Mixed Flowing Gas Test An Accelerated Corrosion Test

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What is MFG test?

- Electronic devices comprise a variety of materials that are highly corrosive. Without question, molecular gaseous pollutants such as H₂S, NO₂, Cl₂ and SO₂ are harmful to electronic equipment.
- With the specific analysis method like MFG (mixed flowing gas) test, we can understand the severity level of air quality in field or end-user environment.



What does MFG test involve?

- MFG testing simulates the real-world corrosion from environmental exposure conditions and evaluates the risk of the premature corrosion.
- Temperature (°C), relative humidity (%), and concentration of gaseous pollutants and other essential variables, such as airflow and volume exchange rate, are carefully defined, monitored, and controlled.



Classification of Reactive Environments

[ANSI/ISA Standard 71.04]

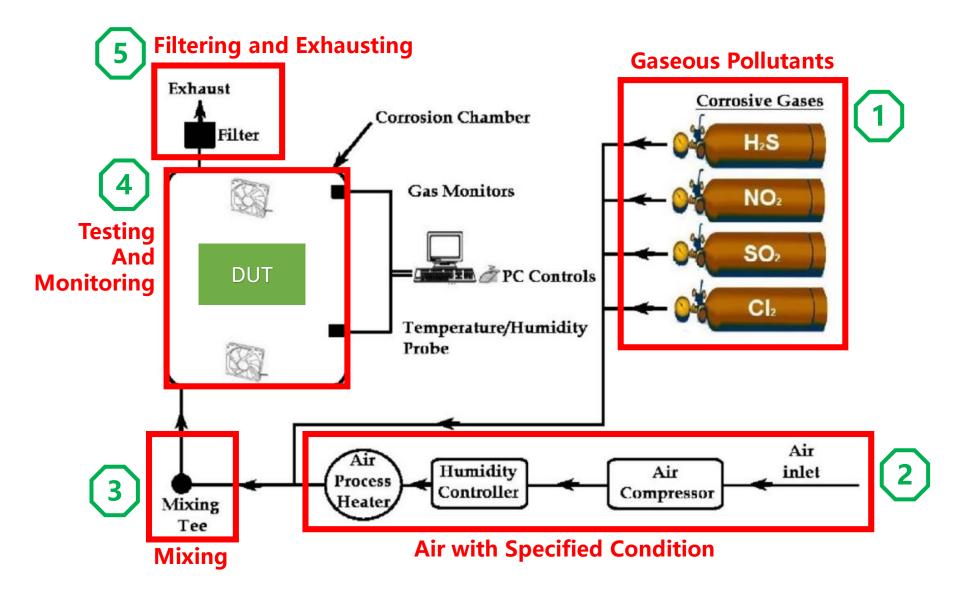
Environmental Conditions for Process Measurement and Control Systems: Airborne Contaminants

Severity Level	Reactivity Level (Å/month)		Description	
Severity Level	Silver		Description	
G1 [Mild]	<200	<300	An environment sufficiently well controlled such that corrosion is not a factor in determining equipment reliability.	
G2 [Moderate]	<1000	<1000	An environment in which the effects of corrosion are measurable and may be a factor in determining equipment reliability.	
G3 [Harsh]	<2000	<2000	An environment in which there is a high probability that corrosive attack will occur.	
GX [Severe]	≥2000	≥2000	An environment in which only specially designed and packaged equipment would be expected to survive.	





MFG Test Flow

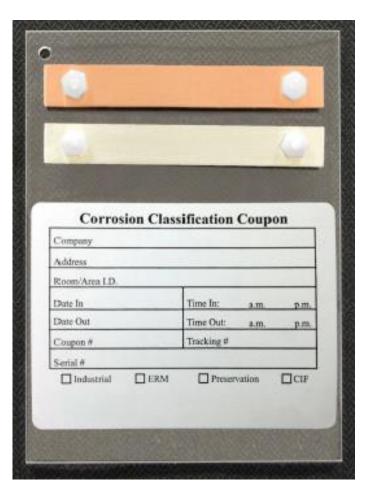




Test Chamber and Corrosion Coupon



MFG Test Chamber



Corrosion Coupon



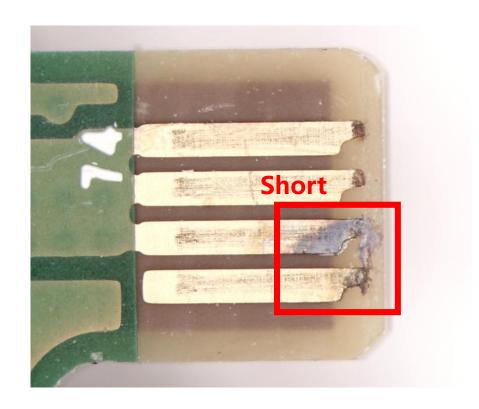
Visual Inspection Criteria

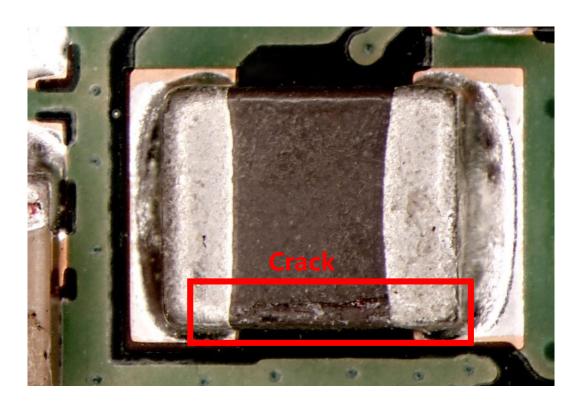
Ranking	Rank 0	Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3	Rank 4
Corrosion Mode	No Corrosion	Pad/Edge	Light Creep (<1/3 Gap)	Light Creep (> 1/3 Gap)	Heavy Creep (Bridge)
Features Photo	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0				Single Parkers
Description	Oxidation or tarnishing is OK.	Corrosion limited to pads or holes only, no spread.	Corrosion spreading from pads or holes, but not bridging between features.	Corrosion spreading from pads or holes has potential bridging risk between features.	Severe corrosion, bridging between features already.
Results	Passed	Passed	Passed	Failed	Failed

However, the functional test will determine the final result which is Passed or Failed.



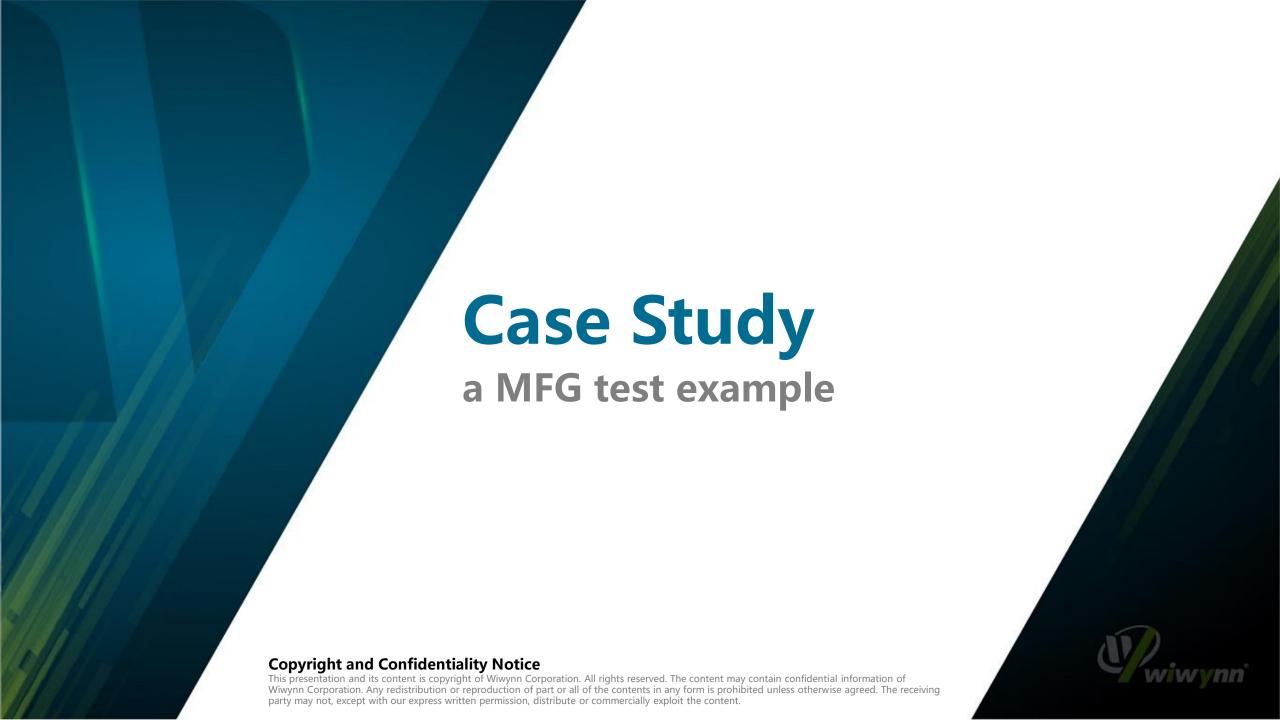
Severe Corrosion Samples





MFG test samples from Microsoft PE4010 m.2 issue (DoE MFG).

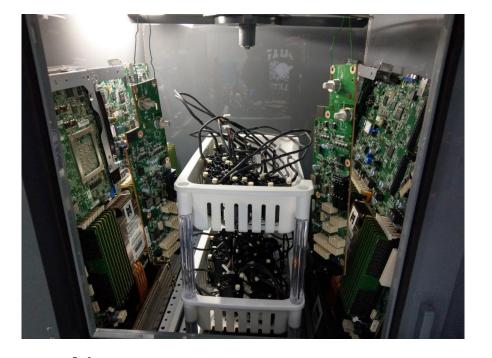




Test Condition

		Test Condit	ion for Proje	ct Ambrose		
Temp	RH	Exchange Rate	H₂S	NO ₂	SO ₂	Cl ₂
40°C	70%	1,500L/hour	1,700 ppb	1,250 ppb	750 ppb	50 ppb
Test based on customized condition: ISA Standard 71.04 - Severity Level G3						





MFG Test Chamber: Yamazaki GH-180-VL/M



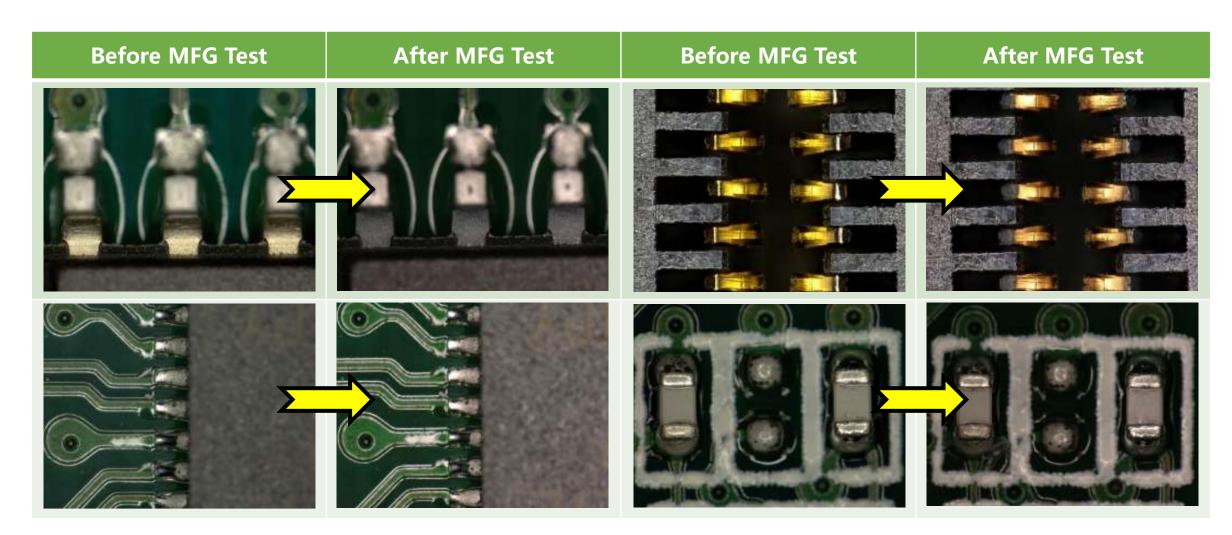
Result (1/3) - Thickness Measurement

Corrosive Reaction Thickness (Angstroms, Å)					
Туре	Silver (Ag)				
Symbol	AgCl	Ag ₂ S	Cu ₂ O	CuO	Cu ₂ S
Thickness	0	15,260	2,470	47,010	89,850
Total Thickness	15,260		139,340		

Expected Film Thickness for Corrosion (Angstroms, Å)				
ISA Standard 71.04	Silver (Ag)		Copper (Cu)	
G1 Severity Level (Month/Year)	200	2,400	300	3,600
G2 Severity Level (Month/Year)	1,000	12,000	1,000	12,000
G3 Severity Level (Month/Year)	2,000	24,000	2,000	24,000
Accelerated Corrosion	15,	260	139,	340
Assessed Simulation Time for G1/G2/G3 Level (in Year)	6.35 / 1.27 / 0.64		38.71 / 11.61 / 5.81	



Result (2/3) - Visual Inspection





Result (3/3) - Functional Test

Sample #	Before MFG Test	After MFG Test
1	Stress test passed; no issue found.	Several sensor are no reading or not readable.
2	Stress test passed; no issue found.	Several sensor are no reading or not readable.

Summary

#	Description
1	The functional test, which determines the final result, shows failed in this test run though the visual inspection seems to show passed.
2	The corrosion thickness growth can be satisfied the ISA 71.04 G3 severity level with 0.64-year warranty and 5.81-year warranty for silver and copper, respectively.





Thanks!