



ANODAL® SEAL ASL POWDER

Anodal Seal ASL Powder is a fully blended nickel acetate seal containing dispersants and buffers to effectively manage smut formation and extend the life of the seal. Solutions of *Anodal Seal ASL Powder* may be used for either conventional single-stage sealing or for the first step of a duplex sealing system. In addition to organically dyed coatings, *Anodal Seal ASL Powder* can be used to seal clear, electrolytic and integrally colored films. This product offers major advantages over boiling water, among which are:

- Control of sealing smut
- Reduced bleed-out of dyed coatings
- Control of pH for optimum performance
- Excellent sealing even when de-ionized water is not used.
- Superior light and weather fastness

PROPERTIES:

Appearance: free flowing powder
Color: light green

PRECAUTION:

The use of *Anodal Seal ASL* will not cause field service yellowing of properly formed anodic coatings. It is important that the anodizing conditions be kept within normal limits however, especially as to temperature and current density. If a faint residue is observed after the seal treatment, a slightly acidic final rinse is recommended. The service life of the bath depends on the operating conditions and the efficiency of rinsing prior to sealing. Filtration will extend the life of the bath considerably. *Anodal OL powder* can be added to the bath to delay the onset of seal smut.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES:

The sealing tank should be clean and free of deposits from old sealing solution. In order to prevent precipitation of any *Anodal Seal ASL* components, the make-up water should have a pH of 5.5 or less, therefore, we recommend the addition of a small amount of acetic acid to the water before adding the *Anodal Seal ASL Powder*.

Single Stage (conventional) Sealing:

Concentration: 5-8 g/L
Water quality: De-ionized water preferred
pH: 5.3 - 5.8
Temperature: 190° - 210° F.
Time: For optimum quality: 5 minutes/tenth mil

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES (CONT'D):

Duplex Sealing:

Step 1:

Concentration:	5-8 g/l
pH:	5.3 - 5.8
Temperature:	150° - 160° F.
Time:	5 - 10 min (20 min. for Architectural)

Step 2:

Composition:	1 - 4 ml/l <i>Anodal SH-1 Liq.</i>
Temperature:	200° - 210° F.
Immersion time:	For optimum quality: 5 minutes/tenth mil

The presence of nickel in sealed organically dyed films improves the resistance to fading and corrosion. Analytical studies have shown that a far greater amount of nickel is absorbed by the anodic coating when immersion occurs at 150° - 160° F. than at boiling temperatures. For this reason the two phase method produces superior sealing quality

CONTROL METHOD:

1. Pipette 25 ml of sealing bath into a 400 ml. beaker and add 200 ml water.
2. Add 10 ml. of concentrated Ammonium Hydroxide
3. Add a few grains of murexide indicator.
4. Titrate with 0.1 M EDTA until there is a permanent and distinct purple end point.

Calculate: **Anodal Seal ASL Powder (g/l) = ml. of EDTA x 1.7**

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