

Approvals and conformities

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| BOMBARDIER | BAPS 160-020 Conversion |
| COLLINS AEROSPACE | LGPS 1109 Sealing after TSA anodizing |
| COLLINS RATIER FIGEAC | FN 177 Sealing after TFSAA anodizing |
| COLLINS RATIER FIGEAC | FN 138 Conversion |
| DASSAULT AVIATION | DGQT 0.4.2.0449 Sealing after TFSAA anodizing |
| LEONARDO AIRCRAFT | NTA 73557 (Sealing after TSA anodizing) |
| LEONARDO AIRCRAFT | NTA 72278 (Conversion) |
| LEONARDO HELICOPTERS | AWPS015T (Conversion) |
| LIEBHERR AEROSPACE | MFT 0538 Conversion / MFT 0536 Sealing after TFSAA anodizing |

Socosurf TCS and Socosurf PACS is a two-tank trivalent chrome Cr(III) surface treatment process that provides corrosion resistance and adhesion promotion on aluminum alloys. Its universal chemistry performs both chemical conversion and anodization sealing. It offers consistent performance comparable to that of hexavalent chromium surface treatments, without hexavalent chrome.



The Socosurf TCS is a trivalent chromium (Cr(III)) solution, and the Socosurf PACS is a post-treatment solution that reinforces the TCS coating.

As a chemical conversion, Socosurf TCS/Socosurf PACS forms an iridescent coating on the surface that meets the requirements of MIL-DTL-81706 Type II, Class 1A and 3, Form I on 2024, 6061 and 7075 alloys.

- The coating weight is above 108 mg/m² (10 mg/ft²).
- Paint adhesion meets ISO 2409 grade 0 (ASTM D3359 grade 5B) after 14-day water immersion.
- The coating is electrically conductive *before and after* neutral salt spray (NSS) exposure.
- Socosurf PACS ensures consistent NSS corrosion resistance above 168 hours on Al 2024-T3.

As a seal after anodizing, the Socosurf TCS/Socosurf PACS process impregnates trivalent chromium (Cr(III)) in the anodization and seals it within. It has been tested with TSA, BSA, CAA, TFSAA, and SAA.

Socosurf TCS and Socosurf PACS offer a robust chemistry:

- It can be applied by spray, immersion, and brush including for local touch-ups.
- It does not require users to change their existing degreasing and deoxidation processes.
- It forms a durable chemical conversion on 2000, 6000, and 7000 series aluminum.
- It is a drop-in replacement for hexavalent chromium chemical conversion *and* sealing processes.
- It performs chemical conversion and sealed anodizations under the same operating parameters.
- VOC and odor-free.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

1/ TANK SET-UP

General Information

- Operating parameters are identical when used as both a chemical conversion and a sealing process.
- Socosurf TCS and Socosurf PACS are concentrated products and need to be diluted.
- Deionized or demineralized water is recommended for make-up and rinsing. If such a water source is not available, use *clean water* with the following qualities:
 - pH between 5.0 - 7.0 at 25°C (77°F)
 - Total dry residue < 20 mg/L
 - Conductivity < 20 µS/cm

Socosurf TCS Tank

- Fill the bottom 20% of the tank with clean water.
- Add 31-41% (v/v) Socosurf TCS.
- Top up with clean water to the operating level.
- Turn on heat and agitation.
- Once the tank is at the operating temperature of 35 - 45°C (95 - 113°F), measure pH.
- The pH should fall between 3.8 and 4.0 when measured at the operating temperature.
 - To increase the pH, add 5%_{v/v} * ammonium hydroxide.
 - To decrease the pH, add 5%_{v/v} * sulfuric acid.
 - * *Concentration can be adjusted relative to the size of the tank.*

Socosurf PACS Tank

- Fill the bottom 20% of the tank with clean water.
- Add 8-12% (v/v) Socosurf PACS.
- Add technical grade, stabilized hydrogen peroxide.
 - 5-7% (v/v) if using 35% hydrogen peroxide
 - 6-8% (v/v) if using 30% hydrogen peroxide
- Top up with clean water to the operating level.
- Turn on agitation.

- Once homogenized, measure pH. The pH should fall between 4.2 and 5.3.
 - To increase the pH, add 5%_{v/v}* ammonium hydroxide.
 - To decrease the pH, add 5%_{v/v}* nitric acid.
 - *Concentration can be adjusted relative to the size of the tank.

2/ EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Socosurf TCS Tank

- Gently agitate by recirculation before use. Avoid splashing and turbulence.
- Turn off agitation during treatment.
- PVC, PVDC, PVDF, PTFE, PP, and 316L stainless steel are suitable construction materials. Other materials require evaluation.
- The heating elements must be coated with Teflon or PVDF.
- Filtration (<25µm) at a rate of 0.1 to 2 recirculations/hour is recommended for high throughput tanks.

Socosurf PACS Tank

- Gently agitate by recirculation before use. Avoid splashing and turbulence.
- Turn off agitation during treatment.
- PVC, PVDC, and PP are suitable construction materials. Other materials require evaluation.
- To reduce hydrogen peroxide consumption:
 - Cover the tank with a lid when not in use.
 - Reduce the tank temperature with a cooling system.

Rinse Stages

- The Socosurf TCS and Socosurf PACS tanks each require their own dedicated rinse stage.
- Rinsing can be accomplished by spray or immersion, or a combination thereof. A two-stage rinse where the second rinse stage is clean water is recommended.

3/ PROCESS AND OPERATING PARAMETERS

The surface preparation *before* the Socosurf TCS/Socosurf PACS treatment is critical to the performance of the treatment. The Socosurf TCS/Socosurf PACS treatment must be performed on a perfectly clean surface *in sequence* with the surface preparation. In **general**, the typical process is shown below. Always refer to the OEM engineering documentation.

| As a chemical conversion process | As a sealing process |
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| 1. Degrease (Sococlean A3432, 10-30 min) | 1. Degrease (Sococlean A3432, 10-30 min) |
| 2. Rinse | 2. Rinse |
| 3. <i>Alkaline etch (optional)</i> | 3. <i>Alkaline etch (optional)</i> |
| 4. <i>Rinse</i> | 4. <i>Rinse</i> |
| 5. Deoxidize (Socosurf A1858/A1806, 1-10 min) | 5. Deoxidize (Socosurf A1858/A1806, 1-10 min) |
| 6. Rinse | 6. Rinse |
| 7. Socosurf TCS | 7. Anodize (TSA, BSA, CAA, SAA, etc.) |
| 8. Rinse | 8. Rinse |
| 9. Socosurf PACS | 9. Socosurf TCS |
| 10. Rinse | 10. Rinse |
| 11. Dry | 11. Socosurf PACS |
| | 12. Rinse |
| | 13. Dry |

Reference operating parameters are:

| Socosurf TCS | | |
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| | Chemical Conversion | Sealing |
| Concentration | 31 - 41% _{v/v} | |
| pH | 3.8 - 4.0, <i>measured at operating temperature</i> | |
| Immersion Time | 10 ± 5 min | Anodic layer < 10 µm: 10-40 min Anodic layer 10 µm: 3-10 min |
| Temperature | 40 ± 5°C (104 ± 9°F) | |
| Socosurf PACS | | |
| Concentration | 8 - 12% _{v/v} | |
| Hydrogen Peroxide Concentration | 5 - 7% _{v/v} when using 35% peroxide 6 - 8% _{v/v} when using 30% peroxide | |
| pH | 4.2 - 5.3 | |
| Immersion Time | 3 - 10 minutes | |
| Temperature | 15 - 30°C (59 - 86°F), <i>as low as possible</i> | |

These are Socomore's validated and recommended operating parameters. Always use Socosurf TCS/PACS according to the engineering documents governing your process.

4/ TANK MAINTENANCE

Tanks must be monitored in order to maintain performance. The tank control tests are defined in a separate document available on request.

Products required for tank maintenance:

- Socosurf TCS
- Socosurf TCSADD1
- Socosurf PACS
- 30-35% technical grade, stabilized hydrogen peroxide
- Ammonium hydroxide solution, dilute 5-10%
- Sulphuric acid solution, dilute 5-10%
- Nitric acid solution, dilute 5-10%

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

TCS, TCSADD1, and PACS are free of volatile organic compounds and do not emit any odors.

| | Socosurf TCS | Socosurf PACS | Socosurf TCSADD1 |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Appearance | green liquid | colorless liquid | green liquid |
| Specific Gravity | ~1 | ~1 | ~1 |
| Shelf Life from DOM | 24 months | 24 months | 24 months |

PRECAUTIONS FOR USE AND STORAGE

Socosurf TCS, TCSADD1, and Socosurf PACS must be stored above freezing temperature.

For more information about the product dangers, please consult the safety data sheets.

This technical data sheet replaces and cancels the previous one.

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