe.



The new Gaflo RB2-A

KG Dr-Ing Herbert Knauer & Co. GmbH Stand 42

In addition to those items mentioned in the Official Guide, there will also be shown the new British made "Deer" variable stress rotational rheometer.

This instrument embodies several new principles of design, not the least of which is a substantially frictionless support for the rotating member and this, combined with the variable stress function, allows for the first time the sensible measurement of creep and yield values.

Jacobson van den Berg & Co. (UK) Ltd.

Stand 51

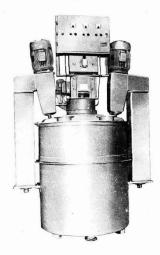
A representative from Lindeteves-Jacoberg, Frankfurt offices, will also be on the stand.

Urachem International

Stand 16

The Urachem Division of Unilever acquired recently for the European market the sole distribution rights for the complete range of organic peroxides manufactured by US Peroxygen, a division of Witco Chemical Corporation, USA.

Marketing of the peroxides in Europe will be carried out through the Unilever operating companies: Scado BV, Holland; Synthetic Resins, UK; and Sheby SA, France.



The re-styled Mastermix PMD heavy duty paste mixer/disperser. The Mastermix Engineering Company will be exhibiting this and other machinery on stand 14.



Vinyl gloss paint based on Scott Bader's "Polidene 33-061" vinylidene chloride copolymer emulsion was used for the finish on the door in the photograph above. The Scott Bader display, on stand 56, will illustrate details of progress in the production of deep colours, exposure results, levelling and further improvements in viscosity control for vinyl gloss paint based on "Polidene 33-061".

TELEPHONE MESSAGES During the "build up" period before the Exhibition, messages can be recorded at Olympia on (01) 603 0921 through the courtesy of Recordacall Limited.

Plan view of the Exhibition Hall at Olympia

NEW EXHIBITOR-STAND 30

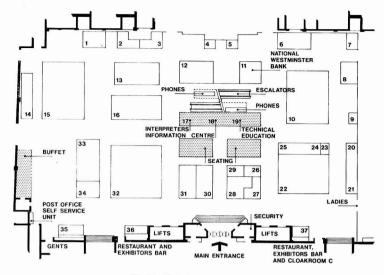
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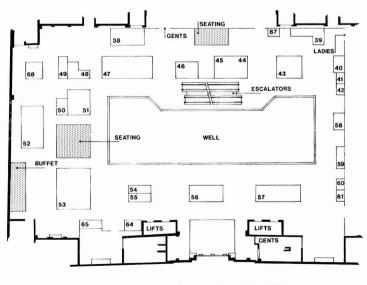
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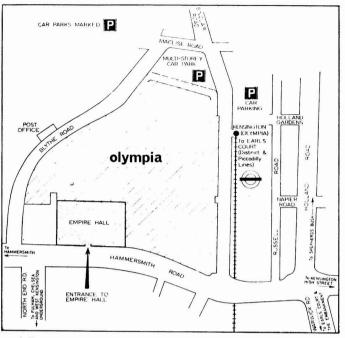


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Plan of Olympia



- For those travelling by road, there are limited car parking facilities available in the multi-storey car-park, the entrance to which is from Maclise Road, and in the British Rail car-park, access to which is from Russell Road.
- Visitors arriving at the West London Air Terminal may board District Line trains to Earls Court, from which station a special Underground train is available at 10-15-minute intervals to Olympia.
- 3. Olympia can be reached from main line stations by travelling on the Underground to Earls Court, which is on the District or Piccadilly Line, and changing to the special train.
- There are also a number of bus routes which serve Olympia: Bus Nos.: 9, 27, 28, 49, 73, 91. Green Line Ccaches Nos.: 701, 702, 704, 705, 714 and 716A.
- 5. There is a Motorail Terminal at Olympia and those wishing to transport their cars should contact British Rail.

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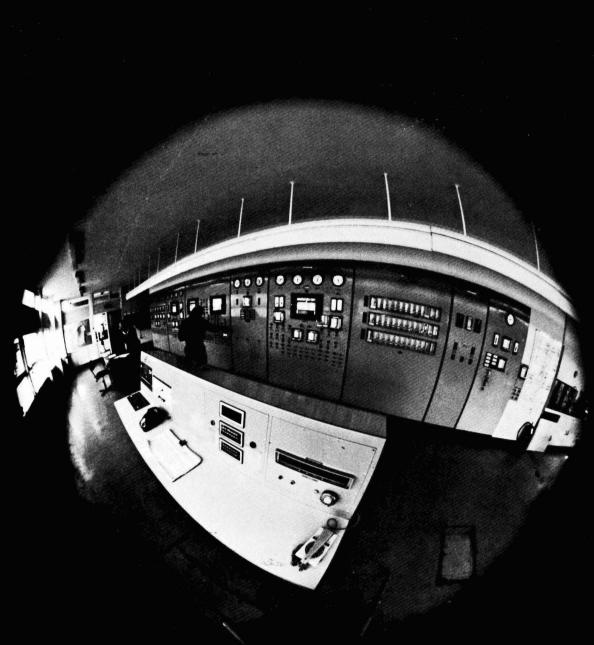
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In addition to the exhibitors listed above, reference is also made in the Official Guide to the following:

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48	Allied Colloids Ltd	••		•			•						Water-soluble polymers
28	Anchor Chemical Co. Ltd.			•		•	•						Curing agents for epoxy resins
8	Bachofen, Willy A	•••								•	•		
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15	Buhler-Miag (England) Ltd.	44.54								•	•		
5	Cardew, Alexander, Ltd.	••	••									•	

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29	Ciech Polifarb						-		-		Polish information stand. Literature regarding paints and lacquers
2	Cole, R. H., Ltd	•			•						Grinding media
44	Cray Valley Products Ltd	•							•		
33	Crosfield, Joseph, & Sons, Ltd			•					-		Matting agents. Anti-caking agents
31	D. H. Industries Ltd							•	•		
59	Diffusion Systems Ltd									٠	
20	Draiswerke GmbH							•			
53	Eastman Chemical International AG	•			•						Products for powder coating formulations
1	Elcometer Instruments Ltd									•	
37	Erlich, G. J., Ltd							•	•		
9	Fischer Instrumentation (GB) Ltd									•	
46	GAF (GB) Ltd							•	•		Filtration equipment
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13	Rohm & Haas (UK) Ltd.			•									-
39	SCC Colours Ltd				•								
56	Scott Bader Co. Ltd			•									
61	Strazdins Pty. Ltd.		•••							•			Dispensing machines
47	Sun Chemical Corporation			•	•		•						
34	Swada (London) Ltd	••		r	•								Daylight fluorescent concentrates and soluble toners
7	Tin Research Institute	••	•••				•						Wood preservatives. Antifouling paints
32, 36	Tioxide International Ltd.				•								
12	Torrance & Sons Ltd		• •							•	•		
55	Torsion Balance Co. (GB) Ltd.	•••										•	
16	Urachem International	• •	•••	•									
26	Wayfarers Travel Agency		••										Travel and accommodation
58	Winter Osakeyhtio									•			Tinting system
50	Worsdall Chemical Co			•									
40	Zeiss, Carl (Oberkochen) Ltd.	••										٠	

Annual General Meeting 1974 and one-day symposium

"Optimum use of resources in the surface coatings industries"

The Council wishes to announce the preliminary arrangements which have been made for the holding of a one-day symposium in conjunction with the Paintmakers Association of Great Britain on the occasion of the Association's Annual General Meeting, 1974.

The Association's Annual General Meeting will take place at 5.30 pm on 26 June 1974 at University College London; a notice allowing for the nomination of the three Elective Members of Council was sent to Members attached to the United Kingdom, Irish and General Overseas Sections earlier this year and completed forms must be returned to the Association's offices not later than 1 May 1974. The notice will also give the first information concerning the one-day symposium which is being arranged at the same time on a techno-commercial subject, the general heading of which is "The Optimum Use of Resources in the Surface

Coatings Industries". It is envisaged that the first session will take place from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. Following a Reception, Luncheon will be taken at 1.00 pm and the second session will be arranged from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm. Dinner will be taken at 7.00 pm following a Reception at 6.30 pm. It is stressed that it is not necessary for those who wish to attend only the Annual General Meeting to register for the symposium. The Agenda, Voting Paper and Annual Report will be circulated to Members in the usual way approximately six weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Council has arranged the inclusive charge for the symposium, which will include both Luncheon and Dinner, Conference badge's, etc., to be £20 plus £2 VAT. Further information, including details of papers to be given will be published in the Journal. The Paintmakers Association will be sending application forms to their members. Non-members, who are welcome to attend the symposium, can obtain application forms from the Association's offices.

Association Dinner Dance 1974

Earlier this year members attached to the United Kingdom, Irish and General Overseas Sections were sent the application form for the Association's Biennial Dinner and Dance to be held on Friday 31 May 1974 at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2R 0EU.

The Reception will take place at 7.00 pm for Dinner at 7.30 pm and, on this occasion, there will be two short speeches only—a Welcome by the President and a Reply on behalf of the guests—so that dancing, to the Jerome Orchestra, can commence as soon as possible and continue until 1.00 am.

The price of single tickets is £7.00 plus 70p VAT each and applications should be made by Members as soon as possible. Tables will be arranged to accommodate 12 or 10 persons each, although it may be possible to arrange a few tables for eight persons. Non-members wishing to receive forms should contact the Association's offices.

Professional Grade

Amendments to regulations for admission to the optional professional grade for Ordinary Members

At its meeting on 26 February 1974 the Council accepted the recommendation of the Professional Grade Committee in respect of the periods of Ordinary Membership to be completed before admission to the professional grade.

The amendments, which take place immediately, reduce the obligatory periods as Ordinary Members for candidates for Associateship and Fellowship to two years *in all cases*, i.e. amending the regulations C9 and D2 as last printed in the *Journal* (page 463, September 1973).

Forms of application for admission to the professional grade may be obtained from the Association's offices.

Midlands Section

Trent Valley Branch

Visit to Bird's Ltd. Bakery

A visit, arranged with the ladies in mind, was made by a party of 20 members and wives to Bird's Lid, Bakery, Ascot Drive, Derby on Thursday 17 January 1974. After a comprehensive tour of the factory that covered all types of bakery and cooked meats, the party was entertained to tea and cakes in the canteen. Mr J. R. Bourne, the Branch Chairman, thanked Mr Bird, Director, for a very interesting afternoon and as the party left each member was given a box of assorted fancy cakes.

News of Members



A. E. Darling

Mr A. E. Darling, an Ordinary Member attached to the Thames Valley Section, has joined SCC Colours Ltd. as marketing manager after 14 years with the ICI Paints Division at Slough. His responsibilities will include research, statistics, forecasting, pigment development, product information and publicity.

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Annual Convention 1973



The photograph shows the President, Mr L. H. Silver, presenting a tankard on behalf of the Association to Mr Robert Matlack, the retiring Executive Vice President of the Federation at its Annual Convention in Chicago in November 1973.

Forthcoming Events

Details are given of meetings in the United Kingdom up to the end of the month following publication and South Africa and the Commonwealth up to the end of the second month.

April

Thursday 4 April

Midlands-Trent Valley Branch: Annual General Meeting followed by a lecture on "Colour television" by a speaker from Pye Television Ltd., Cambridge, to be held at British Rail School of Transport, London Road, Derby, at 6.30 p.m.

Newcastle Section: Annual General Meeting to be held at the Royal Turks Head Hotel, Grey Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Thames Valley Section: Annual General Meeting to be followed by a talk on "Windsor Castle" by Mrs G. Grove.

Friday 5 April

Manchester Section: Annual General Meeting, at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, Sackville Street, Manchester, at 6.30 p.m.

Tuesday 9 April

West Riding Section: Annual General Meeting to be held at the Griffin Hotel, Leeds, at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 17 April

Scottish-Eastern Branch: "North sea oil" speaker from the Scottish Council of development and industry.

Friday 19 April

Irish Section: Annual General Meeting to be held at the Clarence Hotel, Dublin, at 8.00 p.m.

Midlands Section: Annual General Meeting to be held at 6.30 p.m. in the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry, PO Box 30, 75 Harborne Road, Birmingham B15 3DH.

Tuesday 23 to Friday 26 April

OCCA 26 Technical Exhibition, Empire Hall, Olympia, London.

Friday 26 April

Bristol Section: Annual General Meeting to be held at the Royal Hotel, Bristol, at 7.15 p.m.

May

Thursday 2 May

Thames Valley—Student Group: "Some thoughts on the future of solvents in coatings" by Mr. C. J Nunn, Shell Research, Egham, to be held at the Main Lecture Theatre, Slough College, at 4.00 p.m.

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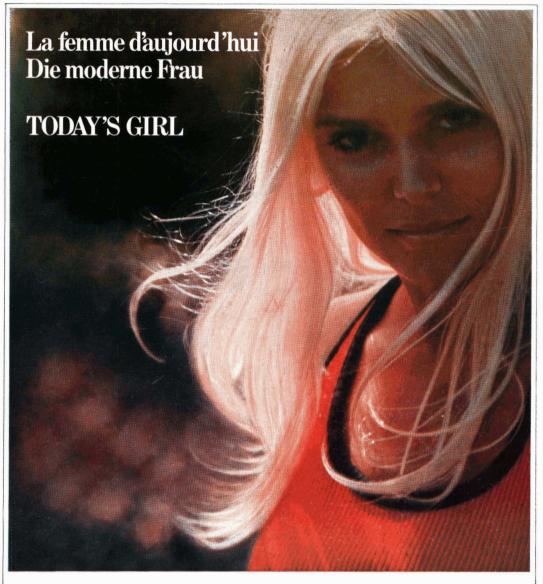
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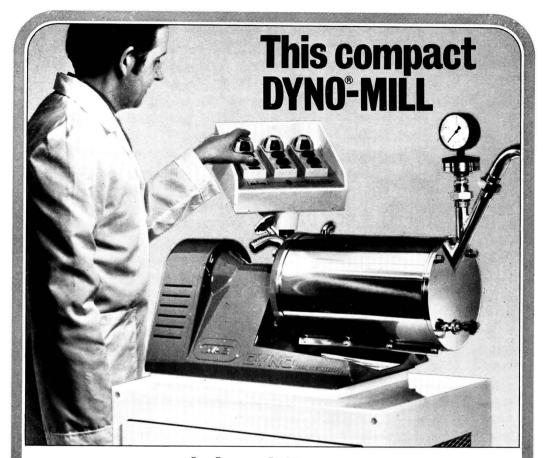


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