# Corrosion protection



Technology built to exceed industry standards

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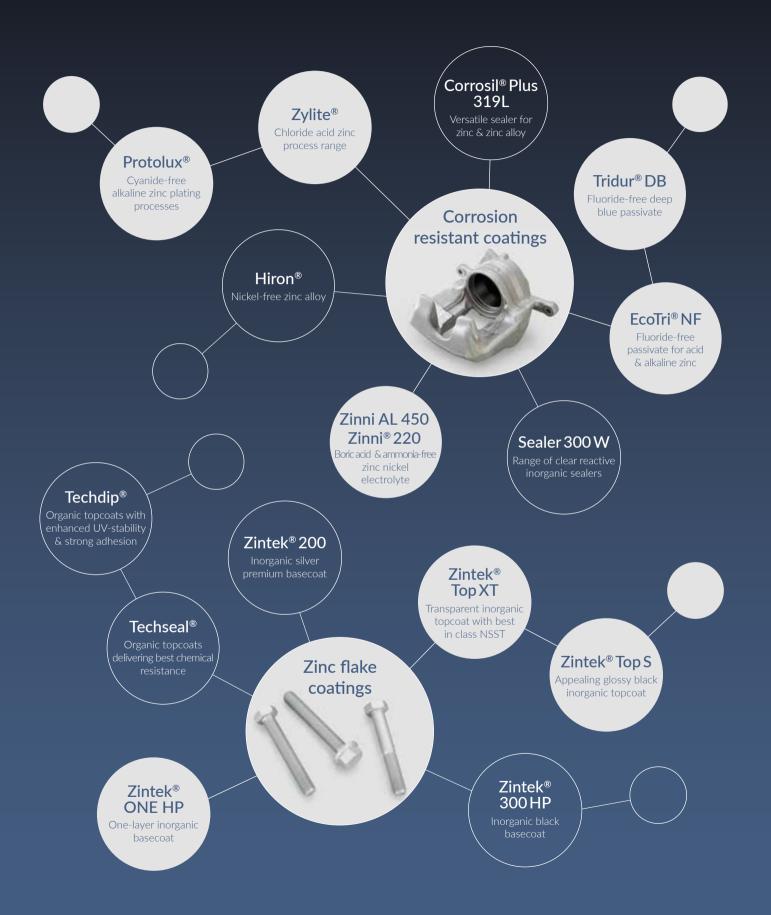
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# The best of corrosion protection





## We know corrosion protection

When it comes to high-performance corrosion protection, MKS' Atotech has the right solution. Both our Zn/Zn-alloy electroplating and zinc flake coating technologies greatly exceed industry standards. In order to maintain our technological leadership, we invested heavily in our worldwide TechCenters and our Corrosion Protection Competence Center in Trebur, Germany. Highly skilled R&D teams are committed to pioneering innovative solutions and setting benchmarks in the development of world-class corrosion protection processes, particularly when it comes to the combination of our two related technologies.

#### Two technologies, one trusted partner

We develop leading corrosion protection solutions that balance functional, durable technology with contemporary aesthetics. Industry leaders worldwide choose Atotech as their trusted partner.

#### The best of both worlds

For specific applications, MKS' Atotech has developed a dual-action approach that leverages the combined benefits of our top coats with our zinc and zinc nickel coatings. Used in tandem, these products ensure the highest-quality corrosion protection and chemical resistance, as well as an exceptionally long-lasting appearance.

# Highest protection with electrolytic zinc and zinc alloy processes

MKS' Atotech product portfolio includes all varieties of zinc plating additives and a very comprehensive range of zinc nickel processes.

### Zinc electroplating processes

Our extensive range of zinc electroplating technologies includes first-rate chloride acid and cyanide-free alkaline zinc processes suitable for both rack and barrel applications. The excellent throwing power of our processes enhances overall productivity by allowing for the faster loading of parts.



**Zylite:** Range of chloride acid zinc processes providing outstanding glossy coatings with superior covering properties and a stunning chrome-like appearance.

**Protolux & Unizinc NCZ:** Cyanide-free alkaline zinc plating processes, providing ductile coatings with a bright surface appearance and outstanding thickness distribution, even on complex shapes.



## Auxiliary equipment

#### ZYpHEX® regeneration system for acid zinc and zinc nickel electrolytes

ZYpHEX is our regeneration system for Zylite acid zinc and Zinni acid zinc nickel electrolytes. ZYpHEX ensures that process conditions are consistent over extended operation times. This enables customers to increase production throughputs, saving both time and money.

### Zinc alloy electroplating processes

We are constantly improving and extending our zinc alloy electrolytes portfolio to ensure that we meet the highest standards of corrosion protection. Today, we offer a complete range of acid and alkaline zinc nickel electrolytes. The processes achieve outstanding corrosion protection by producing a real y-phase zinc nickel structure.

MKS' Atotech acid zinc nickel processes produce unparalleled bright coatings. Matt and semibright zinc nickel coatings are also available. These solutions are particularly well-suited for the brake caliper industry, as the processes allow for direct plating on cast iron substrate. Our acid zinc nickel range is also perfectly suitable for hardened fasteners.

Our alkaline zinc nickel electrolytes are well known for their high efficiency, as well as for their ease of operation. They provide attractive bright to semi-bright deposits with exceptional corrosion protection – particularly on unusually-shaped parts.



Zinni AL 450: Used around the world and approved by global automotive OEMs, Zinni AL 450 provieds flexible handling and is especially suited for barrel applications.

Zinni 220: A boric acid and ammonia-free acid zinc nickel electrolyte that provides improved throwing power, resulting in higher thickness in low current density areas.

**Hiron:** The sustainable nickel-free alloy is suitable for various applications. Its performance is comparable with that of zinc nickel. The process is available in silver and black colors for rack applications.

#### Membrane anode technology for zinc nickel electrolytes

MKS' Atotech patented membrane anode technology for alkaline zinc nickel electrolytes increases process stability and enhances process throughput and overall coating quality, all with a reduced environmental footprint. Membrane technology ensures that the electrolyte always stays close to the status of a fresh made-up solution. The advanced membrane technology operating within the CMA Closed Loop System helps save up to 95% of zinc nickel waste water.

#### Passivates

MKS' Atotech product range also includes a vast array of conversion coatings. These supplementary finishes lend extra mileage to zinc or zinc alloy coatings. Our Cr(III)-based passivates come in black, blue, clear and iridescent finishes and are suitable for all zinc and zinc alloy surfaces. Our passivates feature a winning combination of excellent corrosion protection, striking aesthetic appeal and sustainable production.



**EcoTri NF:** A fluoride-free, iridescent thick film passivate for zinc applications. Operating at a low temperature (between 25 - 40 °C), the zinc dissolution rate is reduced considerably during passivation.

**Tridur DB:** A fluoride-free two-component deep blue passivate for zinc nickel surfaces. Suitable for both rack and barrel applications, Tridur DB produces an even, attractive deep blue finish.



## Auxiliary equipment

#### Tricotect® ion exchange technology for passivates

Our production-proven ion exchange system Tricotect selectively removes contaminating metals from high-performance passivates. Tricotect allows for continuous online purification without interrupting production, providing a potentially unlimited bath life for the passivate.

#### Sealers

Suitable for all zinc and zinc alloy surfaces, MKS' Atotech line of sealers provides the very best in corrosion protection, thanks to a unique formula. Atotech also offers a selection of sealers with integrated lubricants. Developed especially for the fastener industry, these sealers allow customers to finely adjust the coefficient of friction within narrow working windows. The product range is also complemented by a series of black pigmented sealers designed to enhance protection and intensify black surface appearance. For unsealed surfaces, MKS' Atotech offers Cr(III)-based post-dips, which can be applied after passivation to meet the industry's corrosion protection requirements.



Sealer 350 WL8: Available in vraious colors, the organic one-component sealer provides the highest possible corrosion resistance and resistance against a number of different chemicals used in the automotive industry. Its CoF range is suitable for multiple German OEMs and General Motors.

Corrosil Plus 315L: Specifically developed to meet the needs of the automotive industry, Corrosil Plus 315L provides a coefficient of friction of 0.12 to 0.18  $\mu$ , approved by French OEMs and Volvo for barrel applications. The deposited film provides a sleek, glossy appearance, making it the ideal choice for black surfaces.

Sealer 300 W: The patent-protected inorganic reactive Sealer 300 W family provides exceptional corrosion protection, even after assembling. During drying at temperatures above 60 °C, the sealer reacts with the underlaying passivate to form a unique crack-free bond.

# Highest corrosion resistant standards with zinc flake technology

Our zinc flake coating technologies provide a high grade of corrosion protection, using combinations of specialized base and topcoats. Largely embraced by the fastener industry, our coatings find widespread use within a variety of applications, ranging from fasteners, hose clamps, clips, brake components or chassis parts for the automotive industry, to special fasteners in the wind power, construction and other industries.

#### Basecoats

To comply with high industry corrosion protection requirements, a reliable, high-performance base coat is key. MKS' Atotech signature series of Zintek basecoats is comprised of both silver and black base layers. During baking, a conductive zinc aluminum coating with inherent cathodic protection is formed. The typical curing temperature during this step is between 200 – 250 °C. Because the basecoat is applied via a non-electrolytic dip spin or spray technique, the risk of hydrogen embrittlement is eliminated. In line with our environmentally approach, our basecoats are free of nickel, lead, mercury cadmium, cobalt or Cr(VI).



Zintek 200: The premium silver basecoat provides excellent adhesion and high impact resistance. Fasteners coated with Zintek 200 can withstand more than 1,000 h of Neutral Salt Spray Testing.

**Zintek ONE HP:** This silver inorganic zinc flake basecoat provides reliable corrosion protection with only one coating layer. It's a particularly cost-effective process.

Zintek 300 HP: This black zinc flake basecoat successfully delays white corrosion formation allowing for an exceptionally uniform deep black appearance.

### Topcoats

Applied directly to either our zinc flake basecoats or electroplated zinc or zinc alloy layers, our line of organic, inorganic, and hybrid topcoats form unique multipurpose coatings with additional benefits. As a natural match for our collection of basecoats, both our customized topcoats are available in silver and black.

#### **Organic topcoats**



**Techseal:** The organic Techseal product line delivers best chemical resistance, uniform appearance and increased corrosion protection with controlled friction values.

**Techdip:** The Techdip range features products with enhanced UV-stability and inimitable adhesive properties. Products with Techdip finishes also earn top marks in the Kesternich test 2.0.

#### **Inorganic/hybrid topcoats**



Zintek Top XT: Transparent hybrid topcoat featuring first-class NSST and cyclic corrosion resistance on zinc flake basecoats, as well as electroplated / passivated finishes, applied with only  $\sim 1 \mu m$ .

Zintek Top Black S: Appealing glossy black inorganic topcoat applied with a very thin layer ( $\sim 1\mu m$ ) and providing excellent corrosion resistance, especially against white rust formation.



## Combining strongest technologies

Coating systems that combine zinc / zinc nickel, passivates and topcoats are capable of providing extraordinary corrosion protection with an appealing and durable appearance. These combined coating systems allow the industry to keep up with continuous improvement requirements, such as the automotive industry's demands for both increased corrosion protection and improved appearance of electroplated parts. Atotech strives to provide highend corrosion protection while avoiding visual changes, such as the appearance of white haze.

MKS' Atotech combines components of both corrosion protection technologies and has developed coating sequences that can fulfill these ambitious requirements. Besides a stable and attractive appearance, even after neutral salt spray testing (NSST), such layer combinations also exhibit temperature stability, chemical resistance, consistent coefficient of friction values and much more.

#### Most common combinations

| Electroplated zinc or zinc alloy | Electroplated zinc or zinc alloy | Electroplated zinc or zinc alloy |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Transparent passivate            | Transparent passivate            | Black passivate                  |
| Silver topcoat                   | Black topcoat                    | Black topcoat                    |

## Setting industry benchmarks



#### Automotive

Our processes fulfill the requirements of a substantial number of OEM specifications and are approved by automotive manufacturers worldwide. We develop corrosion protection solutions that balance functional, durable technology with contemporary aesthetics.



## Wind energy

Fasteners for offshore plants have to meet the highest standards for corrosion protection and mounting. Using advanced chemistry to ensure optimal assembly and protection processes, we produce sustainable products that meet all industries' requirements.



#### Construction

Specifically developed to meet the demanding needs of the construction industry, MKS' Atotech offers system solutions that provide superior corrosion protection even after bending. Our portfolio comprises bright, bright and bendable and matt systems.



## Heavy machinery

Our corrosion protection portfolio includes reliable, highly resistant solutions for heavy machinery hydraulic rods or pneumatic fittings for the agriculture, mining and oil and gas industries.



#### Railway

In the railway industry, fasteners and brake components require top quality coatings. We offer two coating methods for railway applications, both of which are equally dedicated to perfecting corrosion protection.

### Did you know...



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10 TechCenters worldwide are dedicated to corrosion protection technologies

customers around the world rely on our corrosion protection technologies We offer the most comprehensive product range of sustainable plating solutions

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### End markets and industries MKS serves



Automotive



Sanitary



Heavy machinery



Construction



Household appliances



Energy

