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ANTHRACITE MUD

Anthracite plating is widely used in hardware sectors , jewelry industries to give a much appreciated premium black finish . Anthracite finish is highly corrosion resistant

ANTHRACITE-MUD electrolyte will give the deposit in dark shade while ANTHRACITE – MUL will give a lighter shade

Bath Setup

| Tank Material | Glass reinforced PVC or rubber-lined M.S.Tank |
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| Heating | Electric bath heater and steam coil made of TEFLON or through indirectly heated bath. |
| Fitting | All fittings in the direct contact with the electrolyte such as thermometers made of glass of porcelain must have coatings of PVC,rubber or TEFLON. |
| Anodes | Pure nickel anodes (not S nickel) Total anode surface must be at least equivalent to surface area. The anodes must be hung into pure nickel kooks. Titanium baskets must not be used. |

Filter Pumps

Bath Agitation

Only plastic filter pumps may be used so that no metal parts come in contact with the electrolyte.

Bath agitation is necessary and should be achieved if possible through an extensive filter unit or through a corresponding agitator. If this possibilities are not given movement can be made horizontally or vertically

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OPERATING CONDITION

| Current density | 0.1 – 4dm2 at 0.3-1.5 volts |
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| Temperature | 58 – 75 Celsius |
| Extraction | Necessary |
| Placing of parts | Without current to ensure wetting. Use drag out to conserve electrolyte. Adjust pH – Value of drag out rinse to 3-4with hydrochloric acid to prevent metal precipitation |
| Acid Dip | Prior to plating in <mark>G</mark> un metal parts must be dipped into hydrochloric acid |
| Filtration | If electrolyte is continuously operated continuos filtration will be necessary |
| Density | Approx 17 Be at 20 Celsius |
| pH value | 5 - 5.4(the pH-value must never be below 4 and above 7 |

MAINTENANCE

pH value to low

Below 4.7 restore to 5 by adding Anthracite part 1

pH value to high Above 5.4, lower by adding chemically pure hydrochloric acid 1:4 diluted with distilled water NOTE : Lowering the ph value with concentrated hydrochloric acid will corrode the bath

Control of anthracite As per analysis Part 1 content

Control of nickel content As per analysis



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