

## The Influence of Electro Less Ni-P Coating Comprising of Nano Additive on Surface Topography of Mg Alloy

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### Abstract

Coating is found due to the max fitted process. To enhance the damage and corrosion conduct of alloys. The Mg alloys base has well range of commercial application. The alloys have a max unique strength but bad attire and resistance corrosion. The Ni, Zn & Cu, Normal Coating gives a physical barrier towards a physical barrier beside the wear and tear rate and corrosion attack of Mg Substrate. The current studies on plating Ni-P thru on AZ91 composite by immersing example into Ni sulphate bath in previous surfactants. The outcome of ZnO, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO and Nano-additives and outcome with different quantities we investigate 0.5 g/l additive Nano Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> improve the Ni-P on AZ91 deposition Mg Composite and therefore the like consequences are seen just in case of SiO accumulation. The ZnO results were also seen. To scale back the corrosion it is extremely detect that coating of Ni-P is effective and rise the wear and tear behavior therefor the surfactants if both with No additive.

**Keywords:** surfactants, Coating, Scanning Electron Microscope, Nano-additives.

### Introduction I

Magnesium alloys overcome as a significant place amongst the enormous material existing for the aerospace and automotive industries. An Mg alloys show exacts strength and lower density and exceptional machine ability [1, 2]. Though

High wear resistance is vital alloys have susceptibility to corrosion in moist atmosphere [3]. The suitable technique is coating to be found as the utmost for the development of wear characteristic due to poor wear and corrosion resistance their application are restricted in engineering industries and the Mg alloys are very light in weight the problem of corrosion was improve by overview of pure alloys[5]. There is no much important growth has been detected in galvanic corrosion but the alloying is develops the overall corrosion behavior to solve this concern proper concern is needed [6, 7]. For the reduction of corrosion the Ni-P coating is exact but the task is to do the coating by actual way. The smooth and uniform surface which gives well surface roughness properties and defense besides corrosion [10-12], the studies towards Ni-P coatings which includes the results of phosphorous contents on structure and surface morphology and the Ni-P coating has categorized and based on content phosphorous the higher content of phosphorus more than 8% show finest corrosion properties proposed for environment where serious corrosion occurs. The lower phosphorus 3% show Deprived Corrosion resistance and noble wear properties. The grade of amorphous state can be focused by corrosion behavior of amorphous state. With the respect to the amount of phosphorus used various researchers have reported that coating performance in dissimilar environment. The present day's researchers are by means electro less Ni-P coating along with Nano particles. Nano particles like SiO<sub>2</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, etc. in electrolytic bath to formulate the electro less Ni-P particle coating.

Still it is a fewer task the Nano additive improve corrosion behavior wear execution of coating is nevertheless the identical distribution of Nano particle first and the next is agglomeration which results the Nano stability in the solution. Due to the high strength the Nanoparticles are used by many researchers. Because of Nanoparticles are

cheap and exhibits good hardness [15]. Usually Nano particles are used for steel and copper substrate and slight work has done on Mg Alloys the aim of this to work on Mg AZ91D Composites (Mg with 1% wt MWCNT-(1%wt) Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) it can be utilize as a substrate material and ZnO, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub> can be used as Nano additives for checking their result. Nano additive properties of mechanical on less electro Ni-P coated Mg Composite and their result the test are conducted to get its effects and are presented and discuss in next section

## II Experimental details

### Specimen for the test Preparation (A)

Mg composite consist of 1 wt. % of MWCNT and 1wt.% of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> substrate material selected for testing which can be purchase Balanagar, Telangana, Hyderabad, India the test sample shown in fig1 which is cut by EDM wire for the Ni-P coating. (8 mm x 26 mm x 8 mm) rectangular sample of Magnesium are initial ground gradually with abrasive SiC paper consist of 400,800,1000,1500,2000 mesh to attain the acceptable uniformity surface. The (10 mm x 20 mm x 8 mm) sample is cut into dimension. Test is equivalent corrosion resistance



Sample prepared for the test

### Procedure for pre-treatment (B)

Throughout the pre-treatment procedure the acetone is used for the cleaning of the substrate. Process is followed as per the literature for 20 min; at 65°C temperature Cleaning is done by alkaline with sodium hydro-oxide (45g/l) followed by Tri-sodium orthophosphate (10g/l). [16]. The setup is shown in Figure2. Later



Figure2. Cleaning setup Alkaline.

### Operating circumstance and bath electro less nickel coating (C)

The coating bath consists of:

- 26 g/L Nickel Sulphate
- 30g/L as reducing agent Sodium hypo-phosphate
- as stabilizer Sodium acetate(16 g/L)

(d) (8 g/L) as the complexing agent Ammonium hydrogen difluoride.

The SLS (1.2g/L) surfactant is added in the solution EN deposition earlier. When the reaction is stable the stabilizer thiourea (1ppm) is added into the bath. effect of Surfactant concentration are change Temperature, pH and. by adding of NaOH pallets The pH level is modified The pH values and temperature are change at 3 dissimilar levels 4 to 5, 6 to 7 and 8 to 9 and 70°C, 85°C and 90°C respectively.

The concentration was change from 0 to 1.2 g/L SLS surfactant is used. It is observed that with Nano additive it improved coating. Temperature preserved at 85°C and SLS (1.2 g/L), pH value 6-7. [17]. The varying percentage of Nano additive and composition of the coating baths are specified in tables I and II.

**Table 1 Compositions of bath electroless Ni–P coating**

Particulars	Bath A	Bath B	Bath C
	Quantity(g/L)		
NiSO <sub>4</sub> .6H <sub>2</sub> O	26	26	26
Na H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>2</sub>	30	30	30
H <sub>2</sub> O			
HF (40%, v/v)	12 ml	12 ml	12 ml
NaC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	16	16	16
NH <sub>4</sub> HF <sub>2</sub>	8	8	8
NaCl <sub>2</sub> H <sub>25</sub> So <sub>4</sub>	1.2	1.2	1.2
Thiourea	1 ppm	1 ppm	1 ppm
Nano Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , 40 nm	0.5-2	-	-
Nano ZnO, 50 nm	-	0.5-2	-
Nano SiO <sub>2</sub> , 25 nm	-	-	0.5-2

**Table II. Detail Con Nano additive employed**

Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	SiO	ZnO
0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
1%	1%	1%
2%	2%	2%

### D Procedure for electro less coating

As show in the fig 3 the coating is applied for and hour with total bath of 400 ml volume. With the size of 40nm if Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SIO 25nm an average size o and with size of 50nm ZnO nanoparticles are added to the appropriate solution [table1] shows the comparison and study of tribological properties. The ultra-sonication technique was applied to minimize the agglomeration of SIO, ZnO and AL<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> for 15min which was applied

At a constant speed of 100 rpm magnetic stirring was performed for electro less deposition for 60 min [18]. By addition of sodium hydroxide pallets the pH level is adjusted. In Fig 5 are shown coated sample



**Fig3. EN deposition Experimental setup used for**



**Figure 4 Test preparation for Bath**



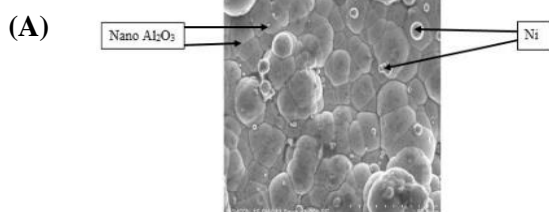
**Figure 5 Samples use coated test**

### Scanning electron microscopy SEM (E)

The Scanning electron microscopy is use for the purpose of surface topography research will give the details of texture, orientation, crystalline and the sample of chemical composition

## II. Results

**A.** The variation and effect of  $Al_2O_3$  SEM images deposits take at a different percentage of  $Al_2O_3$  the magnesium composite substrate bath solution are given in figure 6 (a) to (d) which show the presence of Nano  $Al_2O_3$  particles represents this is obtained in higher percentage of Nano the  $Al_2O_3$  particle are dispersed in EN deposit homogeneously Compared to additive less percentage the varying percentage of  $Al_2O_3$  Nano additives rises coating uniformity it has been observed (as shown in Figure 6). The anionic overview surfactant SLS into the coating bath results in de-agglomeration of Nano alumina particle given in figure 6(d) it is investigated that morphology of various coatings deposited from bath solution of varying %  $Al_2O_3$  the uniformity in microstructure was found in obtained coating at Nano additive 2%  $Al_2O_3$ , (Figure 6 (d)). Due to different % in Ni coating the non-uniformity of the surface.



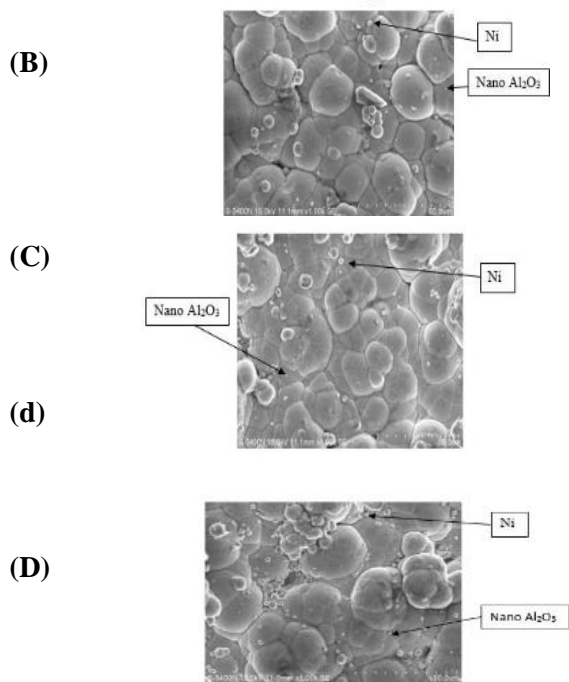
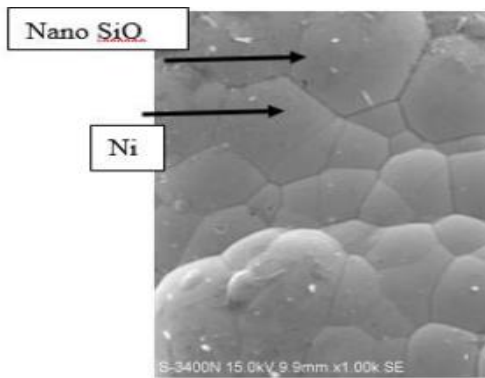


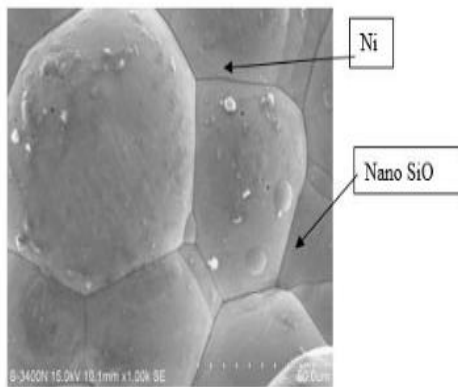
Fig6. Reinforced with multiwall carbon nanotube (MWCNT) at varying % of  $Al_2O_3$  (a) 0.1% (b) 0.5% (c) 1% (d) 2%, with surfactant (SLS) SEM micrograph (1000X) of electro less Ni-P coating on magnesium (Mg) composite

## B variation Results SiO

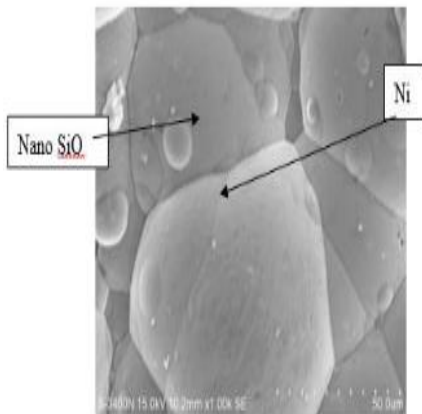
Fig. 8 the coatings deposited morphology of bath solution of dissimilar SiO % investigated SiC varying of percentage display Nano additives quiet numerous surface morphologies Fig. 8 dissimilar SiO % investigated the coatings deposited morphology of bath solution. Shows In Fig.8 (a) to (d), Due to the contact angle reduce which eventually leads to the superior wettability on the substrate the distribution of SiO uniform particles coating within. The deposition of nickel particle on the substrate surface within. Due to the contact angle reduce which eventually leads to the superior wettability on the substrate. Thus the coating produced would have a good bonding always to the substrate. By using anionic surfactant sodium lauryl sulphate (SLS) the agglomeration of Nano particles is prevented. By comparing with each other addition of Nano additive, a defect-free composite coating and compressed and is obtained with 2% SiO amount. It means that increase SiO % with content, increases uniformity.



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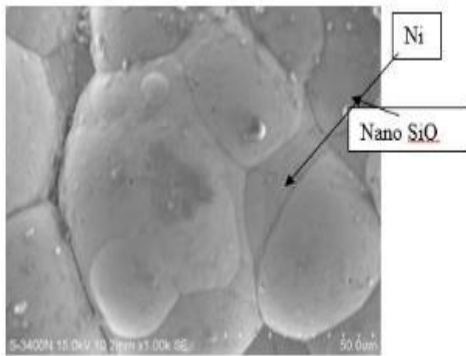


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(c)





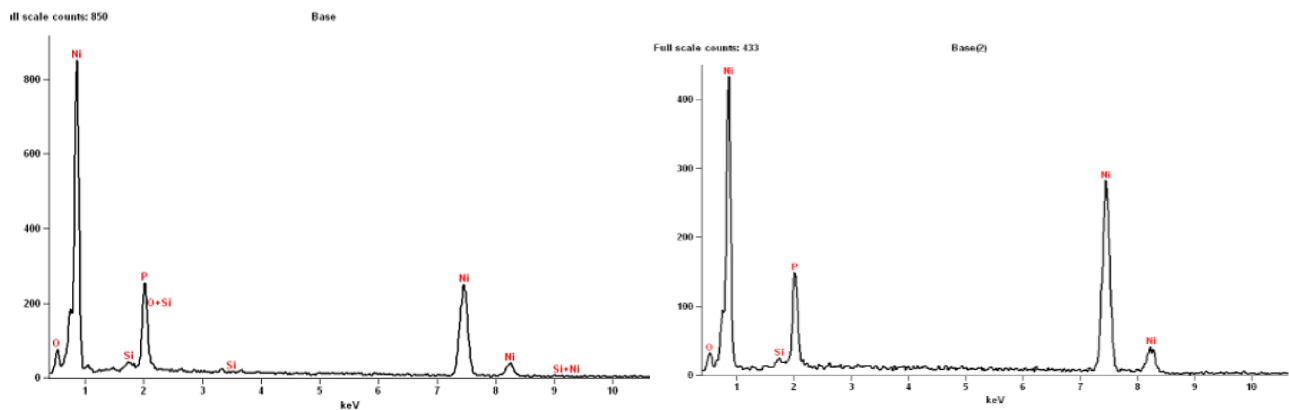
(d)

Fig8. Reinforced with multiwall carbon nanotube (MWCNT) at varying % of SiO<sub>2</sub> (a) 0.1% (b) 0.5% (c) 1% (d) 2% Surfactant (SLS). SEM micrograph (1000X) of electro less Ni-P coating on magnesium (Mg) composite

### C. Mg composite EDAX Elemental analysis

In Fig.8 Shows increasing percentages of SiO<sub>2</sub> Nano additives Mg composite with are EDAX patterns of nickel coated electro less coating an element analysis made on the surface (Fig.8 (a)-(d)) Indicates that Ni, P, Si and O elements exist. As sharp peaks in the all the EDAX spectrum the presence of nickel in varying percentage is seen, shown in Fig 8-(a,b,c,d) adherent and porosity free smooth surface on the Substrate while the spectra of SiC Nano coatings indicates typical Si and O in ascending proportions contributing to the uniformity.

(a)



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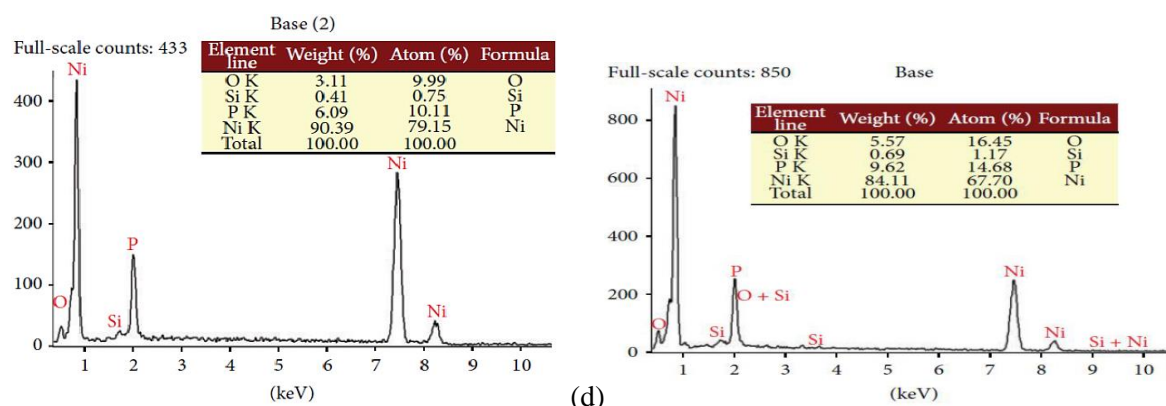


Fig8.

Reinforced with multiwall carbon nanotube (MWCNT) at varying % of SiO (a) 0.1% (b) 0.5% (c) 1% (d) 2%, with surfactant (SLS).EDAX spectrum showing presence of Ni-P coated on magnesium (Mg) composite

### D Effect of ZnO variation

higher % of ZnO Nano-particles Shows in fig9 (a,b,c,d) incorporation of higher % of ZnO in the coating has resulted in a rougher surface for composite coatings (Ravalue =1.26)compare to ZnO to low % it is also seen that in the Ni-P matrix has caused to obtain a more uneven surface the increase in the amount of the ZnO Nano-particles (Fig9 b and c). it is observed that incorporation in the coating increasing amount of Nano-particles increase in nanoparticles concentration in the bath tend the presence of the ZnO Nano-particles at the surface, the rougher morphology could be a evidence for it.

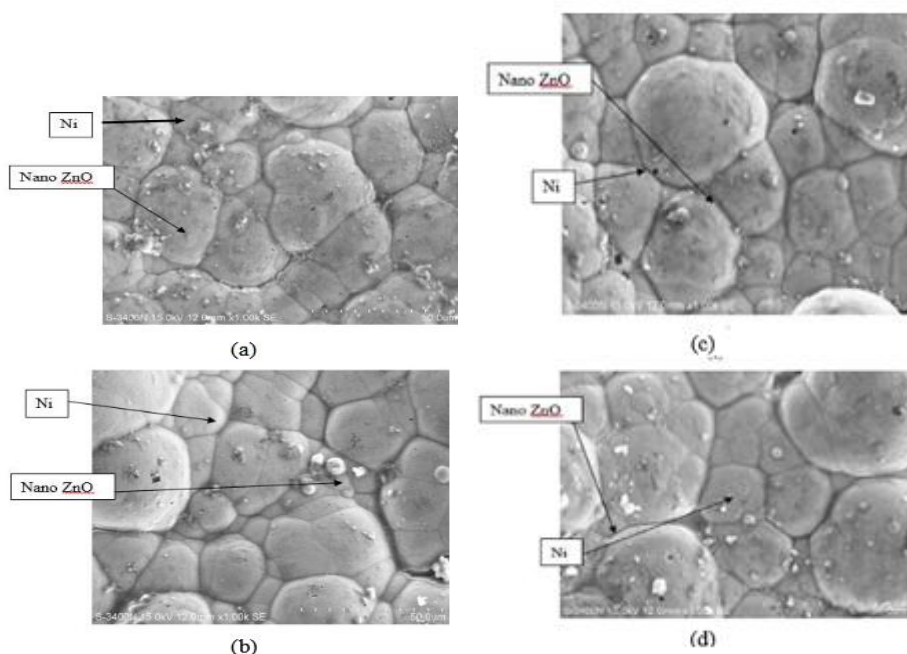
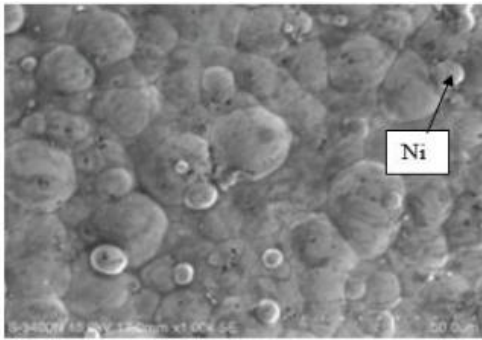


Figure 9. reinforced with multiwall carbon nanotube(MWCNT) at varying % of ZnO (a) 0.1% (b) 0.5% (c) 1% (d) 2%, with surfactant (SLS) SEM micrograph (1000X) of electro less Ni-P coating on magnesium (Mg) composite



### E Ni-P Coated Mg composite without surfactant and Nano additives of SEM images

Figure 10 without anionic surfactant sodium lauryl sulphate (SLS) presence of the non-uniform deposition of nickel particles on the substrate, the SEM micrograph clearly shows. it is concluded Nano additives and surfactant possess the surface morphology of EN coated Mg composite substrate without it the clear picture of agglomerations of Nano particles can be seen. Nano additives 2% coatings compared with inferior surface texture



**Figure 10 without surfactant and Nano additives of SEM images Ni-P Coated Mg composite**

### Conclusion

The Electro less Ni-p Electro less coating is carried on AZ91 magnesium successfully. The overall progress has found with surfactant accumulation. Though enhanced distribution was reached with minimum amount of SLS and surfactant. The process of pretreatment benefits in avoiding galvanic corrosion and it plays a very significant role. Thus entire Ni-p coatings initially pretreated earlier applying on mg substrate. The coatings Electro less Ni-P was successfully carry out on AZ91 magnesium. the pretreatment helps avoiding galvanic corrosion with minimum amount of SLS & surfactant better distribution was attained it plays a significant role . With an addition of surfactant a general improvement has been obtained consequently, pre-treated all Ni-P coating applied on magnesium substrate earlier. The surface tension between the eventually abridged the chances of cluster and particles by Surfactants lessen on AZ91 magnesium substrate (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, and ZnO) Nano-additives enabled the better distribution of Ni-P coating. Expedite the electro less reaction Nano additive acted as catalyst. Compare to others the SiO<sub>2</sub> provides most uniform particle distributions. It was found that ZnO and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> were capable of also equally to do the same. Wider reaction generated by Nano additive site on magnesium and the serve substrate purpose is uniform coating distribution on substrate. It is concluded that along with surfactants the Nano-additives addition helps the distribution and deposition of coating for industrial applications which surges usefulness of coating

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