

What's Going On Inside Today's Storage Tanks?

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- UST and AST tank technologies
- Industry standards and recommended practices
- License manufacturers to build tanks to STI specifications
- Quality control
- Information resource
- Certification



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SUSTAINABLE STEEL

- Nearly 70% of steel is recycled in the US each year. That's more than paper, glass and plastic combined.
- For every ton of steel recycled, 2500 pounds of iron ore, 1400 pounds of coal and 120 pounds of limestone are conserved.
- Since 1990, technical advances in steel production have reduced energy intensity by 27%, and CO2 emissions by 33% per ton of steel produced.
- Steel is the world's most recycled material, with 80 million tons recycled annually worldwide.

Steel Facts NUMBER 3

Sustainable Steel

A point of pride
Environmental and resource conservation issues rose to prominence in the public policy arena in the 1970's. Now, in the 21st century, exchanging a resources sustainability is a growing concern.

While legislation and regulation are often sources of frustration, the US Congress recognized the importance of sustainable manufacturing with the Senate Resolution 381 in 2011, "Expressing support for improvement in the collection, processing, and consumption of recyclable materials throughout the United States."

According to a 2011 study, almost 55% of US businesses now have a formal sustainability strategy.

It's a point of pride for the steel industry that it has always been in the forefront of sustainable manufacturing.

Highest recycling rate
Steel is the world's most recycled material, with 80 million tons recycled annually worldwide. Ninety-two per cent of steel is recycled in North America each year, more than paper, aluminum, plastic and glass combined.

Steel products are among the most recycled consumer goods; the recycling rate for cans is 95%, for appliances more than 90%, and for steel packaging 71%.

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Reducing "embodied energy"
Forbidding energy includes the manufacture, shipment, transport, and all other aspects of producing a product.

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Steel can be recycled repeatedly without loss of its inherent strength and durability.

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Steel's embodied energy is lower than other materials due to its high recycling, reduced energy intensity, reduced energy manufacturing by recycling of manufacturing by-products, and the inherent strength and durability that gives steel high life-time value.

Scrap for sustainability
Steel scrap is the single largest source of raw material for the fabrication industry. Not only fabrication resources, it does this conservatively, saving the costs of mining and processing raw ores.

The industry recycles its by-products, too. Mill scale, steel-making slugs, water and processing by-products are all treated and returned to the manufacturing stream.

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ON THE BACK PAGE
Steel is recyclable and durable. Many water storage tanks have been in continuous use for more than 100 years.

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Steel Facts NUMBER 2

Cathodic Protected Tank Inspection

It's easy!

There are two main methods used to provide cathodic protection on steel tanks. By far, the most common and effective method of protection is a sacrificial anode system. This article explains a simple technique for inspecting this system using three easy-to-use tools.

An approved certified technician is a second step. Typically, it requires a detailed inspection every three years and a recording of the system's operating voltage in order to ensure the system is operating within its design parameters. You should perform regular spot checks.

The recorder requires an uninterrupted supply of electricity, so always check to see that the circuit breaker that supplies electricity is always on.

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Volts and Amps
Understanding the difference between the electrical measures

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Steel Facts NUMBER 1

Steel Tanks: Compatible with All Biofuel Blends

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The Strength of Steel

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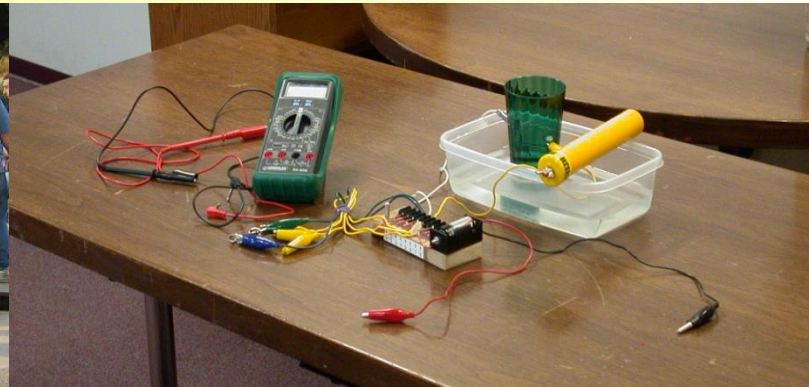
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STI Certification Programs

- 927 Certified SP001 Aboveground Storage Tank Inspectors
- 484 Certified Cathodic Protection Testers
- Over 130,000 sti-P3 tanks tested for cathodic protection through WatchDog program
- NEW: On Line Learning Program
 - T*I*M *Tank Integrity Management*

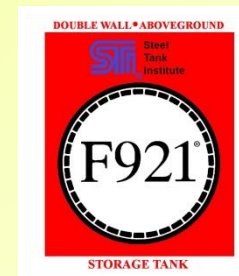
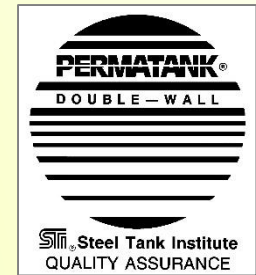
STI cp tester class!

- Virginia Beach, VA
- Nov. 11 - 13, 2013
- 2 day certification class
- **NEW!** One day troubleshooting class



STI Shop-Fabricated Tank Program

- > 100 tank shops licensed and inspected
- 14 tank fabrication standards
- 19 recommended practices for testing, installation and inspection
 - *NEW*: R111 Storage Tank Maintenance
 - Under Development: SP131- UST Inspection, Repair, & Modification
- 6 UL files with hundreds of volumes & 4 SWRI technology programs



Tank Compatibility - Biofuels



- E10, E15, E85, B2, B20, B100
- Steel Tank Manufacturer Certification Statements
- STI Web Site
- Performance
- Tanks are Cleaner – Sludge
- Biodiesel Shelf Life
- Water Concerns
- Phase Separation - Ethanol

Three Fuels of Concern Today

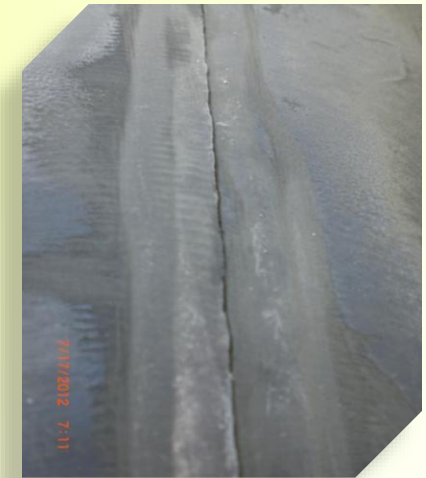
- Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD)
- Ethanol Blends
- Biodiesel



Recent Events

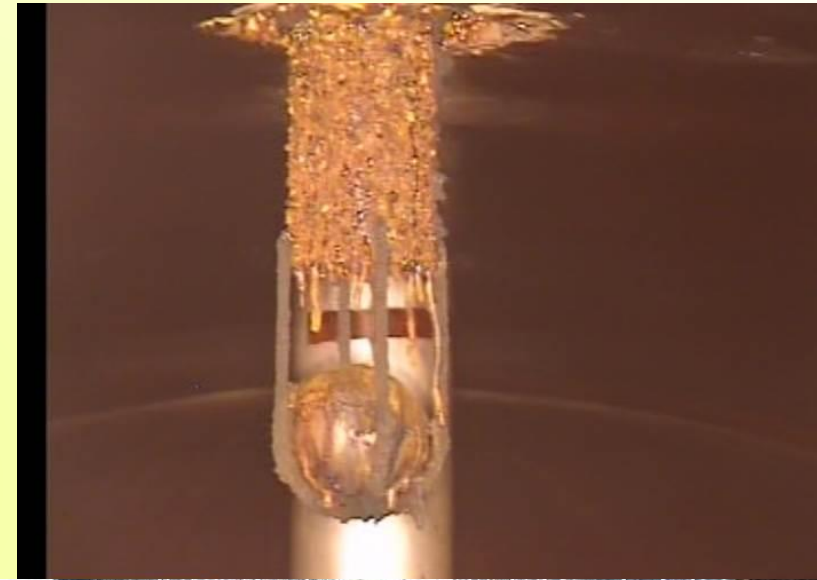
Biofuels

- **Sumps**
 - EPA ORD Research
 - NIST Research
- **Publications**
 - “Compatibility of UST Systems with Biofuels,”
 - Published by ASTSWMO
 - Case Studies
- **Research and Work Groups**
 - Underground tanks storing E85



Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Issues

- **Corrosion of metal components within tanks storing ULSD**



How was the issue raised?

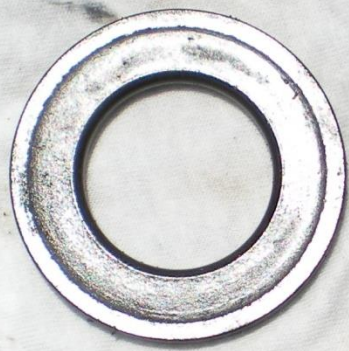
- **December 24, 2007 - A post on the PEI website identified a concern with rust and corrosion of STPs and pump castings**

How did I get involved in this?

- Education, BS Mechanical Engineer
- Chair, NACE Underground Storage Tank Committee
- Co-Chair, ASTM D02.14 Fuel Corrosivity Committee
- Folks started sending me photos of equipment with corrosion issues







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History

- In June 2009 STI presented to ASTM Fuels committee. Members suggested collecting more details to determine if there are patterns
- Are problems associated with
 - One brand of eqpt?
 - One refinery?
 - Type of diesel?
 - Any other factors?
- Bottom line was pattern could not be found

Galvanic Corrosion?



Corrosion Occurring in all 3 Areas



ULSD Changes – Impact On Biological Problems

	Changes in ULSD		Impact on Microbial Growth
↓	Sulfur reduction 500 to <15 ppm	↑	Sulfur antagonistic to microbial growth
↓	Aromatic and phenolic compounds	↑	Aromatic and phenolic compounds are good growth inhibitors
↑	Saturates	↑	Saturates preferred food source compared to aromatics
↑	Water (free, non-dissolved)	↑	Free water availability increases

More History

- **January 2010 PEI arranged meeting with interested parties (EPA OUST, ASTs, Clean Air, PMAA, ATA, NBB, Truck Stop, API, Fuel Additive Companies, others)**
- **Issue brought to attention of CDFA**

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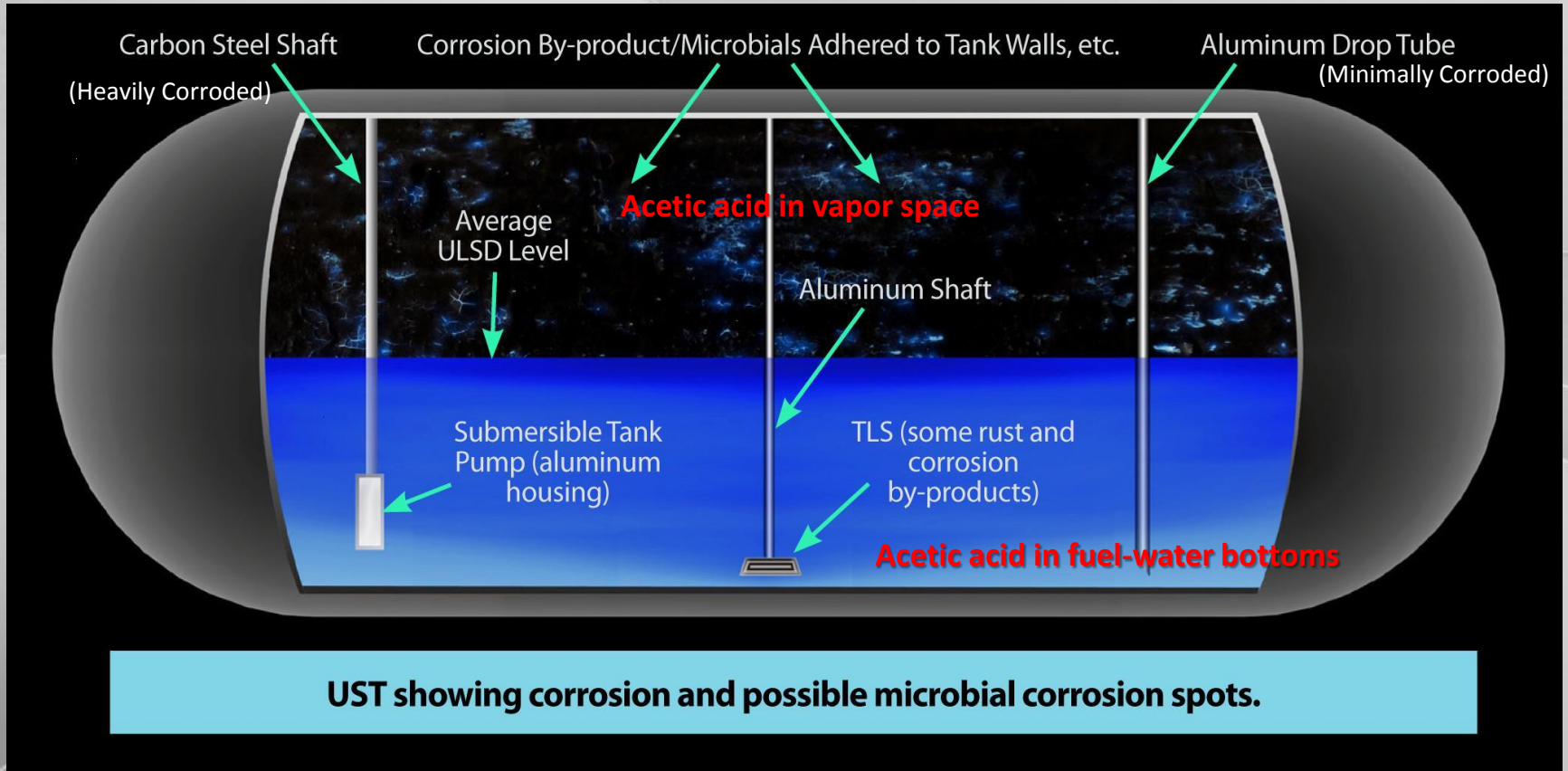
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- Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, www.autoalliance.org
- American Petroleum Institute, www.api.org
- American Trucking Associations, www.truckline.com
- Association of International Automobile Manufacturers, Clean
- Association of Oil Pipe Lines, www.aopl.org
- Diesel Technology Forum, <http://www.dieselforum.org/meet-clean-diesel>
- Engine Manufacturers Association, www.enginemanufacturers.org
- Independent Liquid Terminals Association, www.ilta.org
- Manufacturers of Emission Controls Association, www.meca.org
- National Automobile Dealers Association, www.nada.org
- National Association of Convenience Stores, www.nacsonline.com
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- Steel Tank Institute, www.steeltank.com
- Truck Renting and Leasing Association, www.trala.org
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, www.epa.gov
- U.S. Department of Energy, www.doe.gov
- U.S. Energy Information Administration, www.eia.doe.gov
- Western States Petroleum Association, www.wspa.org

2012 Battelle study

- Clean Diesel Fuel Alliance hired Battelle to study ULSD corrosion related issues
- 6 sites studied across US
- Service stations with underground tanks
- Hypothesis formed that corrosion is due to ethanol and acetic acid found in the fuel



ULSD Corrosion – UST Detail



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Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) fuel and new engines and vehicles with advanced emissions control systems offer significant air quality improvement.



Highway ULSD Fuel

EPA standards have led to a major reduction in the sulfur content of diesel fuel.

[Highway Diesel](#)



New Diesel Technology

Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) is a cleaner-burning diesel fuel containing a maximum 15 parts-per-million (ppm) sulfur.

[Vehicle Performance](#)



Non-Road ULSD Fuel

New EPA fuel standards for diesel fuel also apply to locomotive, marine and non-road engines and equipment, such as farm or construction equipment.

[Non-Road Diesel](#)



Environmental Benefits

ULSD fuel along with new engine and emission control system technologies have an important role in improving air quality and providing human health benefits by significantly reducing current emissions.

[Environment and Health](#)

[Para leer en español el folleto sobre diesel ultra bajo en azufre](#)

[Energy Tomorrow Radio Podcast on ULSD](#)

Battelle Study Questions

- Need a clean tank site.
- Is this problem unique to FRP tanks?
- Is ethanol really responsible for the corrosion?
- What effect is upstream fuel systems having on downstream fuel, i.e., service stations?

CDFA – Phase 2

- About a year ago, CDFA committee decided to conduct a second phase to the study
- Asked committee members for their input on what to do next
- Options included:
 - Additional service station site testing
 - Terminal, refinery, pipeline, testing
 - Simulated laboratory testing

CDFA – Phase 2

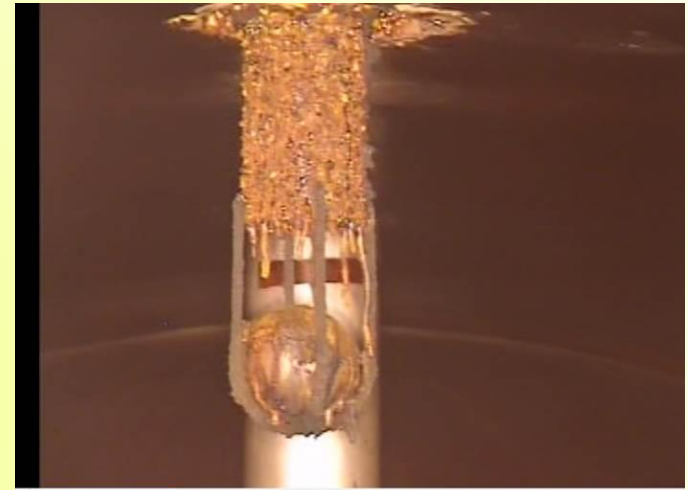
- Proposal was developed,
- Quotes received
- BUT....committee could not reach consensus

STI conducted own study

- Study included both fiberglass and steel tanks
- USTs from five regions of the countries tested
- One fiberglass and one steel tank in each region
- Tanks were chosen randomly with no previous investigation of any corrosion issues
- Both fuel and water bottom sample obtained

Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Issues

- **STI Research**
 - Fuel samples extracted and tested
 - Example – Las Vegas service station tanks under same owner
 - FRP tank vapor control fitting – top right photo
 - Steel tank vapor control fitting – bottom right photo



Testing

- Testing was based on Battelle study
- Analysis based on what appeared to be causing corrosion in tanks
 - Ethanol
 - Acetate
 - Other acids
 - pH level of fuel

STI conducted own study

- Acetic acid and ethanol found in 5 regions
- Highest levels of acetic acid found in fiberglass tanks
- However data inconclusive to answer big questions
 - Is same type of corrosion happening in steel tanks?
 - Is acetic acid/ethanol responsible for corrosion?

Results

- Ethanol found in all but one region of the country
 - How is ethanol getting in diesel fuel
 - Transporting trucks is one possibility
 - Also possible for ethanol to be formed inside the tank
- Acetic acid found in all but one region of the country

CDFA Oct 3, 2013

- First face to face meeting in 2 years
- Some initial consensus made
- Three methods agreed to:
 - Lab testing
 - Field testing
 - Method to evaluate sites

Lab Testing

- Concept to try create corrosion in a controlled environment that is happening in real life
- By doing this, components responsible for corrosion can be identified
- Fire example - Oxygen

Field Testing

- First Battelle study did not include a “clean site”
 - But what is a clean site?
 - Why is a clean site needed?

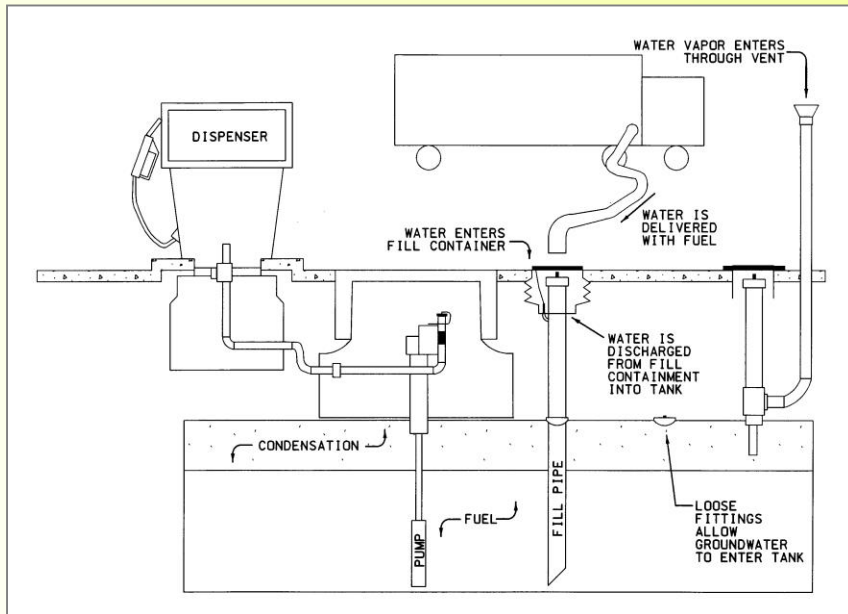
Inspection and Maintenance



STI R111

Storage Tank Maintenance

Check Your Fuel - ASTM



Inspection and Maintenance of the Tank System

STI Webinar

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Perpetual Tank System Life



1986 Sti-P3 E85 Tank
Removed in 2013 – No Leaks

- Manufacturer's Warranty
 - 10 Year, 30 Year
- Steel Capabilities as a Material
- Desirable Operations
 - Routine Maintenance
 - Tank Inspection
 - Fuel Usage
- Corrosion Protection Component Life

STI/SPFA Water Industry Century Club

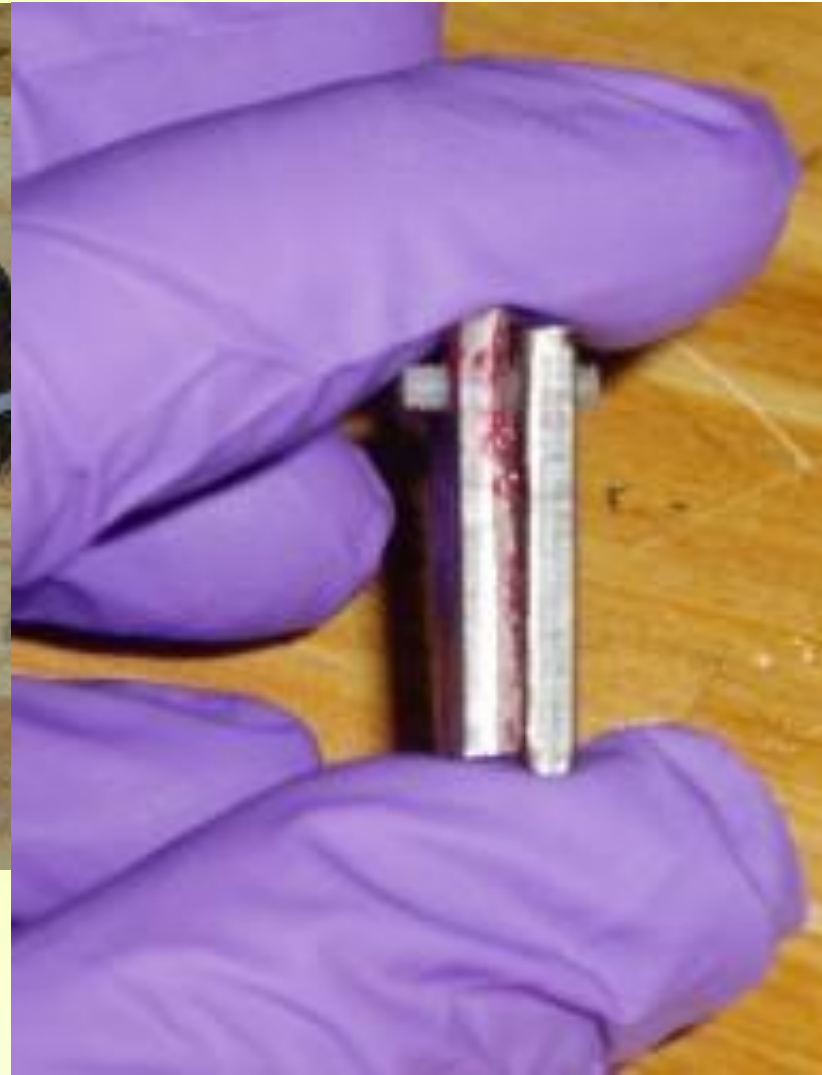


- Dothan, Alabama
- Dixie Tank
- Built in 1897
- City landmark
- Civic pride
- 116 years old
- Remains in operation

Biodiesel

- STI conducted one study with NBB in 2007
- Steel found to be compatible with various types of biodiesel
 - Soy
 - Animal fat
 - B5 thru B100
- Both ULSD and 3500 ppm diesel fuel used
- Study did not include microbiologically influenced corrosion

Steel Samples



Visual Inspection

- Upon visual inspection of the test coupons, a small amount of surface rusting was observed

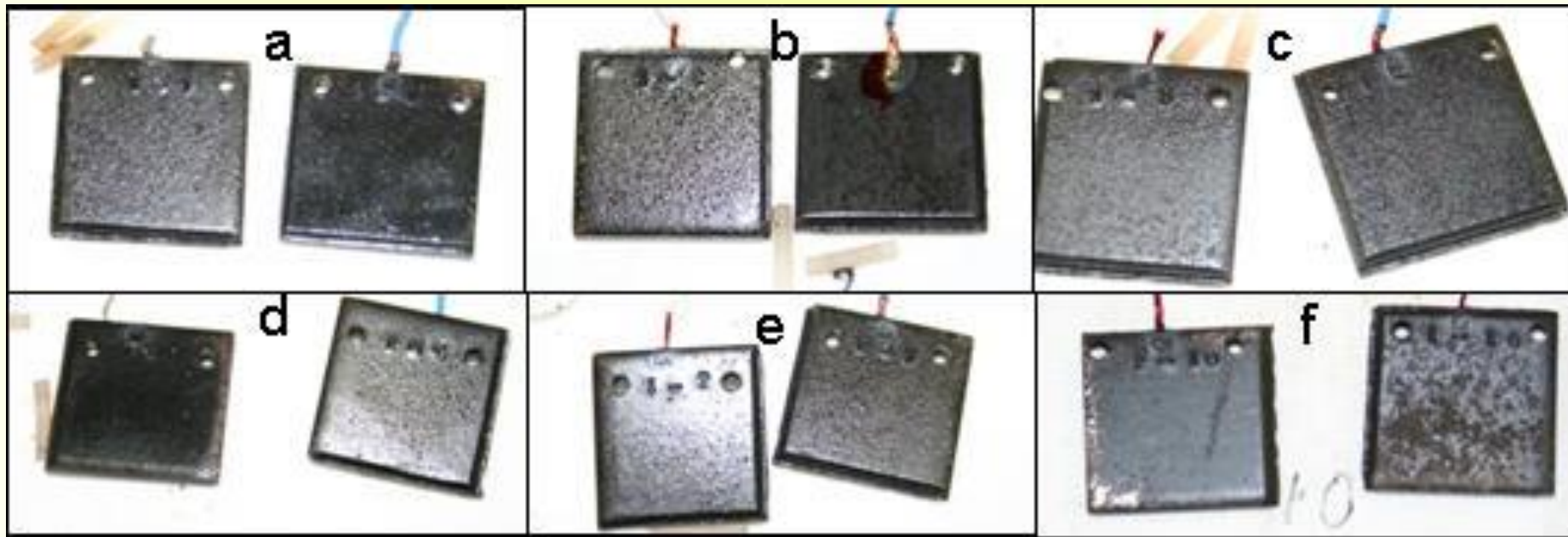


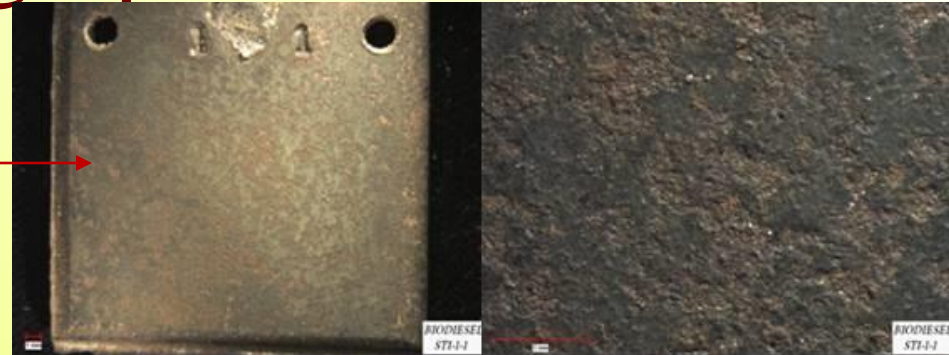
Figure 4. Photographs of carbon steel specimens exposed to ULSD and soy-based biodiesel blends with and without the presence of water: (a) 100 % biodiesel, no water added; (b) 50 % biodiesel + 50 % ULSD, no water added; (c) 100 % petrodiesel, no water added; (d) 100 % biodiesel, 1 vol% water added; (e) 50 % biodiesel + 50 % ULSD, 1 vol% water added and (f) 100 % ULSD, 1 vol% water added. Exposure time: 2 months.

Surface Rust

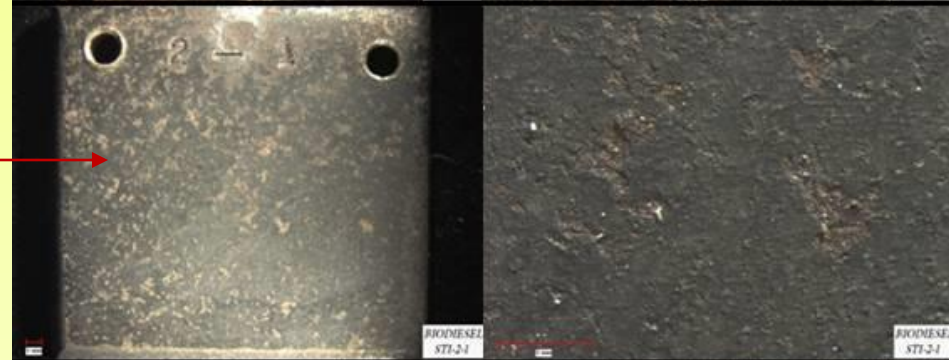
- In most cases, the amount of surface rusting was slightly higher in 100 % ULSD than in biodiesel or biodiesel + ULSD blends.
- This surface rusting was caused by a reaction between the surface oxide layer of the metal and the fuel blend.

Low magnification optical micrographs

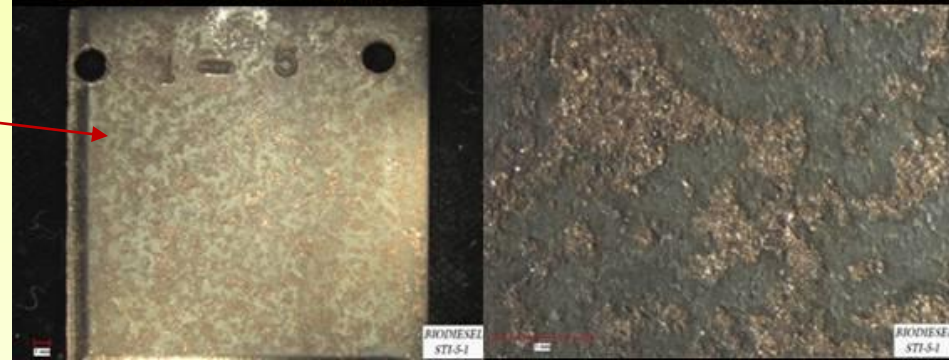
100%
Biodiesel



50% ULSD/
50%
Biodiesel

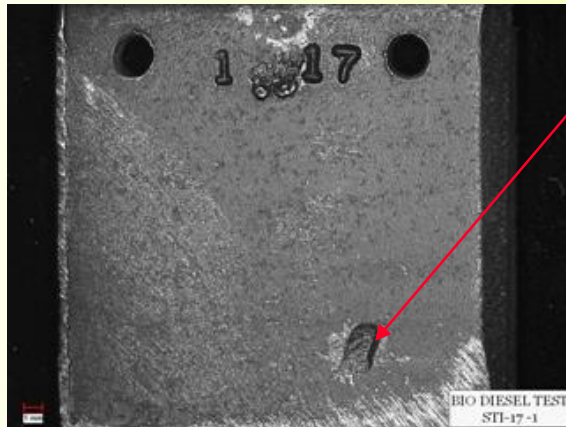


100% ULSD



No water
added to
any fuel

Typical Microscope Images



toolmark



1 mm

100 % animal-based biodiesel, no water

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Sample 25

- Greatest weight loss occurred with 5% animal based biodiesel/ ULSD/ 1% water
- Optical examination indicated no measurable pits on this sample
- Corrosion rate calculated at 0.09 mm/yr (.00354 in/yr)
- Equates to Excellent Corrosion Resistance rating





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