



S<sup>3</sup>P Specialty Stainless Steel Processes

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# S<sup>3</sup>P

**Specialty Stainless Steel Processes** 

### **Corrosion**

A problem as old as mankind



### **Stainless Steel**

- Well established since 1912
- High corrosion resistant
- Protective passive layer
- Self healing
- Some are non-magnetic
- Good properties but not for all applications





# Typically used in...

- Medical industry
- Food and beverages processing
- Pumps and valves
- Fastening solutions
- Automotive industry
- Consumer products
- Chemical Industry
- Oil & gas Industry





# **Stainless Steel**

is very good for corrosion resistance

But untreated Stainless Steel has many problems...

# S<sup>3</sup>P value propositions





# S<sup>3</sup>P technology



S<sup>3</sup>P is **low temperature diffusion** of Carbon into the surface of the parts

No components are added to the material that are not already present

The process exhibits very high uniformity & reproducibility

### Why are these important?

No distortion after the S<sup>3</sup>P process

Parts retains fatigue strength after cold deforming

Parts can be welded after treatment, which reduces manufacturing costs

**Ductile products**- not brittle

# Very high uniformity and reproducibility

### Why is this important?

- Uniform Quality of products
- Ability to produce consistent results
- S<sup>3</sup>P process better than 6-Sigma\*
- Bodycote controls all the steps from furnace design through to processing parts

Six Sigma ( $6\sigma$ ). A six sigma process is one in which 99.99966% of all opportunities to produce some feature of a part are statistically expected to be free of defect



# **Ductility\***

# **B**odycote

### Highly ductile parts can bend without cracks

### Why is it important?

- If a part or a machine fails
- If parts are subjected to unintended high loads (parts may bend)

### **Very important for:**

- Medical
- Food and Beverage
- Automotive
- Actually most market sectors



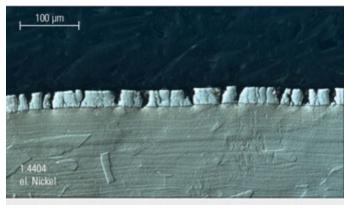


Fig. 1 Cracks in electroless nickel plating on AlSI316L after slight bending.

<sup>\*</sup> Ductility is a measure of a material's ability to undergo significant plastic deformation before rupture

# Anti galling\* effect



### What is galling?

### Why is this important?

- Metal-on-Metal sliding possible no O-rings needed
- Parts can be re-assembled many times
- When galling happens parts are destroyed

### **Applies to all market sectors**

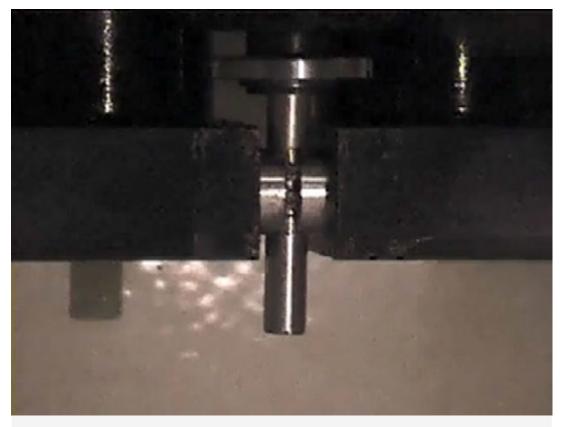
\*Galling is a type of mechanical wear caused by a combination of friction and adhesion between sliding surfaces.

Further mechanical forces cause the material to become stuck or welded to the mating surface.



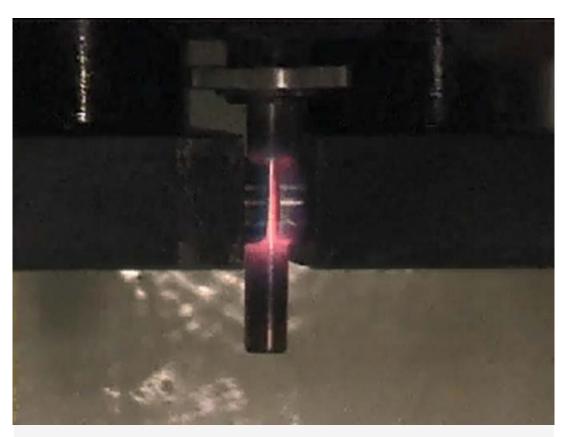
# Galling eliminated with S<sup>3</sup>P

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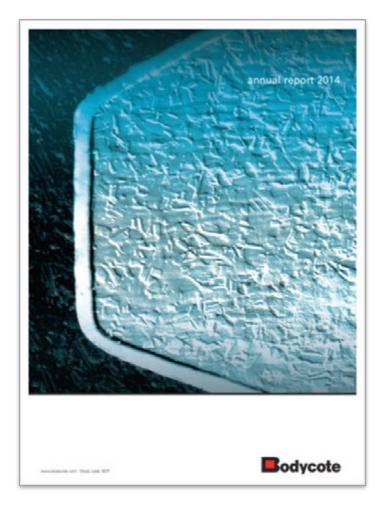
Time to failure: AISI 316L - untreated ~ 1.5 s





Time to failure: AISI 316L - S³P K33 ~ 60 s





# What makes S<sup>3</sup>P a Unique Process

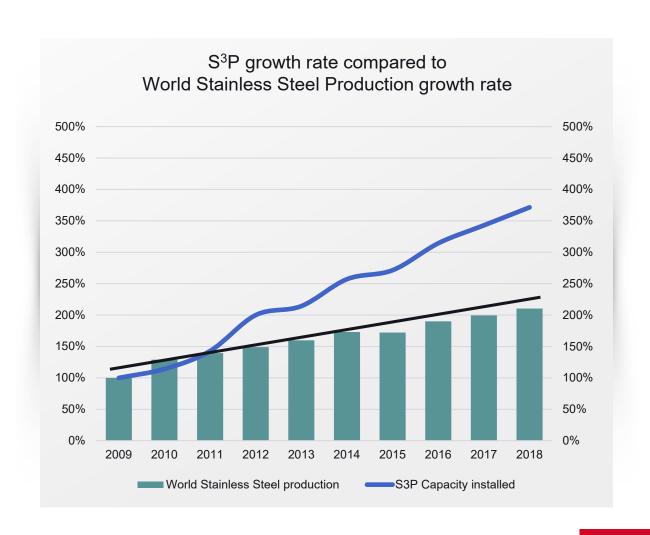


- Surface hardening of Stainless Steel / Ni-base / Co-base
- S<sup>3</sup>P process is a Bodycote Proprietary Process
- Bodycote owns the process IP
- Bodycote owns and operates the process lines in dedicated facilities - worldwide
- Bodycote designs, builds and commissions the process lines

# S<sup>3</sup>P growth rate



- The annual growth of the global stainless steel market is circa 6%
- Approximately 48 millions tonnes of stainless steel are produced every year, with a much higher pace of growth than the overall market for metals
- Exact market size difficult to judge but the market is huge
- S<sup>3</sup>P sales are currently only serving considerably less than 1% of the total addressable market
- At the moment competition is not an issue



# **Outlook**



# Stainless steel production

Production of Stainless Steel increases every year – driven by demand for better products

### **Market adoption**

The main constraint on S<sup>3</sup>P growth rate is the pace of market adoption

### S<sup>3</sup>P awareness

We regularly face customers who don't know what our process can do

- Provides new opportunities for the unique S<sup>3</sup>P process
- Bodycote missionary selling efforts are yielding an increasing rate of adoption of S<sup>3</sup>P every year

We expect to continue to see strong growth in S3P for the foreseeable future

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