

# Optimization of Corrosion Resistant Coating Based on HT250 Cast Iron in Formic Acid Environment

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**Abstract:** In this paper, the corrosion of HT250 cast iron in formic acid environment was studied. By establishing theoretical model and design, the potential of coating technology in improving the corrosion resistance of cast iron was explored. First, the paper reviews the properties of HT250 cast iron and the theoretical basis of formic acid corrosion mechanism, and then selects the coating materials and sets the technological parameters based on the theoretical basis. Then, using the coating design scheme guided by the theoretical model, the corrosion test was carried out in formic acid environment, and the surface morphology and corrosion performance of the coating were analyzed. The results show that the coating scheme based on theoretical framework has higher protective efficiency than the traditional scheme.

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## Introduction

As a common engineering material, HT250 cast iron plays an important role in a variety of environments. However, in the environment containing corrosive media such as formic acid, the corrosion problem is particularly prominent. This corrosion will not only affect the performance and life of cast iron, but also may bring security risks and economic losses. Therefore, it is imperative to study the corrosion of HT250 cast iron in formic acid environment and explore effective protective measures.

As a common anti-corrosion method, coating technology has a wide application prospect. The corrosion resistance of cast iron in formic acid environment can be improved effectively by selecting suitable coating materials and process parameters. The aim of this study is to explore the potential of coating technology to optimize the corrosion resistance of HT250 cast iron based on theoretical models and designs, and to provide feasible corrosion protection solutions for engineering practice.

## 1. Theoretical discussion on the corrosion mechanism of formic acid to metals

The mechanism of metal corrosion by formic acid is a complex process, involving many aspects such as chemical reaction, electrochemical reaction and the formation of metal surface oxides. It is important to understand and control the mechanism of formic acid corrosion for formulating effective anti-corrosion strategies. The corrosion mechanism mainly involves two aspects: chemical erosion and electrochemical erosion.

**Chemical erosion.** The chemical erosion of formic acid is mainly achieved through the chemical reaction with the oxide film formed on the metal surface. The carboxyl group (COOH) in the formic acid molecule reacts with the oxide on the metal surface to form metal ions and water, which causes the metal surface to dissolve and corrode. This chemical reaction generally follows a certain kinetic law, and its rate is affected by temperature, concentration, REDOX potential and other factors.

**Electrochemical erosion.** In formic acid solution, electrochemical reaction may occur on metal surface, forming electrochemical corrosion. In this case, there is an anode region and a cathode region on the metal surface, and the oxidation reaction occurs in the anode region, while the reduction reaction occurs in the cathode region. This electrochemical reaction leads to the intensification of

local corrosion on the metal surface, forming pits and corrosion marks.

The application of coating technology in the field of corrosion prevention is based on the protective film formed by it can effectively isolate the contact between the metal substrate and the corrosive medium, thereby slowing down or preventing the occurrence of corrosion. The anti-corrosion principle of the coating mainly includes the following aspects:

### **1.1 Isolation:**

As an isolation layer, the coating can prevent the corrosive medium from directly contacting the surface of the metal matrix, thereby preventing the occurrence of corrosion. The coating can withstand the erosion of corrosive media and protect the metal surface from damage.

### **1.2 Blocking effect:**

The high-quality coating can form a dense protective film to prevent the reaction of water, oxygen and other substances in the corrosive medium with the metal surface, slowing down or preventing the corrosion.

### **1.3 Corrosion inhibition:**

The corrosion inhibitor or additive in the coating can form an corrosion inhibition layer with the metal surface to slow down the corrosion rate. These corrosion inhibitors can form coordination bonds or chemisorption with the metal surface, reducing the electrode reaction rate on the metal surface, thus delaying the corrosion.

### **1.4 Self-healing:**

Some special coating materials have self-healing ability, that is, when the coating is damaged, it can be repaired through its own chemical or physical mechanism, re-forming a protective film to protect the metal matrix from corrosion.

In summary, the coating technology realizes the anti-corrosion protection of metal materials through the above various mechanisms, and improves the stability and durability of metal materials in a corrosive environment. In the design of the coating scheme, it is necessary to consider the selection of coating materials, the optimization of process parameters and the microstructure of the coating to achieve the best anti-corrosion effect.

## **2. HT250 cast iron corrosion resistant coating optimization scheme**

In the selection of coating materials and optimization of coating process parameters, there are many key factors to consider, including the chemical properties of the material, the physical properties of the coating, the control of the coating process, etc. This paper discusses the selection of coating materials and the setting of coating process parameters in detail:

### **2.1 Selection of coating materials**

For HT250 cast iron in formic acid environment, the coating material must have excellent chemical stability and be able to resist formic acid attack. Therefore, it is very important to select coating materials with good acid and alkali resistance. Polymer coatings, fluorocarbon coatings, etc., usually have excellent chemical stability and are suitable for use in acidic environments.

The coating material must have good corrosion resistance and can effectively isolate the contact between the metal matrix and the formic acid medium to prevent the occurrence of corrosion. When selecting coating materials, it is necessary to consider its resistance to corrosive media and ensure that it can maintain stability in long-term exposure to corrosive environments.

The coating material must be able to adhere well to the surface of the cast iron to ensure a strong bond between the coating and the metal matrix. High-quality coatings should have good adhesion and can not be easily peeled or peeled off under stress, so as to ensure the integrity and stability of the coating.

When choosing coating materials, it is also necessary to consider their cost effectiveness. High-quality coating materials may be relatively expensive, but the corrosion resistance and service life they provide may be longer, making them cost-effective in the long run.

### **2.2 Setting of coating process parameters**

**Coating temperature.** The coating temperature affects the fluidity and curing speed of the coating material, so it is necessary to apply the coating at the appropriate temperature to ensure that the coating can be evenly covered on the cast iron surface and a dense protective film is formed during the curing process.

**Curing time.** The curing time is a key parameter in the curing process of the coating. Too long or too short curing time may affect the quality and performance of the coating. By controlling the curing time, you can ensure that the coating can cure sufficiently and form a strong protective film.

**Coating thickness.** The thickness of the coating directly affects its isolation effect and corrosion resistance to corrosive media. In

general, the greater the thickness of the coating, the better the protection it provides. Therefore, it is necessary to control the thickness of the coating during the coating process to ensure that it can meet the design requirements.

**Coating technique.** Different coating techniques will affect the performance of the coating. For example, spraying, brushing, impregnation and other coating technologies have their own characteristics and scope of application. Select the appropriate coating technology according to the specific situation, and ensure the operation specification and stability during the coating process.

**Coating level.** For cases where multiple coats are required, proper treatment and drying between each coat is required to ensure that the bond between the various coats is strong and a dense protective film is eventually formed.

Considering the selection of coating materials and the setting of coating process parameters, the optimal scheme of corrosion resistance coating suitable for HT250 cast iron in formic acid environment can be worked out to ensure its good corrosion resistance and long-term stability.

## **Peroration**

Through theoretical model and design, the corrosion of HT250 cast iron in formic acid environment is investigated in depth, and the potential of coating technology to improve its corrosion resistance is discussed. This study highlights the importance of theoretical framework in the field of corrosion prevention and provides a new theoretical idea for improving the stability of cast iron in harsh environments. Future research should further deepen the theoretical research on coating materials and processes, and apply them to engineering practice to promote the development of anti-corrosion technology.

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