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# Metallic Material Selection and Prospective Surface Treatments for Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cell Bipolar Plates—A Review

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**Table S1.** Comparison of corrosion resistance and contact resistance of various uncoated steels according to literature.

Material	Electrolyte	Temperature (°C)	icorr ( $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ )			ICR ( $\text{m}\Omega\text{cm}^2$ ) at 140 N/cm <sup>2</sup>	Citation
			at E <sub>corr</sub>	at - 0.1 V/SCE	at 0.6 V/SCE		
316L 321 347	85% H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	30-120	3.16-130 $\mu\text{A}$ 0.13-40 $\mu\text{A}$ 0.30-79 $\mu\text{A}$				[163]
316L 430	0,001 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm F <sup>-</sup>	25	0.00249 0.00328				[187]
316L	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , pH 1-6, 2 ppm HF	80			17.91-2.24 <sup>D</sup>		[34]
316L	0,5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	70	2.43 <sup>K</sup> , 9.15 <sup>A</sup>	5 <sup>D</sup>	-0.7 <sup>D</sup>		[22]
316L 316L elchem. polishing	1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm F <sup>-</sup>	70		45 <sup>S</sup>		229.2 <sup>at 150</sup> 5.7-23.5 <sup>at 150</sup>	[49]
316L	0,001 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>  10 <sup>-6</sup> M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>  0,5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	70			2.85 <sup>S</sup> , at 1.4 V/SHE	67.6 vs. 149 <sup>at 137</sup> (af- ter 1 V/SHE) 9.8 vs 38.1 <sup>at 137</sup> (after 1 V/SHE) 10.5 vs. 6.0 <sup>at 137</sup> (af- ter 1 V/SHE)	[23]
316L	0,5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	70			0.8 <sup>S</sup> , at 1 V/SHE	885 vs. 964 (after 1 V/SHE)	[48]
316L	1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	70	2 <sup>K</sup>		0.2 <sup>S</sup>	71 <sup>at 200</sup>	[67]
316L	1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	70	20.2 <sup>A</sup> , 1.9 <sup>K</sup>	153 <sup>D</sup> , 145 <sup>S</sup>	10 <sup>D</sup> , 1.1 <sup>S</sup>	66.4 <sup>at 274.4</sup>	[69]
316L	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 5 ppm HF	70				45 <sup>at 200</sup>	[105]
316L	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 5 ppm HF	70	47.93 <sup>A</sup> , 30.94 <sup>K</sup>				[36]
316L	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	70	8.09 <sup>A</sup> , 39.2 <sup>K</sup>	11.2 <sup>D</sup> , 3.59 <sup>S</sup>	6.24E3 <sup>D</sup> , 4.58 <sup>S</sup>	159.7 vs. 238.5 <sup>1</sup> and 265.3 <sup>2, at 150</sup>	[97]
316L	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (pH=3, pH=6)	80				41 vs. 278 (po 1,4 V/SHE)	[25]
316L	0.5M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	80		20.8 <sup>D</sup>	14.2 <sup>D</sup> , 0.6 <sup>S</sup>		[74]

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			at E <sub>corr</sub>	at - 0.1 V/SCE	at 0.6 V/SCE		
316L	0.5M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	25/80	0.141 /120	-9.6E-3/14.3 <sup>D</sup>	3.25/8.30 <sup>D</sup> , 0.32/0.36 <sup>S</sup>	156 vs. 240 <sup>2</sup>	[188]
316L	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 5 ppm F <sup>-</sup>	25/70	0.32-3.16	100-31.6 <sup>S</sup> , at 70 °C	16/120 <sup>D,K</sup> a 290 <sup>D,A</sup> , 1-0.32 <sup>S</sup> , at 70 °C		[45]
316L	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 5 ppm HF	80			11.26 <sup>D</sup> , 1.4 <sup>S</sup>	255.4 <sup>at 210</sup>	[9]
316L	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	80	50 <sup>K</sup> , 16.5 <sup>A</sup>	> 1 <sup>S</sup>	32.3 <sup>D</sup> , 50 <sup>S</sup>	350	[78]
316L	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	80			11.26 <sup>D</sup> , 1.3 <sup>S</sup>	370.1	[81]
316L	0.1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	80	16.5 <sup>A</sup> , 35.3 <sup>K</sup>	50 <sup>S</sup>	41.4 <sup>D</sup> , 50 <sup>S</sup>	350 <sup>at 150</sup>	[189]
316L	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 5 ppm HF	70					[123]
316L	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 5 ppm HF	70		5.6-10 <sup>S</sup>	5.1 <sup>S</sup>		[61]
316L	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 5 ppm HF	70			7.98 <sup>D</sup>		[125]
316L	0.1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>		2.92				[130]
316L	10 g Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (pH=3.5), 5 ppm F <sup>-</sup>	60		-0.13 <sup>S</sup>	0.013 <sup>S</sup>	152	[86]
316	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF		10.3		1.63 <sup>S</sup>	158	[75]
316	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	25	10.3	-6.72 to -1.45 <sup>S</sup>	1.54 <sup>S</sup>	700.5	[53]
316	0.01 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (pH=2)	80	5.66				[38]
304	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	80	2.6			140 vs. 125 <sup>2</sup> , at 240	[41]
304	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	80				100 vs. 150 <sup>1</sup> , 150 vs. 340 <sup>2</sup> , at 150	[77]
304	3.5% NaCl	25	7.41			158 vs. 560	[117]
304	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 5 ppm HF				20 <sup>S</sup>	124.4 <sup>at 150</sup>	[26]
304	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	70	1.01		0.144 <sup>S</sup>	415.32 vs. 593.45 <sup>2</sup> , at 150	[55]
304	not specified		1.89E3	1.87E4 <sup>D</sup>	1.41E5 <sup>D</sup>	31.78 vs. 16.32	[122]
304	0.1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (pH=3),		10				[80]
304	0.1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	80		122 <sup>D</sup>	197 <sup>D</sup>		[30]
304	0.05 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm F <sup>-</sup>	70		21.2 <sup>D</sup>	13.45 <sup>D</sup>	101 vs. 170.5 <sup>1</sup> and 278,3 <sup>2</sup>	[71]

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			at Ecorr	at - 0.1 V/SCE	at 0.6 V/SCE		
304	1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	80		34.7 <sup>D</sup> , 5.28 <sup>S</sup>	46.9 <sup>D</sup> , 33.72 <sup>S</sup>	430	[72]
304	0.05 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	70	21.2 <sup>A</sup> 13.45 <sup>K</sup>			101 vs. 170.5 <sup>1</sup> and 278,3 <sup>2</sup>	[91]
304	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	80	78.37 <sup>A</sup> 319.6 <sup>K</sup>			101 vs 183.5 <sup>1</sup> and 285.3 <sup>2</sup>	[88]
304	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (pH=5)	70			52.9 <sup>D</sup>	98.99 vs. 160 <sup>2</sup> , at 220	[39]
304	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	70				116 <sup>at 135</sup>	[47]
Carbon steel	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> + 0.07 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (pH=4), 2 ppm HF	50		5.76 <sup>D</sup>	2.51 <sup>D</sup>		[32]
Carbon steel 1020	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	25	634			403.8	[107]
Mild steel	1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	25	5240				[190]

Explanations to the table: A = anodic conditions (H<sub>2</sub> bubbled), K = cathodic conditions (air/oxygen purged), D = potentiodynamic test, S = potentiostatic test, 1 = after potentiostatic test at -0.1 V vs.SCE, 2 = after potentiostatic 0.6 V vs. SCE

**Table S2.** Comparison of corrosion resistance and contact resistance of surface treated steels.

Material	Surface treatment	Method/technique	Electrolyte	Temperature (°C)	icorr ( $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ )			ICR ( $\text{m}\Omega\text{cm}^2$ )	Citation
					at Ecorr	at - 0.1 V/SCE	at 0.6 V/SCE		
316L	TiN	CFUBMSIP	0.001 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$	70			25.4-0.08 <sup>S</sup> , at 1.4-0.8 V/SHE	12.9 vs. 287 <sup>at 137</sup> (po 1 V/SHE)	[21]
316L	TiN (0.4/1 $\mu\text{m}$ ) TiN+C (0.4+0.1 $\mu\text{m}$ ) Au (10 nm)	CFUBMSIP	0.5 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$	70			15/11 <sup>S</sup> , at 1 V/SHE	167/83 vs. 329/230 (po 1 V/SHE)	[46]
							0.02 <sup>S</sup> , at 1 V/SHE	3.4 vs. 4.5 (po 1 V/SHE)	
							0.05 <sup>S</sup> , at 1 V/SHE	2.7 vs. 3.8 (po 1 V/SHE)	
316L	AlN-TiN	Plasma focus device	1 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$	70	2.8-9 <sup>K</sup>		0.03-0.6 <sup>S</sup>	6-20 <sup>at 200</sup>	[65]
316L	TiN CrN TiAlN	EBPVD	1 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$	70	4.07 <sup>A</sup> , 31.5 <sup>K</sup>	10.4 <sup>D</sup> , 10E4 <sup>S</sup>	116 <sup>D</sup> , 18 <sup>S</sup>	35.0 <sup>at 274.4</sup>	[67]
					1.41 <sup>A</sup> , 1.31 <sup>K</sup>	21 <sup>D</sup> , 10E4 <sup>S</sup>	52.4 <sup>D</sup> , 1.1 <sup>S</sup>	21.8 <sup>at 274.4</sup>	
					317 <sup>A</sup> , 18.6 <sup>K</sup>	3.96E4 <sup>D</sup> , 10E4 <sup>S</sup>	1.69E4 <sup>D</sup> , 10E3 <sup>S</sup>	7.5 <sup>at 274.4</sup>	
316L	TiN (0.1-1 $\mu\text{m}$ ) CrN (0.1-1 $\mu\text{m}$ ) ZrN (0.1-1 $\mu\text{m}$ )	PVD	0.5 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$	70				57-12 vs. 43-314	[87]
								339-1583 vs. 347-2121	
								1364-3788 vs. 1646-3612	
316L	CrN+CrC	Chromizing deposition (900 °C)	0.5 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 5 ppm HF	70		6.5 <sup>S</sup>	7.5E-2 <sup>D</sup>	13 <sup>at 200</sup>	[103]
		Chromizing deposition (1100 °C)				32 <sup>S</sup>	0.35 <sup>D</sup>		
316L	CrN	CFUBMSIP	0.5 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 5 ppm HF	70	2.231 <sup>A</sup> , 1.225 <sup>K</sup>				[34]

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					at Ecorr	at - 0.1 V/SCE	at 0.6 V/SCE		
	CrTiN (1.09-6.79 at.% Ti)				0.535-0.006.5 <sup>A</sup> 0.87-0.074 <sup>K</sup>			4,57 vs. 5.8 <sup>1</sup> a 6.53 <sup>2</sup> , at 150	
316L	Cr-N  Cr-Al-N (1.86-21.34 at.% Al)	CFUBMSIP	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 5 ppm HF	70	0.261	-0.13 <sup>D</sup> , -0.29 <sup>S</sup>	2.90 <sup>D</sup> , 0.1 <sup>S</sup>	5.1	[99]
316L	ZrN	Double glow discharge	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	70	0.081 <sup>A</sup> , 0.142 <sup>K</sup>	0.847 <sup>D</sup> , -1.51 <sup>S</sup>	0.743 <sup>D</sup>	7.4 vs. 8.5 <sup>1</sup> a 9.2 <sup>2</sup> , at 150	[95]
316L	TaN <sub>x</sub>	HPPMS (parameters)	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (pH=3,pH=6)	80		< 1 (pH 3) <sup>D</sup> , -1 (pH 6) <sup>D</sup> , -1(pH 3) <sup>S</sup> , at 1.4 V/SHE			[23]
316L	Ta	ICP assisted reactive magnetron sputtering	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	80		0.072 <sup>D</sup> , -0.06 <sup>S</sup>	6.15 <sup>D</sup> , 0.2 <sup>S</sup>		[72]
	TaN					0.017-0.12 <sup>D</sup> , -0.06 <sup>S</sup>	0.33-1.06 <sup>D</sup> , 0.2 <sup>S</sup>	11-150 at 150	
316L	Ta/TaN	DC reactive magnetron sputtering	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	25/80	0.067/0.028	-0.478/-0.182 <sup>D</sup>	1.20/1.53 <sup>D</sup> , 0.21/0.07 <sup>S</sup>	12 vs. 13 <sup>2</sup>	[186]
316L	Cr-C	Unknown	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 5 mg/l HF	80	0.04				[27]
316L	CrC (ratio Cr:C)	CFUBMSIP	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 5 ppm HF	70		10E-5.4 <sup>S</sup> (Cr <sub>0.75</sub> C <sub>5</sub> )	1.046-184 <sup>D</sup> , 10E-6.5 <sup>S</sup>	1.4-7.5	[107]
316L	CrC (composition)	PBAIP	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 5 ppm F <sup>-</sup>	25/70	0.1-1	0.32-0.1 <sup>S</sup> , at 70 °C	0.09/0.23 <sup>D,K</sup> a 3 <sup>D,A</sup> , 0.1-0.03 <sup>S</sup> , at 70 °C	2.8 vs. 6.2 <sup>1</sup> a 8.7 <sup>2</sup> , at 120	[43]

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					at Ecorr	at - 0.1 V/SCE	at 0.6 V/SCE		
316L	C	CFUBMSIP	0.5 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 5 ppm HF	80			1.85 <sup>D</sup> , 2.4 <sup>S</sup>	5.2 vs. 18.4 <sup>1,2</sup> at 210	[9]
316L	CrN	CFUBMSIP	0.5 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 2 ppm HF	80			2.14 <sup>D</sup> , 0.25 <sup>S</sup>		[79]
	C/CrN (thickness)						0.5-1.06 <sup>D</sup> , 90-20 <sup>S</sup> pA/cm <sup>2</sup>	2.6-2.9	
316L	C	Beaming accelerated C60 ions	0.5 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 2 ppm HF	80	0.5 <sup>K</sup> , 0.05 <sup>A</sup>	0.5 <sup>S</sup>	0.23 <sup>D</sup> , 0.1 <sup>S</sup>	12 vs. 13 <sup>1,2</sup>	[76]
316L	C on Ti-layer	CFUBMSIP	$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ (pH=3), 0.1 ppm HF	80	0.35		0.31 <sup>S</sup> , at 1.1 V/SHE	14.5/23.4 (po 1.1/1.6 V/SHE)	[22]
	C on Cr-layer				0.76		12.8 <sup>S</sup> , at 1.1 V/SHE	7.6/34 (po 1.1/1.6 V/SHE)	
	C on Nb-layer				0.54		0.1 <sup>S</sup> , at 1.1 V/SHE	17.8/26.1 (po 1.1/1.6 V/SHE)	
316L	CrN	CAIP	0.1 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 2 ppm HF	80	0.09 <sup>A</sup> , 0.31 <sup>K</sup>	-0.36 <sup>S</sup>	41.4 <sup>D</sup>	23 vs. 25 <sup>1</sup> a 32 <sup>2</sup> , at 150	[187]
	C/CrN				0.12 <sup>A</sup> , 0.07 <sup>K</sup>	-0.18 <sup>S</sup>	1.02 <sup>D</sup> , 0.3 <sup>S</sup>	12 vs. aprox. 12 <sup>1,2</sup> at 150	
316L	C-Cr-N (composition)	CFUBMSIP	0.5 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 5 ppm HF	70		1.26-0.16 <sup>S</sup>	0.31-3.72, 0.13-0.016 <sup>S</sup>	2.11-8.23	[121]
316L	CrN/CrNC/C	CFUBMSIP	0.5 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 5 ppm HF	70		0.32 <sup>S</sup>	0.61 <sup>D</sup> , 0.025 <sup>S</sup>	2.64	[59]
	CrN						9.63 <sup>D</sup>	15.2	
	CrN/CrNC						4.47 <sup>D</sup>		
316L	C	CFUBMSIP	0.5 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 5 ppm HF	70			3.56 <sup>D</sup>	5.4 at 150	[123]
	Zr-C/C					-7 <sup>S</sup>	0.49 <sup>D</sup> , 0.06 <sup>S</sup>	3.63 vs. 3.82 <sup>1</sup> a 3.92 <sup>2</sup> , at 150	

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					at Ecorr	at - 0.1 V/SCE	at 0.6 V/SCE	at 140 N/cm <sup>2</sup>	
316L	Poly-p-phenyldiamine	Electrodeposition	0.1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>		0.78-1.66				[128]
316L	Ag	Unknown	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm F <sup>-</sup>	80		296 <sup>D</sup> , 30 <sup>S</sup>	593 <sup>D</sup> , 1920 <sup>S</sup>	5.64 <sup>at 120</sup>	[31]
	Ag - passivation					2.27 <sup>D</sup> , 23 <sup>S</sup>	44.4 <sup>D</sup> , 670 <sup>S</sup>	6.09 <sup>at 120</sup>	
316L	Ce enriched		10 g Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (pH=3.5), 5 ppm F <sup>-</sup>	60		-0.15 <sup>S</sup>	0.015 <sup>S</sup>	33	[84]
316	Nb+N	Active screen plasma surface co-alloying	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF		3.2-20.8		2.21 <sup>S</sup>	8.9-9.4	[73]
316	Pt+N	Active screen plasma co-alloying	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	25	24.5-55.7	-26.2 to -14.5 <sup>S</sup>	0.034 <sup>S</sup>	6.3-6.9	[51]
304	TiN	PBAIP	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	80	1.45E-2			< 20 vs. 25 <sup>2</sup> , at 240	[39]
	Ti <sub>2</sub> N/TiN				1.31E-2			< 20 vs. 30 <sup>2</sup> , at 240	
304	C	Plasma assisted CVD	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	80				14 vs. 16 <sup>1</sup> a 21 vs. 18 <sup>2</sup> , at 150	[75]
304	graphen Ni + graphen	CVD Electroplating + CVD	3.5% NaCl	25	35.2				[115]
					0.163			30 vs. 36	
304	C	DCMP	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 5 ppm HF				20 <sup>S</sup>		[24]
	Cr/C						< 0 <sup>S</sup>	16.65 <sup>at 150</sup>	



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					at Ecorr	at - 0.1 V/SCE	at 0.6 V/SCE		
304	Cr-C (time)	Electroplating	0.5 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 2 ppm HF	70	0.27-0.073		1.5E-4 <sup>S</sup>	19.52 vs. 26.2 <sup>2</sup> , at 150	[53]
304	C-Ni (1 layer)	Plasma blow-pipe with internal arc	Unknown		0.45	1.11 <sup>D</sup>	3.43 <sup>D</sup>	11.81 vs. 8.12	[120]
	C-Ni (2 layers)				1.52E-2	2.37E-2 <sup>D</sup>	7.76E-2 <sup>D</sup>	5.81 vs. 5.60	
304	PPY	Electrodeposition	0.1 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ (pH=3),		1				[78]
	PANI				0.1				
304	PPY/PANI	Electrodeposition	0.1 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 2 ppm HF	80		206 <sup>D</sup>	161 <sup>D</sup>		[28]
304	NbN	Plasma surface diffusion alloying	0.05 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 2 ppm F <sup>-</sup>	70		0.13 <sup>D</sup> , -0.08 až 0.4 <sup>S</sup>	0.071 <sup>D</sup> , 0.2-0.8 <sup>S</sup>	9.26 vs. 18.08 <sup>1</sup> a 19.14 <sup>2</sup>	[69]
304	NbN	TRD (temp.)	1 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 2 ppm HF	80		114-780 <sup>D</sup> , 2240-3340 <sup>S</sup>	70-265 <sup>D</sup> , 848-1037 <sup>S</sup>	30-40	[33]
	Moření + NbN					10.2-12 <sup>D</sup> , 0.57-4.67 <sup>S</sup>	3.2-5.5 <sup>D</sup> , 0.75-4.5 <sup>S</sup>	34-66	
304	MoN	Plasma surface diffusion alloying	0.05 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 2 ppm HF	70	4.79 <sup>A</sup>	3.83 <sup>K</sup>		27.26 vs. 34.25 <sup>1</sup> a 43.26 <sup>2</sup>	[89]
304	NbC	Plasma surface diffusion alloying	0.5 M $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 2 ppm HF	80	0.06 <sup>A</sup>	0.05 <sup>K</sup>		8.5 vs 8.8 <sup>1</sup> a 9.0 <sup>2</sup>	[86]
304	Ni-Mo)	Electrodeposition	$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ (pH=5)	70			5.8-12.1 <sup>D</sup>	12.77 vs. 92.28 <sup>2</sup> , at 220	[37]
	No-Mo-P						30.1-52.9 <sup>D</sup>	11.36 vs. 47.32 <sup>2</sup> , at 220	

Material	Surface treatment	Method/technique	Electrolyte	Temperature (°C)	icorr (μA/cm²)			ICR (mΩcm²)	Citation
					at Ecorr	at - 0.1 V/SCE	at 0.6 V/SCE	at 140 N/cm²	
Carbon steel	Ni-P	Electroless plating	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> + 0.07 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (pH=4), 2 ppm HF	50		1.45 <sup>D</sup>	6.63 <sup>D</sup>	16.2	[30]
	CrN	CFUBMSIP				2.99 <sup>D</sup>	4.81 <sup>D</sup>	2.2	
	Ni-P/CrN	Electroless plating + CFUBMSIP				0.68 <sup>D</sup>	0.13 <sup>D</sup>	3.3 vs. 3.9 <sup>1</sup> a 4.6 <sup>2</sup>	
1020	CrN + CrC	Pack chromi-zation	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	25	1.24			39.0	[105]
		EDM + pack chromization (2 A/10 A)			0.058/0.576			11.8/17.7	
1045	CrN + CrC	Pack chromi-zation (2 h/4 h)	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	25	1.24/0.932			14.9 (pro 2 h) <sup>at 150</sup>	[104]
		EDM + pack chromization (2 h/4 h)			0.221/0.0286		0.122 (pro 2 h)	9.8 (pro 2 h) <sup>at 150</sup>	
		Rolling + pack chromization (2 h/ 4 h)			0.0313/0.03	87.5 (pro 2 h)	0.0756 <sup>s</sup> (pro 2 h)	5.9 (pro 2 h) <sup>at 150</sup>	
mild steel	ZnAl (25/75)	Plasma spray-ing	1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	25	6.21				[188]
	ZnAl (50/50)				336				
	ZnAl (75/25)				394				

Explanation to the table: A = anodic conditions (H<sub>2</sub> bubbled), K = cathodic conditions (air/oxygen bubbled), D = potentiodynamic test, S = potentiostatic test, 1 = after potentiostatic test at -0.1 V/SCE, 2 = after potentiostatic test at 0.6 V/SCE

Material	Surface treatment	Method/technique	Electrolyte	Temperature (°C)	icorr (μA/cm²)			ICR (mΩcm²)	Citation
					at E <sub>corr</sub>	at - 0.1 V/SCE	at 0.6 V/SCE	at 140 N/cm²	
Shortcuts for methods: CFUBMSIP = Closed Field Unbalanced Magnetron Sputter Ion Plating, EBPVD = Electron Beam Physical Vapour Deposition, PVD = Physical Vapour Deposition, HPPMS = High Power Pulse Magnetron Sputtering, ICP = Inductively Coupled Plasma, DC = Direct Current, PBAIP = Pulsed Bias Arc Ion Plating, CAIP = Cathode Arc Ion Plating, CVD = Chemical Vapour Deposition, DCMP = Direct Current Magnetron Sputtering, TRD = Thermo-reactive Deposition, EDM = Electrical Discharge Machining									

**Table S3.** Comparison of corrosion resistance and contact resistance of metal materials other than steel.

Material	Surface treat- ment	Method/technique	Electrolyte	Temp. (°C)	icorr (μA/cm²)			ICR (mΩcm²) at 140 N/cm²	Citat.
					at Ecorr	at - 0.1 V/SCE	at 0.6 V/SCE		
Al 5083	-		0.5 M H₂SO₄, 2 ppm HF	70	1915 <sup>A</sup>	1038 <sup>K</sup>		34 <sup>at 135</sup>	[45]
	CrN (3-5 μm)	PVD			18.85-57.42 <sup>A</sup> 129.2-79.12 <sup>K</sup>		6-8.5 <sup>at 135</sup>		
Al 5083	-		0.5 M H₂SO₄, 2 ppm HF	70	1915 <sup>A</sup>	1038 <sup>K</sup>			[57]
	CrN	CAE-PVD			25.02 <sup>A,K</sup>				
	ZrN/CrN				73.24 <sup>A</sup>	918.9 <sup>K</sup>			
AA 5052	-		0.001 M H₂SO₄, 0.1 ppm NaF, pH=3		268.8		200 <sup>D</sup>	61.58 <sup>at 150</sup>	[154]
	TiN	CFUBMSIP			34.4		> 100 <sup>D</sup>	20.08 <sup>at 150</sup>	
	CrN				36.8		> 100 <sup>D</sup>	7.76 <sup>at 150</sup>	
	C				4.6 <sup>A</sup>	46.7 <sup>K</sup>		6.39 <sup>at 150</sup>	
	C/TiN				0.4 <sup>A</sup>	36.0 <sup>K</sup>			
	C/CrN				0.5 <sup>A</sup>	40.7 <sup>K</sup>	aprox 10 <sup>D</sup>	4.08 <sup>at 150</sup>	
Al 5052	-		0.5 M H₂SO₄, 2 ppm HF	25	214	110 <sup>D</sup>	5030 <sup>D</sup>		[189]
	Ni-P	Electroless plating			9.37	56.2 <sup>D</sup>	6560 <sup>D</sup>		
	Ni-P-PTFE	Electroless plating			28.1	177 <sup>D</sup>	6010 <sup>D</sup>		
	Ni-P/Au				4.33	0.734 <sup>D</sup>	163 <sup>D</sup>	4	
	Ni-P-PTFE/Au-PTFE				7.58	3.93 <sup>D</sup>	461 <sup>D</sup>	6	
Al 6061	-		0.5 M H₂SO₄, 2 ppm HF		416			184.5	[56]
	CrC	Thermal spraying			65			15.5	
Al	-		0.5 M H₂SO₄, 2 ppm HF	25	74.69			257.25	[158]
Al 6061	-				55.14			128.45	

Material	Surface treatment	Method/technique	Electrolyte	Temp. (°C)	icorr ( $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ )			ICR ( $\text{m}\Omega\text{cm}^2$ ) at 140 N/cm <sup>2</sup>	Citat.
					at E <sub>corr</sub>	at - 0.1 V/SCE	at 0.6 V/SCE		
Al 3004	-	Electroless plating		25/75	44.9			311.25	
Al 1050	-				36.38			361.75	
Al	Ni-P				7.59/703.3	5.81E-5/1.97E-1.56E-2/3.59E-3 <sup>s</sup>		83.75	
Al 6061	Ni-P				11.19/3.25E3	9.66E-5/7.13E-1.96E-2/1.18E-2 <sup>s</sup>		84.85	
Al 3004	Ni-P				22.39/3.03E3	1.48E-4/4.47E-1.70E-2/6.52E-3 <sup>s</sup>		56.75	
Al 1050	Ni-P				0.814/576.3	4.37E-6/1.95E-5.95E-5/4.13E-3 <sup>s</sup>		39.05	
Al 6061	-	Zincating + electroless plating	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	25	53.5				[159]
	Ni-P (1x)				10				
	Ni-P (2x)				10				
	Ni-P (3x)				4.4				
Al 5251	-	Zincating + electroless deposition/electroplating	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	25	78		640 <sup>s</sup>		[38]
	Ni-P				18.5/1.2	93.4/0.,113 <sup>D</sup>	1.55E4-4.18 <sup>D</sup>		
	Ni-Co-P (Ni:Co 5:1/1:1)				0.732/0.644	1.32/1.20 <sup>D</sup>	31/20.9 <sup>D</sup>		
	Ni-Co-P (Ni:Co 1:1)				14.5/8.96	121/32.1 <sup>D</sup>	7110/640 <sup>D</sup>		
A356	-	DCMS	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF			102.94 <sup>D</sup>	842.33 <sup>D</sup>		[19]
Al 7075	TiN/CrN					4.6 <sup>D</sup> , 130 <sup>s</sup>	29.03 <sup>D</sup> , 145 <sup>s</sup>		
	-					176.77 <sup>D</sup>	1265.7 <sup>D</sup>		
	TiN/CrN	DCMS				60.29 <sup>D</sup>	89.68 <sup>D</sup>		
GW83	-	Electroless deposition	1 mM H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 0.1 ppm NaF	70	74.2 <sup>A</sup> , 66.5 <sup>K</sup>			196.5 vs. 354.1 <sup>2</sup> , at 150	[58]
	Ni				47.8 <sup>A</sup> , 5.6 <sup>K</sup>			126.4 vs. 158.2 <sup>1</sup> a 170.4 <sup>2</sup> , at 150	

Material	Surface treatment	Method/technique	Electrolyte	Temp. (°C)	icorr (μA/cm²)			ICR (mΩcm²) at 140 N/cm²	Citat.	
					at E <sub>corr</sub>	at - 0.1 V/SCE	at 0.6 V/SCE			
	C	CFUBMSIP			40.1 <sup>A</sup> , 19.9 <sup>K</sup>			23.4 <sup>at 150</sup>		
	Ni+C	Electroless deposition + CFUBMSIP			0.8 <sup>A</sup> , 8.65 <sup>K</sup>			2.97 vs. 15.6 <sup>1 a</sup>		
								52.6 <sup>2, at 150</sup>		
Cu	-		0.2M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> ,	25	51.4				[133]	
	PPY	electrodeposition	0.1 M HCl,		4.59					
	PPY/PANI		3 ppm HF		1.62					
Cu-Cr slitina	-		H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (pH=3)	80	42 <sup>A</sup> , 1480 <sup>K</sup>			< 10 <sup>at 150</sup>	[172]	
	CrN	Thermal nitridation			12.18 <sup>A</sup> , 1480 <sup>K</sup>	1300 <sup>S</sup>	8 <sup>D</sup>	< 10 <sup>at 150</sup>		
Inconel 625	-		85% H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> , 30-120 °C	30-120	0.16-20 μA				[84]	
Inconel 825	-				0.13-32 μA					
Hastelloy C-276	-				0.19-24 μA					
Tantalum	-		85% H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	120	0.06 μA					
Titanium	-				6300 μA					
Titanium	-		1 mM H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm F <sup>-</sup>	25	3.39E-3				[185]	
Titanium	-		1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm F <sup>-</sup>		0.063A	0.033K	-2 <sup>S</sup>	1.5 <sup>S</sup>	52.6	[145]
	TiN	DCMS			0.017A	0.019K	-2.5 <sup>S</sup>	1.8 <sup>S</sup>	7.2	
Titanium	-		0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2 ppm HF	25	0.042					[144]
	TiN	Multi-arc ion plating			8.6E-3			2.4 vs. 4.02, at 200		
TiAl6V4	-		0.05 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> + Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (pH=1.5 to 3.5), 2 ppm HF	75	719-192 <sup>D</sup> , 740-212 <sup>S</sup>			919-503 <sup>D</sup> , 931-413 <sup>S</sup>	90.6 vs. 101.92, <sup>at 150</sup> (pH1.5)	[29]

Material	Surface treatment	Method/technique	Electrolyte	Temp. (°C)	icorr ( $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ )			ICR ( $\text{m}\Omega\text{cm}^2$ ) at 140 N/cm <sup>2</sup>	Citat.
					at Ecorr	at - 0.1 V/SCE	at 0.6 V/SCE		
	Ta <sub>2</sub> N	Double cathode glow discharge plasma				-0.93 to -0.66 <sup>D</sup> , -0.91 to -0.64 <sup>S</sup>	0.7-0.45 <sup>D</sup> , 0.7- 0.35 <sup>S</sup>	10.7 vs. 14.52, <sup>at 150</sup> (pH1.5)	
	-		0.05 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> + Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (pH=3.5),	25-75		152-192 <sup>D</sup> , 115- 212 <sup>S</sup>	185-503 <sup>D</sup> , 245- 413 <sup>S</sup>	90.6 vs. 134.52, <sup>at 150</sup> (25 °C)	
	Ta <sub>2</sub> N	Double cathode glow discharge plasma	2 ppm HF			-0.35 to -0.66 <sup>D</sup> , -0.36 to -0.64 <sup>S</sup>	0.18-0.45 <sup>D</sup> , 0.16- 0.35 <sup>S</sup>	10.7 vs. 20.52, <sup>at 150</sup> (25 °C)	
TiAl6V4	-		0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 2-6 ppm HF	70		57.5-219 <sup>D</sup> , 154-569 <sup>S</sup>	851-8190 <sup>D</sup> , 981- 6530 <sup>S</sup>	92.9 vs. 121.22, <sup>at 150</sup> (6 ppm)	[64]
	ZrCN	Double cathode glow discharge plasma				-0.33 to -0.56 <sup>D</sup> , -0.34 to -0.55 <sup>S</sup>	15.1-44.7 <sup>D</sup> , 15.7- 43.5 <sup>S</sup>	11.2 vs 17.12, <sup>at 150</sup> (6 ppm)	
Ni40Ti40Nb20	-		1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	70	0.35 <sup>A</sup> 1.3 <sup>K</sup>	4.7 <sup>D</sup>	2 <sup>D</sup>	54	[166]

Explanation to the table: A = anodic conditions (H<sub>2</sub> bubbled), K = cathodic conditions (air/oxygen bubbled), D = potentiodynamic test, S = potentiostatic test, 1 = after potentiostatic test at -0.1 V/SCE, 2 = after potentiostatic test at 0.6 V/SCE

Shortcut for methods: PVD = Physical Vapour Deposition, CAE-PVD = Cathodic Arc Evaporation Physical Vapour Deposition, CFUBMSIP = Closed Field Unbalanced Magnetron Sputter Ion Plating, DCMS = Direct Current Magnetron Sputtering

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