

諸外国における大気腐食試験の現状について

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S. C. Britton (The Tin Research Institute)によると、大気に関する実地および促進試験についての組織的活動は今世紀の初期に既に行われていたようである。1908年、ASTMの腐食委員会では5種の低合金鋼を用いて酸浸せきおよび大気暴露による重量減を測定した。1916年、ASTMにおいて鉄鋼の大規模な大気暴露試験が開始され、1920年、Institution of Civil Engineers (英)において海水中における構造材料の劣化に関して世界的規模の試験計画が開始され、同年、大気腐食委員会が Institute of Metals に設立され、次年度からのプロジェクトは BNFMRA に移管された。1931年、ASTMにおいて鉄鋼および非鉄金属材料の20年大気暴露試験が各地区で開始された。ひるがえって、米国の私企業2社のうち1社が1929年に大気暴露試験を事業として創立され、現在盛況であることは注目に値しよう。

今後進展する大気腐食の分野に屋内腐食 indoor corrosion の問題がある。すなわち、電気・電子機器用の材料・部品に対する使用環境の影響が重大な関心を呼んでおり、長期プロジェクトが国際的規模において展開されようとしている。これらの研究はメーカーとユーザーの両方に役立つデータの集大成を目指すことも、腐食機構を明らかにするにもより促進試験法の策定と防食設計の確立を目的としている。この分野では Siemens, IBM, Bell Lab, その他の有力な研究所における基礎・応用研究は世界的にトップレベルにあるということができる。

以下、米国をはじめ各国における研究状況を紹介するが、これらの諸国は大気腐食の研究キャリアーに富み、その水準が高いとみなすことができる。このほか、インド、チェコスロバキアでも研究が盛んであり、有益な結果が報告されている。

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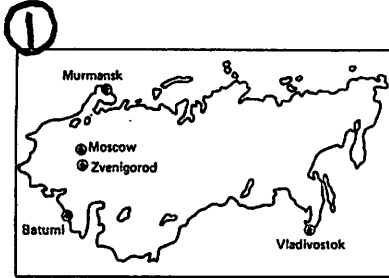


Figure 63.1. IFCHAN atmospheric corrosion test stations.

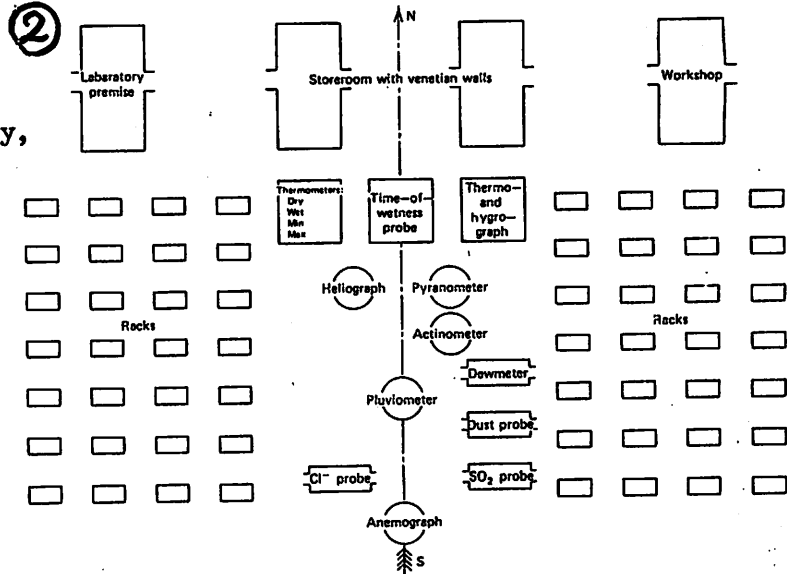


Figure 63.2. Layout of facilities on the testing ground.

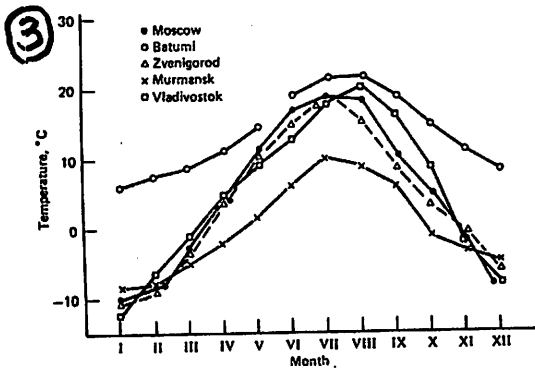


Figure 63.7. Yearly air temperature variations at the test stations.

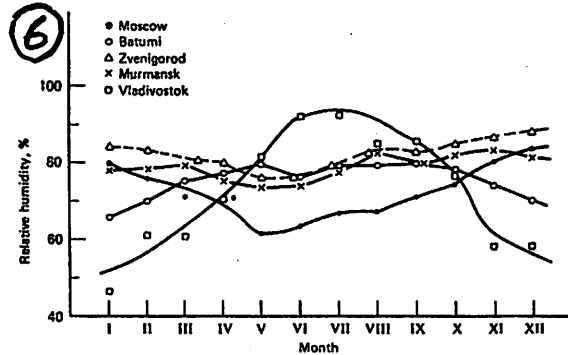


Figure 63.8. Yearly air relative humidity variations at the stations.

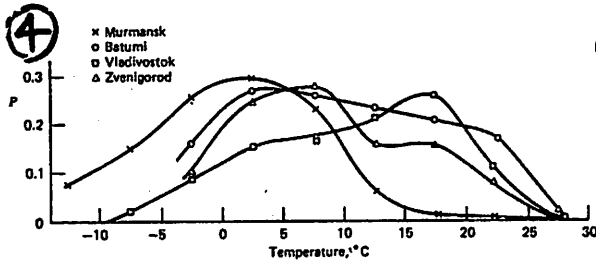


Figure 63.9. Recurrence of air relative humidity over 70% at various temperatures.

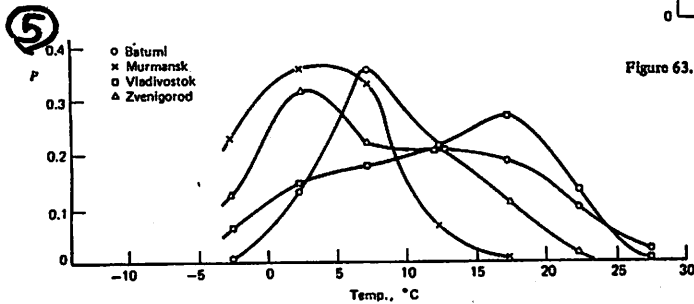


Figure 63.10. Recurrence of water phase films on metals.

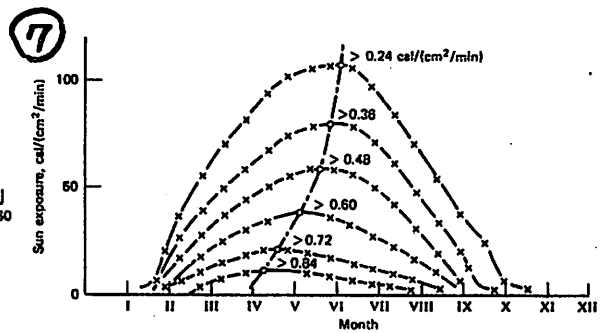


Figure 63.11. Distribution of total solar radiation intensity in a rural environment.

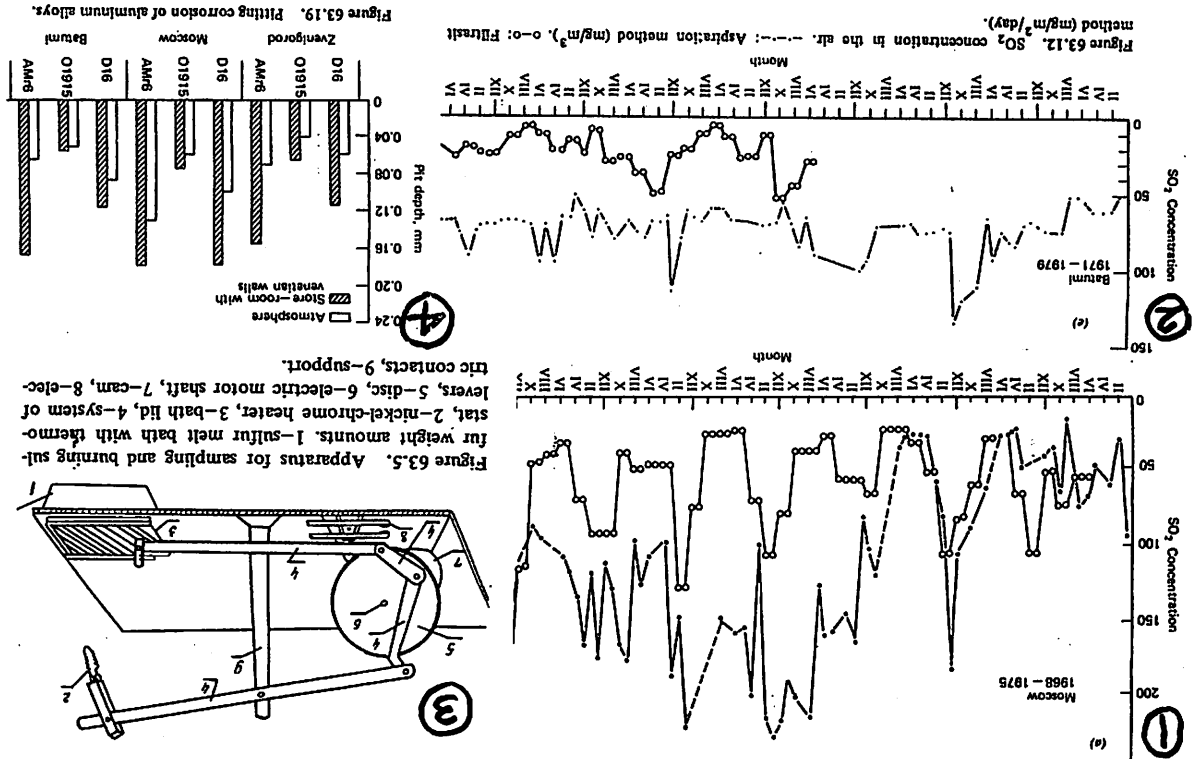
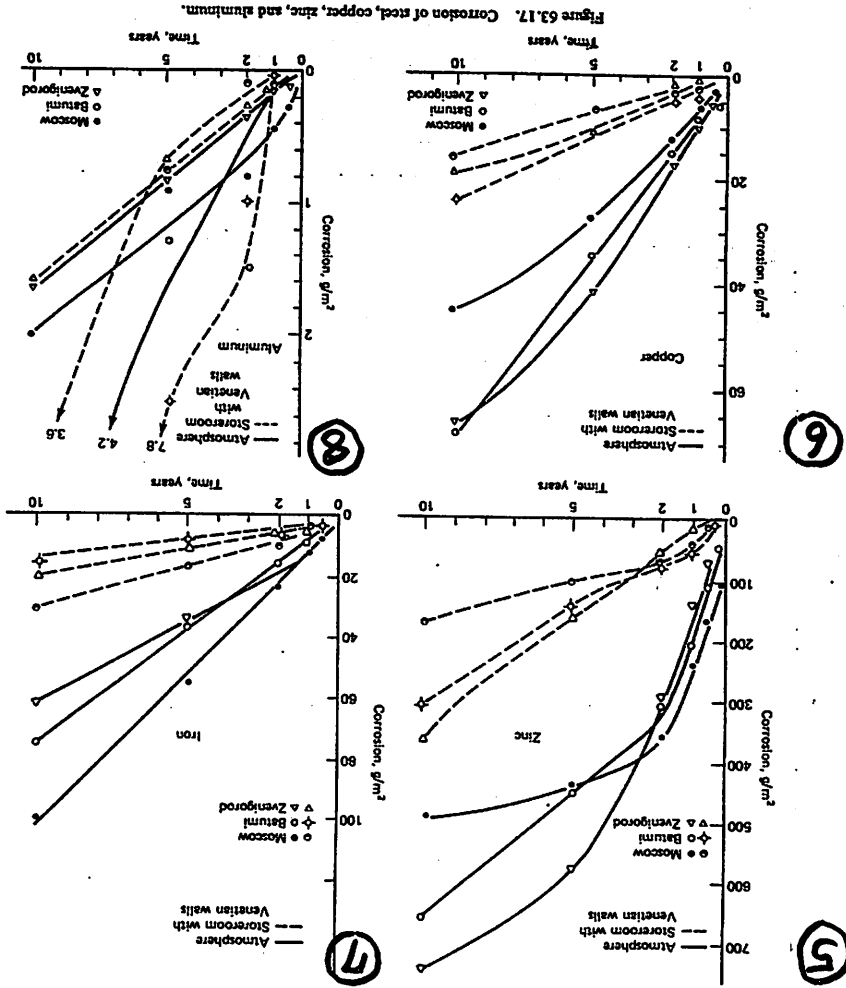


Figure 63.19. Pitting corrosion of aluminum alloys.

Figure 63.12. SO₂ concentration in the air. ---: Aspiration method (mg/m³/day). o-o: Filtrast method (mg/m³/day).

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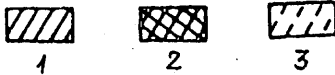
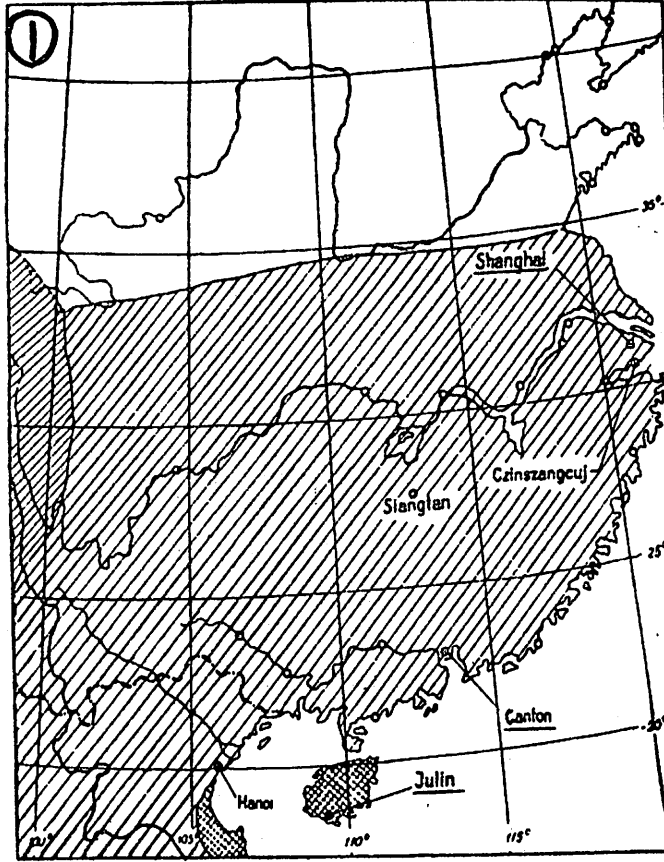


Figure 54.1. The location of exposure sites in China: 1-Tropical and subtropical atmosphere. 2-Tropical humid atmosphere. 3-Tropical dry atmosphere.

No.	Basic metal: St - steel, Cu - copper	Type of coating (see table 2)	Exposure site - Shanghai			
			S10 (type 12) Duration of testing (months)			
			6	12	24	45
1	St	Zn15				
2	St	Zn30				
3	St	Cd6				
4	St	Cd12				
5	St	Cd24				
6	St	Zn15e				
7	St	Cd15e				
8	St	Zn26				
9	St	Ni24				
10	St	Ni36				
11	St	Cu20N10Cr1				
12	St	Cu20N10Cr1				
13	St	Cu30N10Cr1				
14	Cu	Cu/Sn24				
15	Cu	Cu/Sn36				
16	Cu	Cu/Ag12				
17	Cu	Cu/Ag24				
18	Cu	Cu/Ni20Cr1				
19	Cu	Cu/Ni24Cr1				
20	Cu	Cu/Sn2				
21	Cu	Cu/Sn24				
22	Cu	Cu/Ag12pe				
23	Cu	Cu/Ag12pe				

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No.	Basic metal: St - steel, Cu - copper	Type of coating (see table 2)	Exposure site - Julin		
			H2 (type 12) Duration of testing (months)		
			6	12	24
1	St	Zn15			
2	St	Zn30			
3	St	Cd6			
4	St	Cd12			
5	St	Cd24			
6	St	Zn15e			
7	St	Cd15e			
8	St	Zn26			
9	St	Ni24			
10	St	Ni36			
11	St	Cu20N10Cr1			
12	St	Cu20N10Cr1			
13	St	Cu30N10Cr1			
14	Cu	Cu/Sn24			
15	Cu	Cu/Sn36			
16	Cu	Cu/Ag12			
17	Cu	Cu/Ag24			
18	Cu	Cu/Ni20Cr1			
19	Cu	Cu/Ni24Cr1			
20	Cu	Cu/Sn2			
21	Cu	Cu/Sn24			
22	Cu	Cu/Ag12pe			
23	Cu	Cu/Ag12pe			

No.	Basic metal: St - steel	Type of coating (see table 1)	Exposure site - Canton University					Exposure site - Canton University				
			K4 (matting shed) Duration of testing (months)					K5 (matting shed) Duration of testing (months)				
			6	12	24	45	58	6	12	24	45	58
1	St	Zn15										
2	St	Zn30										
3	St	Cd6										
4	St	Cd12										
5	St	Cd24										
6	St	Zn15e										
7	St	Cd15e										
8	St	Zn15eL										
9	St	Cd15eL										
10	St	Ni27										
11	St	Ni8										
12	St	Ni27										
13	St	Cu20N10Cr1										

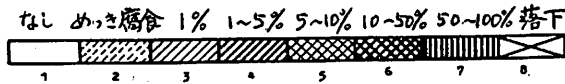


Figure 54.2. The results of corrosion testing of electrodeposited coatings

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TABLE 61.4 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EXPOSURE SITES-SOUTH AFRICA

Town/city and province	Site	Environment	Industrial pollution
Pretoria, Transvaal	G CSIR	Rural	Very Low
	E Mamelodi	Rural/mild industrial	Low
	E ISCOR	Industrial	High
Cape Town, Cape Province	D Ysterplaat	Mild marine	Low
	H Docks	Marine	Moderate
	H Simonstown	Marine	Very Low
Durban, Natal	C Salisbury Island	Marine	Moderate
	B Bluff	Severe marine	Moderate/low
Walvis Bay, Cape Province	A Military Camp	Severe marine	Low
	A Rooikop	Desert	Nil
Sasolburg, Orange Free State	F Industrial Site	Industrial	High

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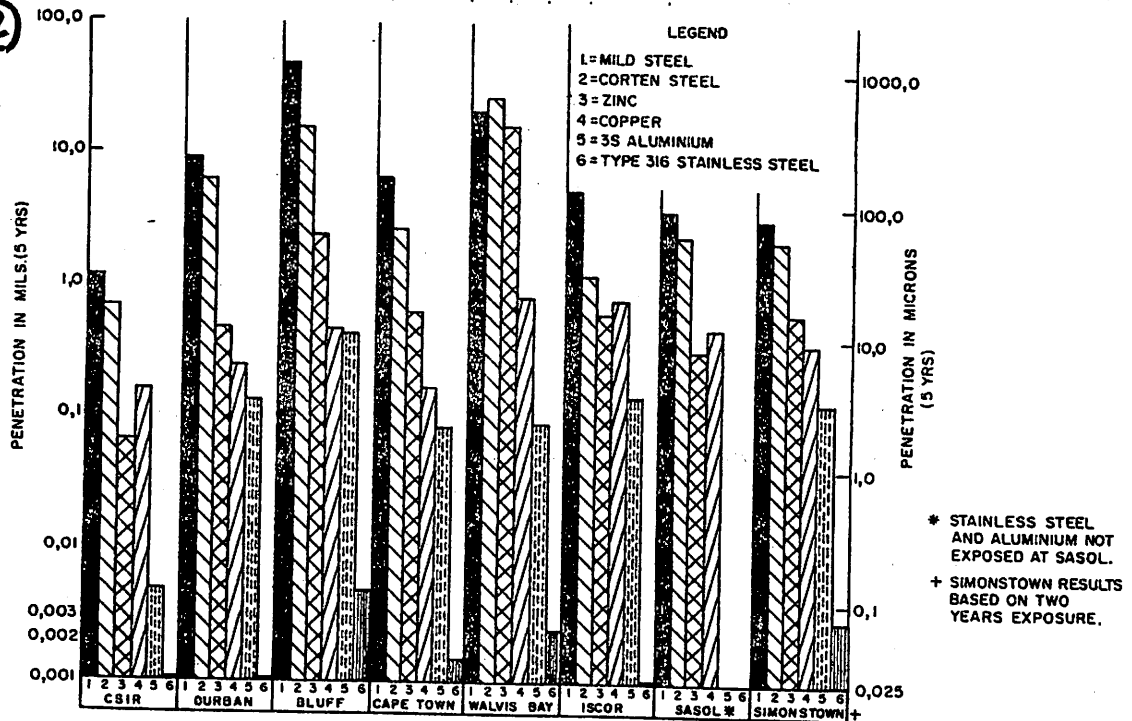
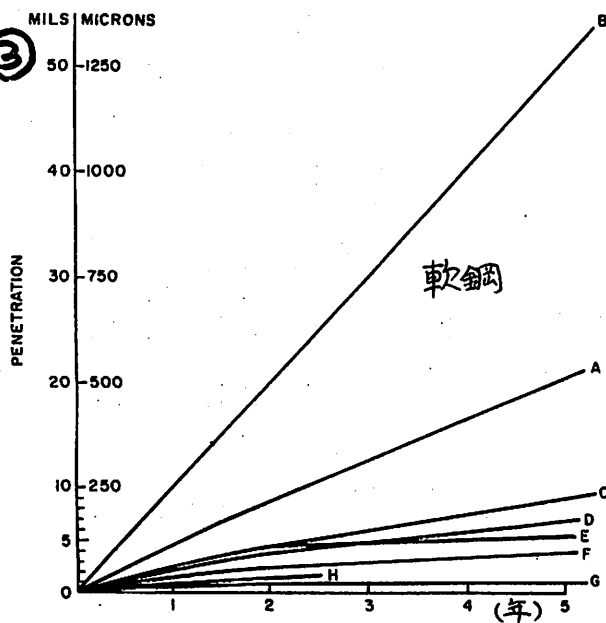


Figure 61.1. Comparison of the six types of metal exposed at the various sites.

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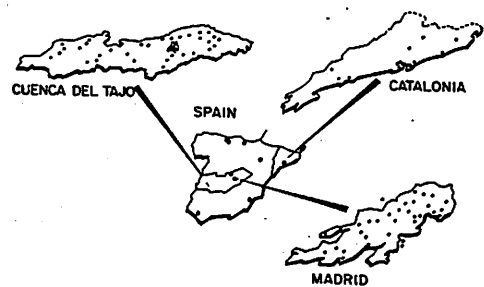


Figure 62.1. Networks of test sites in Spain.

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TABLE 61.2 CORROSION RATES AND MAXIMUM PIT DEPTHS OF SHEET ALLOYS, ADDINGTON HOSPITAL, DURBAN

Alcan alloy or metal	Alloy type	Thickness (mm)	Corrosion rate ($\mu\text{/yr}$)				Maximum pit depth (mm)			
			2 Years	5 Years	10 Years	20 Years	2 Years	5 Years	10 Years	20 Years
2S-H6	99.2% Al	1.6	1.22	0.97	0.64	0.63	0.17	0.24	0.19	0.13
3S-H4	AlMn	1.6	1.22	0.91	0.73	0.76	0.12	0.10	0.19	0.21
6S5-TF	AlMg-Si	1.6	1.52	1.24	0.89	0.81	0.09	0.07	0.10	0.14
B51S-TF	AlMg-Si	1.5	1.22	0.94	0.84	-	0.16	0.21	0.17	-
57S-H6	Al-2.2 Mg	1.6	0.86	0.81	0.61	0.53	0.19	0.24	0.16	0.20
M57S-H6	Al-2.2 Mg	1.6	0.97	0.81	0.79	-	0.18	0.16	0.17	-
C54S-M	Al-3.5 Mg	1.6	0.89	0.79	0.79	-	0.16	0.23	0.23	-
B54S-M	Al-4	1.3	1.12	0.84	0.79	-	0.20	0.34	0.21	-
24S-TB Alclad ^a	99.5 Cladding	1.8	1.22	0.81	0.76	0.63	b	b	b	0.08
75S TF Alclad ^a	72S Cladding	1.6	1.40	1.04	0.79	0.51	b	b	b	0.08
M75S TF Alclad ^a	72S Cladding	1.6	0.97	0.81	0.78	-	0.09	0.09	0.17	-
Zinc		2.3	4.95	4.72	5.21	-	-	-	-	-
Lead		1.8	4.14	3.89	-	-	-	-	-	-
Copper		0.8	2.06	1.55	1.14	-	-	-	-	-
Monel		1.3	1.96	1.63	1.42	1.52	-	-	-	-
302 St. Steel		1.3	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.03	-	-	-	-

^a0.09-mm cladding layer per side. After Godard and Ferguson [11].
^bAll less than 0.08 mm.

TABLE 61.3 CORROSION RATE AND MAXIMUM DEPTH OF PENETRATION FOR ALUMINUM EXTRUSION ALLOYS, ADDINGTON HOSPITAL, DURBAN

Alcan alloy	Alloy type	Corrosion rate ($\mu\text{/yr}$) ^a					Max. penetration (mm)				
		2 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	2 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
50S-TE	AlMg-Si	4.24	3.05	1.90	1.52	1.02	0.08	0.08	0.18	0.10	0.15
Anodized											
50S TE		b	b	b	b	b	0.41	0.41	1.02	0.89	0.97
24S-TE	Al-Cu-Mg	9.52	8.08	4.55	5.28	c	0.15	0.15	2.79	2.41	5.0 ^c
26S-TF	Al-Cu	11.18	10.77	7.37	6.22	c	0.15	0.10	0.28	0.30	5.0 ^c
75S-TF	Al-Zn-Mg-Cu	9.50	13.44	17.14	15.49	15.24	0.05	0.10	0.08	0.46	0.48
A56S-M	AlMg	1.07	1.07	0.96	-	-	0.15	0.23	0.28	-	-

^aAfter Godard and Ferguson [11].
^bNo mass losses taken.
^cAreas on samples exfoliated to the extent that no sound metal remains, mass losses thus inaccurate while penetration is greater than 5 mm.

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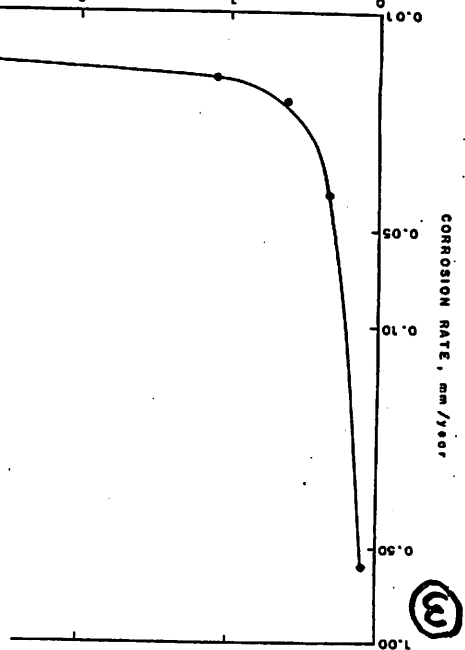
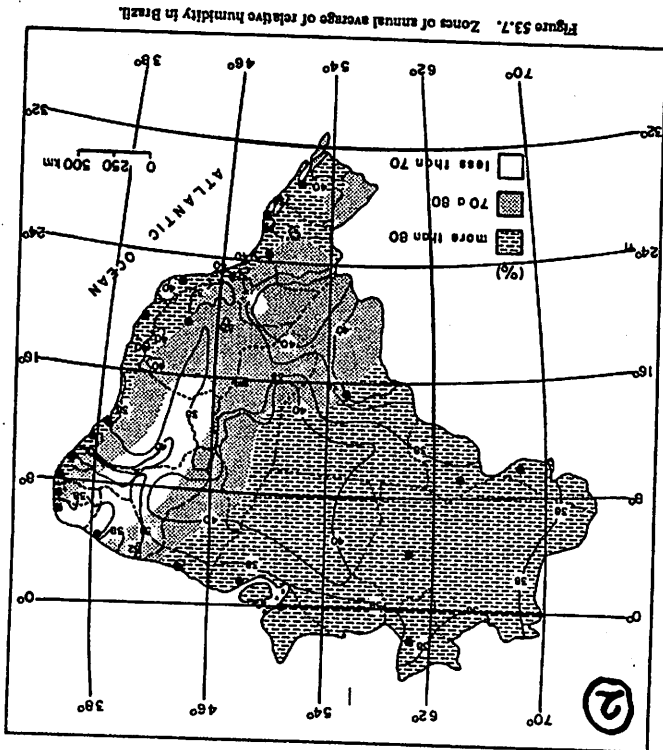
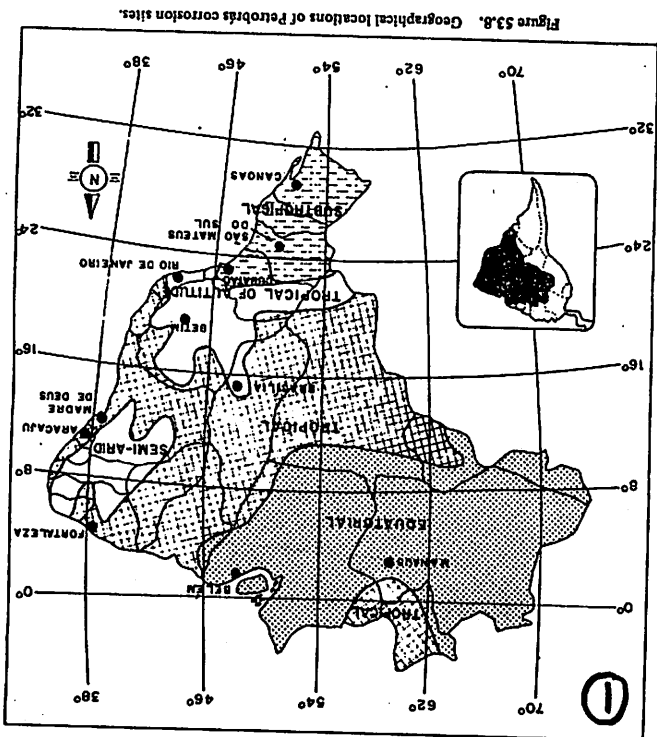
TABLE 62.2 DURATION OF RELATIVE HUMIDITIES OF 85% OR MORE AND TEMPERATURES GREATER THAN 0°C. AVERAGE LEVELS OF POLLUTION WITH SO₂ AND CHLORIDES, AND ANNUAL CORROSION DATA AT VARIOUS TESTING STATIONS THROUGHOUT SPAIN (NUMBERS IN PARENTHESES INDICATE ESTIMATED CORROSION VALUES)

Testing station and annual exposure period	Time at RH > 85% and T > 0°C (in thousands of h/yr)	SO ₂ (mg SO ₂ /dm ² /day)	Chlorides (mg NaCl/dm ² /day)	Corrosion during a one-year exposure			
				Mild steel (μm)	Zinc (μm)	Copper (μm)	Aluminum (mg/dm ²)
Alicante, 30 m from sea (1974-75)	6.8	0.87	0.97	84.0 (81.6)	4.2 (4.8)	3.2 (4.0)	106.3 (110.2)
(1976-77)	4.3	1.57	3.59	92.6 (109.9)	5.8 (7.8)	4.1 (6.4)	73.6 (143.2)
(1978-79)	4.3 ^a	1.55	1.66	60.3 (98.6)	6.3 (6.9)	10.0 (6.4)	100.1 (140.9)
Alicante, 100 m from sea (1976-77)	4.3	0.16	0.78	26.9 (31.6)	0.93 (3.2)	1.7 (3.2)	14.6 (23.5)
(1978-79)	4.3 ^a	0.21	0.25	25.5 (22.6)	1.6 (1.1)	2.4 (1.5)	23.1 (27.4)
Avilés (1974-75)	3.7	0.48	b	52.0 (37.2)	2.9 (1.9)	3.4 (2.2)	19.8 (12.2)
(1976-77)	3.7 ^a	0.48 ^a	b	42.2 (37.2)	1.5 (1.9)	3.2 (2.2)	9.8 (12.2)
Cabo Negro (1974-75)	5.4	0.30	3.77	172.9 (99.2)	12.1 (6.0)	8.1 (4.4)	109.8 (70.0)
(1976-77)	5.0	0.30 ^a	1.18	50.9 (75.6)	9.2 (4.9)	5.3 (4.4)	98.8 (66.0)
Barcelona (1974-75)	3.2 ^a	0.68	0.45 ^a	52.2 (43.3)	4.2 (2.3)	3.6 (2.2)	95.4 (70.2)
(1976-77)	3.2	0.65	0.45 ^a	49.9 (42.3)	2.2 (2.3)	2.9 (2.2)	41.0 (67.5)
(1978-79)	3.2 ^a	0.86	0.45 ^a	39.0 (46.4)	2.9 (2.5)	6.7 (2.5)	54.3 (82.1)
Bilbao (1974-75)	4.2	1.49	1.40	108.4 (88.5)	7.6 (6.8)	5.8 (6.2)	165.2 (136.5)
(1976-77)	3.0	1.01	0.67	69.6 (67.8)	5.2 (3.8)	4.3 (3.3)	73.8 (83.5)
(1978-79)	3.0 ^a	1.01 ^a	0.67 ^a	75.8 (67.8)	5.6 (3.8)	3.9 (3.3)	85.4 (83.5)
Cádiz (1974-75)	4.1 ^a	0.31	0.48 ^a	43.8 (30.0)	2.3 (2.1)	3.1 (2.5)	93.4 (51.6)
(1976-77)	4.1 ^a	0.57	0.48 ^a	39.2 (30.7)	1.6 (2.1)	2.4 (2.5)	48.4 (56.4)
(1978-79)	4.1 ^a	0.47	0.48 ^a	39.9 (30.4)	2.0 (2.1)	1.8 (2.5)	64.3 (55.1)
El Escorial (1974-75)	3.9	0.10	b	11.3 (8.2)	0.60 (1.1)	1.1 (1.4)	1.5 (1.9)
(1976-77)	3.9 ^a	0.10	b	7.5 (8.2)	0.87 (1.1)	1.0 (1.4)	1.2 (1.9)
(1978-79)	3.9 ^a	0.15	b	11.0 (8.2)	2.6 (1.1)	1.0 (1.4)	14.8 (3.7)
Madrid (1974-75)	2.1	0.65	b	48.4 (30.6)	1.3 (0.89)	1.1 (0.91)	4.8 (7.9)
(1976-77)	2.1 ^a	0.70	b	43.7 (31.0)	1.4 (0.92)	1.4 (0.94)	2.5 (8.4)
Zaragoza (1974-75)	2.1	0.57 ^a	b	59.0 (30.3)	2.1 (0.82)	1.5 (0.71)	9.6 (7.6)
(1976-77)	2.1 ^a	0.57 ^a	b	31.9 (30.3)	1.1 (0.82)	1.1 (0.71)	1.7 (7.6)

^aApproximate value.
^bNegligible value.

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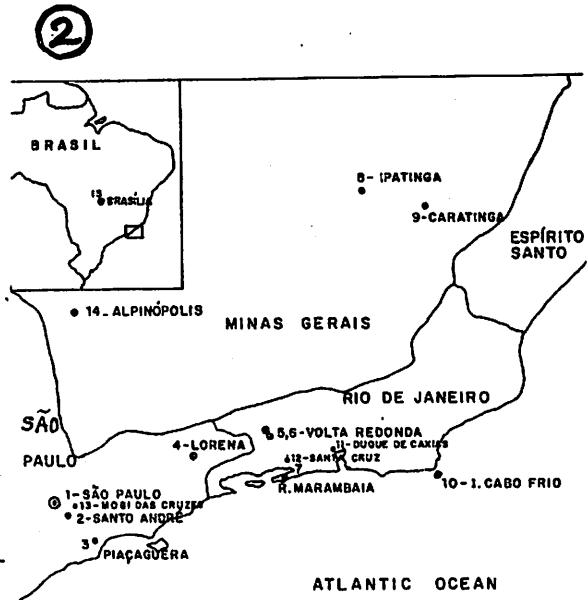
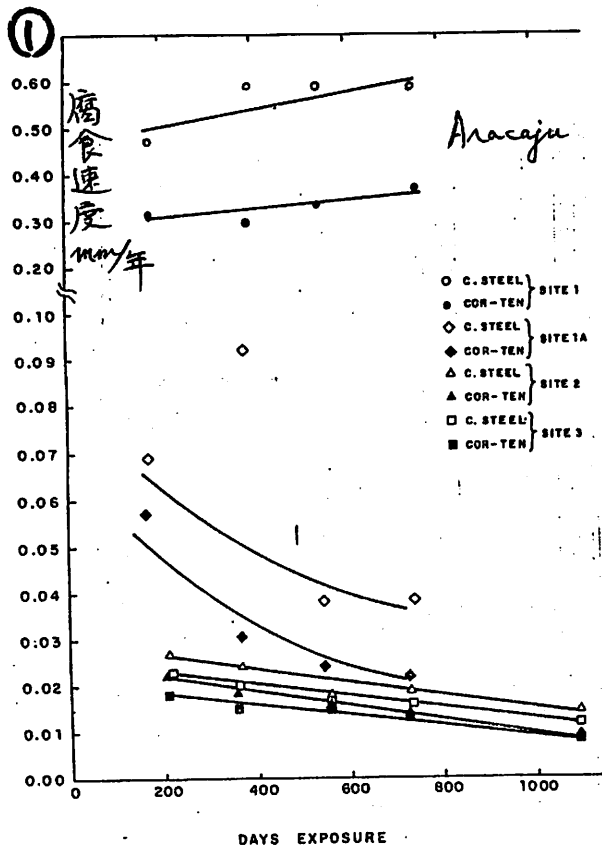


Figure 53.3. Geographical locations of IPT, CEPEL, CSN, and USIMINAS corrosion sites: 3, 4-IPT sites. 5, 6, 7-CSN sites. 8, 9, 10-USIMINAS sites. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15-CEPEL sites. 1, 2.

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TABLE 52.1 COMPARISON OF CORROSIVENESS OF DIFFERENT SITES BASED ON STEEL AND ZINC, ONE-YEAR TESTS; EXPOSED VERTICALLY

Locality	Type of atmosphere and contamination	Distances from sea (km)	Corrosion rate (μm)	
			Steel	Zinc
Cloncurry	Hot, dry	600	3.9	0.4
Innisfail	Hot, wet, open, ash from burnt sugar cane	10	23	1.7
Innisfail	Hot wet, under jungle canopy	10	15	1.4
Cowley	Hot wet, coastal sea salt	0.03	129	2.7



Figure 52.1. Australasia, showing places mentioned in the text and locations of Atmospheric Corrosion Test Sites, past and present.

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TABLE 58.1 CLIMATE DATA OF THE CITY OF MILAN

Month	Average temperature (°C)	Total rainfall (mm)	Average humidity (%)	Average cloudiness (in tenths)	Sky conditions (days)				
					Fog	Rain	Snow	Hoar frost	Storm
January	2.35	197.0	78.11	7.7	1	14	7	7	-
February	6.05	94.6	72.20	7.2	-	10	-	-	-
March	10.70	138.4	63.65	6.0	3	9	-	-	-
April	12.81	56.6	49.72	5.7	-	10	-	-	-
May	15.76	156.2	60.59	6.3	-	16	-	-	-
June	20.56	61.2	50.57	5.9	-	13	-	-	-
July	23.80	190.2	65.66	4.6	-	12	-	-	8
August	22.55	193.2	71.15	5.9	-	15	-	-	9
September	19.03	26.4	68.76	3.6	-	3	-	-	1
October	15.35	111.0	82.25	6.4	5	9	-	-	1
November	8.63	16.4	71.20	5.7	4	6	1	1	-
December	3.76	35.8	70.57	4.6	5	4	1	10	-
1977 Average	13.44	127.7	67.04	-	18	121	9	18	28

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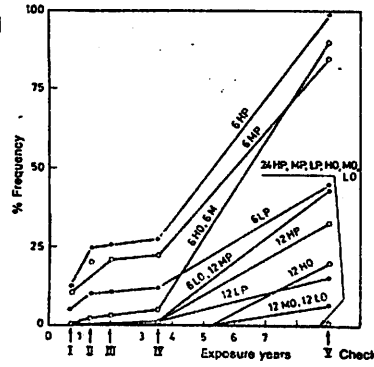


Figure 58.16. Pattern of pitting in marine atmosphere versus years of exposure. Corrosion degree is determined by the ISO 1462/72 method, consisting in laying on the surface a template net with squares 5 mm on a side and in establishing the percentage of squares containing one or more corrosion pits.

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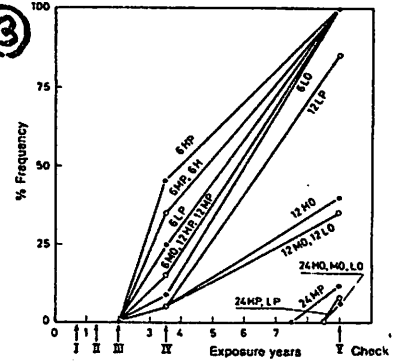


Figure 58.17. Pattern of pitting in urban-industrial atmosphere for L = low Fe; M = medium Fe; H = high Fe; O = extruded from direct chill castings; P = extruded from mold castings.

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TABLE 58.4 PARTICLE SIZE OF Fe-BEARING COMPOUNDS AND THEIR AVERAGE NUMBER PER CM²

Material	Fe (%)	Intermetallic compounds				A + B + C + D
		Type A 6 + 15 μm	Type B 4 + 6 μm	Type C 2 + 4 μm	Type D 2 μm	
HP	0.43	15,000	30,000	60,000	180,000	285,000
MP	0.17	13,000	20,000	30,000	50,000	113,000
LP	0.08	-	10,000	40,000	50,000	100,000
HO	0.43	-	18,000	60,000	250,000	328,000
MO	0.17	-	8,000	20,000	200,000	228,000
LO	0.08	-	-	10,000	160,000	170,000

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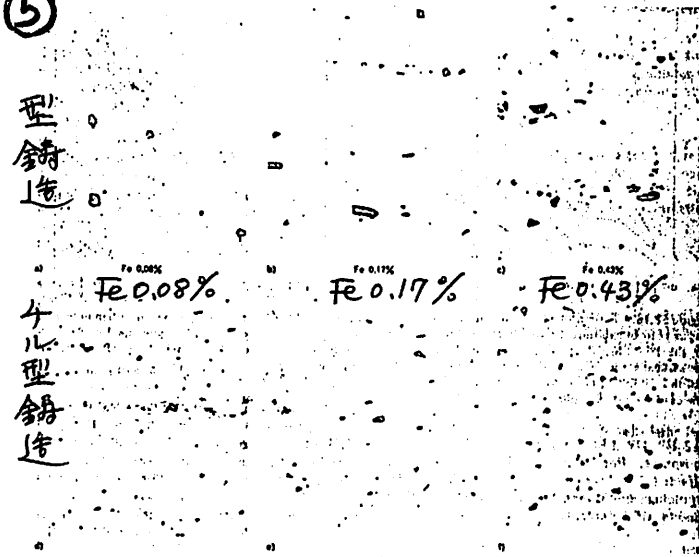


Figure 58.15. Typical structures of intermetallic iron compounds observed on the surface of extruded samples. Above: from mold castings; below: from direct chill castings. From left to right: iron contents 0.08%, 0.17%, 0.43%.

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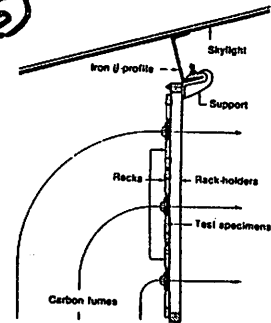


Figure 58.3. Installation of test specimen holders on the skylight of Milan's railroad station.

- Type A. 2 X 4 X 6 μm to 4 X 4 X 15 μm bits
- Type B. Smaller crystals, generally having a more round shape, with 4 to 6 μm average diameter
- Type C. Even smaller crystals of the same kind, with 2 to 4 μm average diameter
- Type D. Very fine crystals, with diameter less than 2 μm

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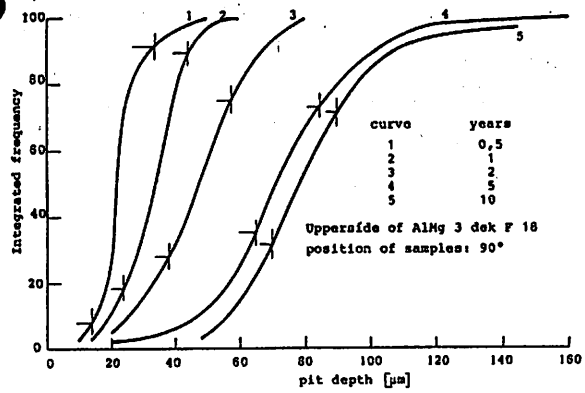


Figure 56.10. Integrated frequency of pit depths as a function of exposure time.

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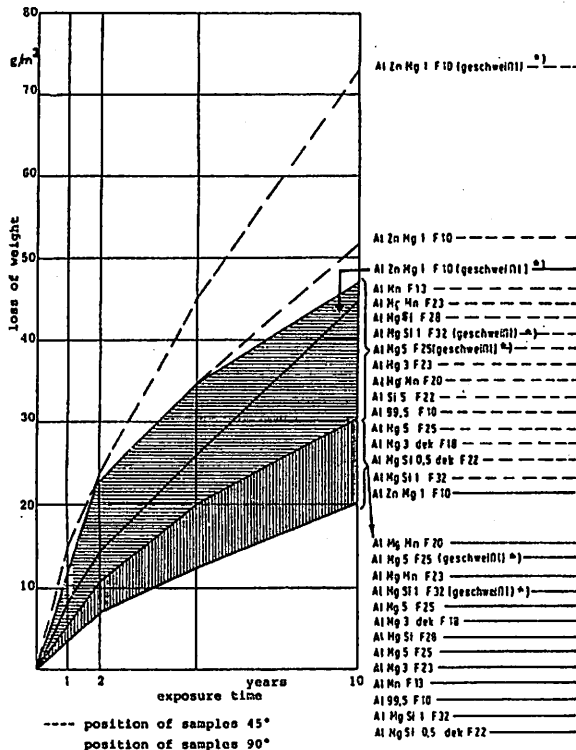
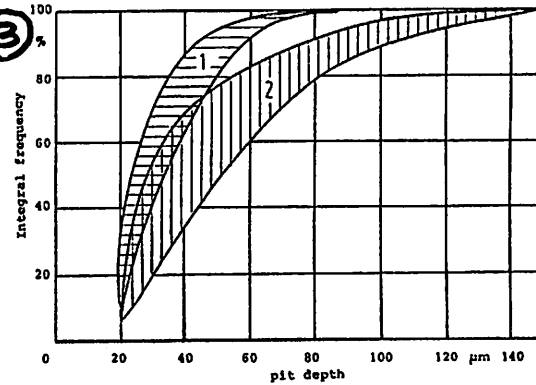


Figure 56.8. Losses of weight for samples tested under industrial atmospheric conditions.

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| 1: Al 99,5 F 10 | upper- and underside |
| AlMn F 13 | upper- and underside |
| AlMg 3 F 23 | upper- and underside |
| AlMgHn F 23 | upper- and underside |
| AlMgSi F 28 | upper- and underside |
| AlMgSi 1 F 32 | upper- and underside |
| AlMg 5 F 25 | upper- and underside |
| AlMgSi 1 (welded) | upper- and underside |
| AlZnMg 1 (welded) | upper- and underside |
| AlMgSi 0,5 dek F 22 | underside |
| AlMgSi 1 F 32 | underside |
| AlSi 5 F 22 | underside |
| 2: AlMg 3 dek F 18 | upper- and underside |
| AlMgHn F 20 | upper- and underside |
| AlMg 5 (welded) | upper- and underside |
| AlZnMg 1 F 36 | upper- and underside |
| AlMgSi 0,5 dek F 22 | underside |
| AlMgSi 1 F 32 | underside |
| AlSi 5 F 22 | underside |

Figure 56.11. Integrated frequency of pit depths after an exposure time of 10 years (coast region; position of samples 45 degrees).

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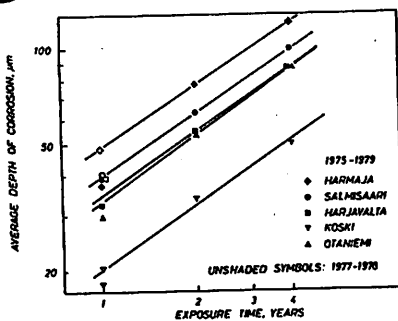


Figure 55.1. Corrosion of mild steel as a function of exposure time from a four-year test series (1975-1979) and a one-year test (1977-1978) on the same steel.

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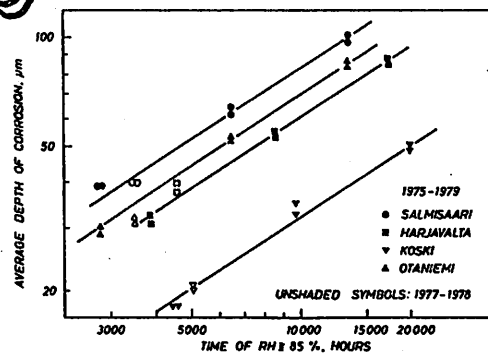


Figure 55.2. Corrosion of mild steel as a function of the time-of-wetness (RH ≥ 85%). Results from a four-year test series (1975-1979) and a one-year test (1977-1978) on the same steel.

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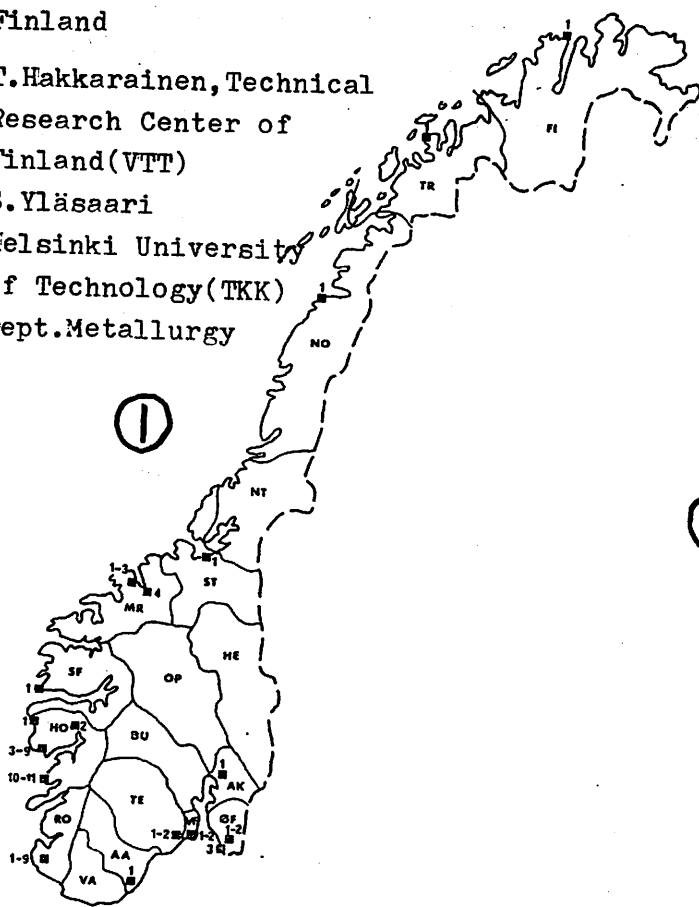
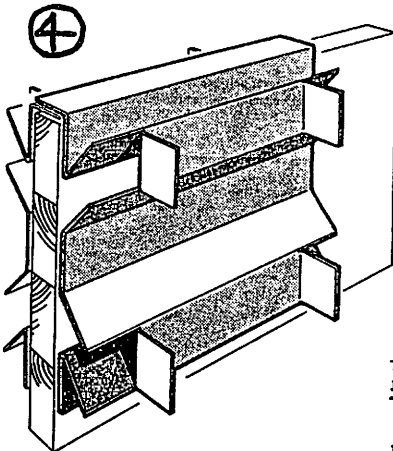
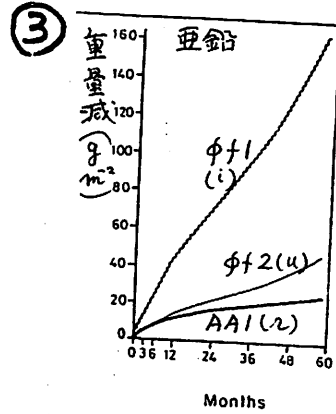
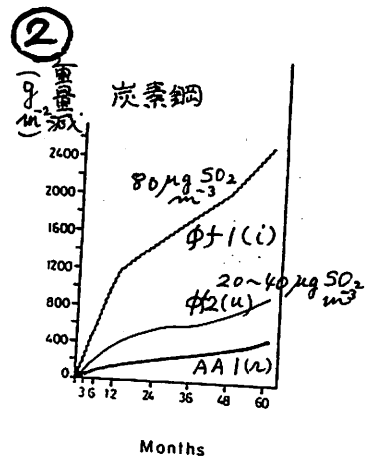


Figure 60.1. Corrosion test sites in Norway—numbered for each county (Table 60.3).



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Station	Carbon steel (series 1)		Weathering steel (series 4)		Relative corrosion rate: weathering steel / carbon steel
	ΔW (g/m ²)	Annual rate ($\mu\text{m}/\text{yr}$)	ΔW (g/m ²)	Annual rate ($\mu\text{m}/\text{yr}$)	
SF 1 Hyllestad	201	6.4	124	3.9	
Ho 2 Voss	151	4.8	94	3.0	62%
Ho 4 Bg. Tidende	390	12.4	114	3.6	62%
Ho 5 VERITAS	241	7.7	123	3.9	29%
Ho 9 Stend	212	6.7	131	4.2	51%
Ho 10 Stord 50	99	3.1	111	3.5	62%
Ho 3 Fredr.berg	243	7.7	136	4.3	112%
Ho 7 Minde	282	9.0	163	5.2	56%

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TABLE 60.10 ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION OF VARIOUS METALS—ALL EXPOSURES STARTED IN JULY 1971. (WEIGHT LOSS IN g/m²)

Location	Duration						
	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	6 Years	8 Years
<i>A. Commercially pure copper</i>							
Ho 10 Stord 50	9.6	17.9	—	21.0	—	—	—
Ho 7 Bergen-Minde	11.8	19.8	—	30.0	34.0	36.0	—
<i>B. Silicon-killed steel</i>							
Ho 5 Bergen-VERITAS	340	512	—	660	736	784	862
Ho 3 Bergen-Fredriksberg	271	403	—	567	622	688	802
<i>C. Silicon-killed, hot-dip galvanized steel</i>							
SF 1 Sogn	7.94	15.08	—	31.1	41.1	47.6	58.0
Ho 5 Bergen-VERITAS	12.98	24.44	—	56.5	65.4	75.6	87.7
Ho 9 Bergen-Stend	6.67	17.61	—	27.3	35.2	35.7	53.3

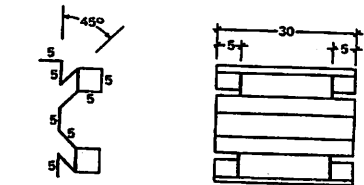


Figure 60.7. Test specimen configuration—coil-coated sheet. Dimensions in centimeters (5 cm = 2 in.).

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Material	Insulation thickness (μm)	Impressed voltage (mV)
Carbon steel, weathering steel	400	200
Zinc	300	100
Copper	200-300	100
Aluminum	100	100

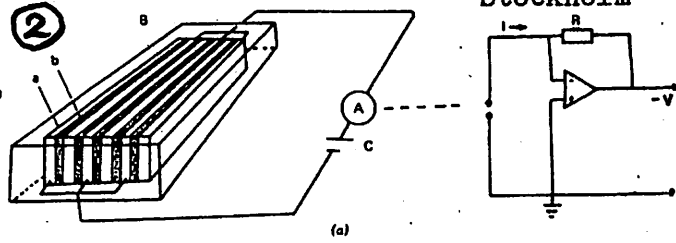


Figure 47.1a. General arrangement of electrochemical device for measurement of atmospheric corrosion: (A) is a zero resistance ammeter, the circuit of which is shown to the right; (B) is an electrolytic cell [(a) electrodes, (b) insulators]; (C) is a constant DC voltage source.

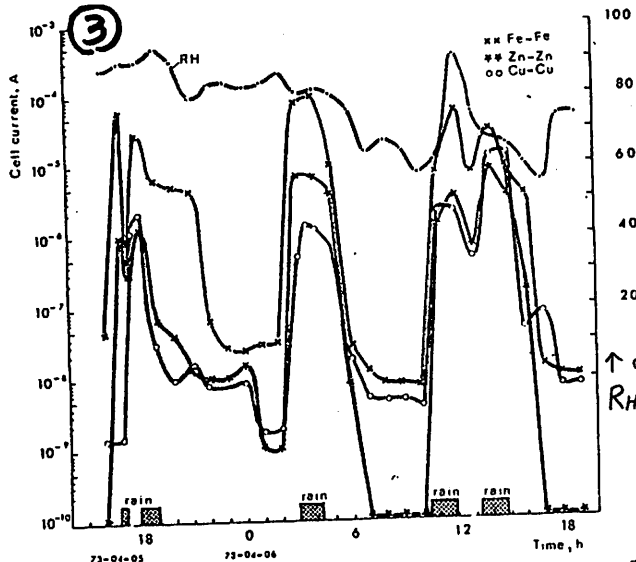


Figure 47.2. Cell current in electrolytic cells of the iron-iron, zinc-zinc, and copper-copper types, all with an imposed emf of 100 mV, and the relative humidity in Stockholm over the period of 5 April-7 April 1973 [1].

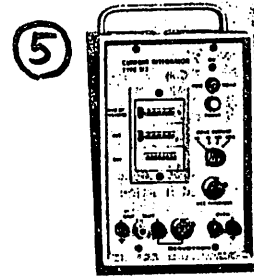
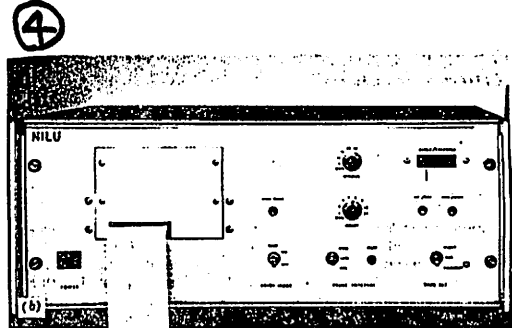


Figure 47.1b. Electronic integrator with automatic changeover between two current ranges and with registration of time-of-wetness (right) and automatic 12-channel printer for reading of integrated current and time-of-wetness (left).

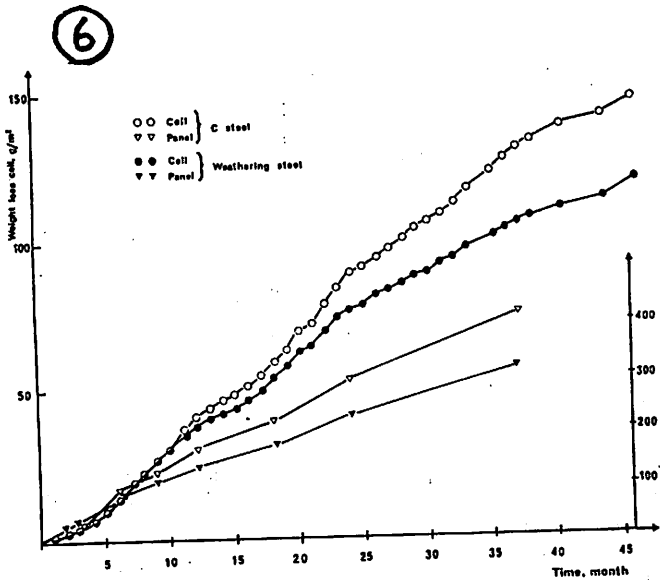


Figure 47.5. Integrated current from carbon steel and weathering steel cells converted to weight loss and weight loss of panels during outdoor exposure in Stockholm from June 1975 to April 1979.

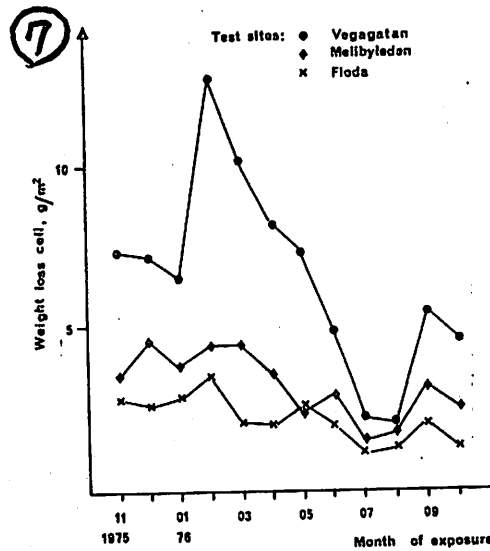


Figure 47.14. Integrated current from carbon steel cells converted to weight loss during different months.