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Dry Corrosion

Test Cabinets





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ACS is proud to announce the **new release** of its standard corrosion test chambers.

The footprint of the 600 and 1200 l models has been reduced to a minimum thanks to a basic configuration that does not include the salt solution tank which, however, is available as an option (200 l).

Traditionally specialized **in carrying out incisive stress** such as **“scab” and “filiform” corrosion**, DCTC™ chambers can also perform traditional **salt spray tests** (continuous, alternate, etc.) in compliance with the main international standards and norms. VDA, SAE J2334, and Kesternich tests are available as standardized options, while DCTC™ can perform any other test on request according to the customer's needs.

Why Dry Corrosion Test? Test Cabinets

DCTC™ - Dry Corrosion Test Cabinet

DCTC™ is a system designed to recreate the corrosion processes on both painted and bare metal surfaces in the laboratory. All DCTC™ equipment can perform tests in compliance with UNI 9399 (filiform corrosion) and UNI 9590 (scab corrosion) standards.

The systems can also perform traditional salt spray tests in compliance with the most important national and international standards (continuous salt spray tests - ISO 9227, ASTM B117 and DIN 50021; alternate salt spray tests- DIN 50907), and have also been customized to suit the specific corrosion test needs of some of the world's largest automotive manufacturers.

Under-paint film corrosion: filiform and scab corrosion

A professionally painted metal surface should never be corroded; the main function of the paint is actually to protect the metal support from corrosion, in addition to the aesthetic factor.

Nevertheless, painting cycles are sometimes performed on surfaces that have not been treated properly. In this case, the symbiosis between paint and surface becomes extremely vulnerable, and, for example, a small grain of dust on a poorly painted edge or any other cause is sufficient to trigger the corrosion process.

For example, if a car is struck by a stone, its paint cracks: corrosion propagates under the paint layer with short-term destructive effects, first on the sheet metal and then on the paint itself. The real enemy that traditional salt spray chambers fail to detect is this kind of corrosion, which propagates under the paint film and whose effects may be either a "scab corrosion" or "filiform corrosion".

Why Dry Corrosion Test?

The ISO (International Standards Organization) Standard 7253, drafted in 1984, sets forth both the application processes for salt spray tests and their limits. This standard actually states that salt spray tests are not valid as "corrosion tests" (not involving a real exposure to environmental agents), but only serve as a sort of "behavioral test" to check the quality of different lots of painted products and the quality of the painting processes. From what has been said so far, it can be clearly seen that there is a definite need for laboratory tests aimed at detecting and highlighting the two forms of under-film corrosion (filiform and scab) in a fast and easily reproducible manner. This test already exists: it is the so-called Dry Corrosion Test. The procedure is the same as that used for salt spray tests, but the two salts used are different: sodium chloride and ammonium sulfate. Moreover, in dry corrosion tests, any wetting cycle is followed by a drying cycle with dehumidified hot air. A complete test cycle may last from 500 to 1000 hours, depending on its severity.



Focus on Features

External Construction

- **Fiberglass** (600-1200 l)
- **Stainless steel** (2300 l)
- **External panels** are completely **removable** for easy maintenance

Internal Construction

- The test compartment is molded from a **single piece of fiberglass** to ensure long-life and a perfect seal

Heating

- Electrical heating system insulated with **self-extinguishing glass wool**

Access Hood

- **Completely transparent PVC hood**
- **Reversed V-form** to allow a better inspection of the test environment and an easier flowing of condensation drops to prevent them from falling onto the specimens being tested.
- **Servo-assisted opening/closing** by means of small gas pistons (600 - 1200 l). Pistons create a light pressure on the sealing gasket when the hood is closed and make it possible to keep the hood open. Automatic hood opening by means of an electro-pneumatic system (2300 l).
- **"Full-tight" silicon gasket** for perfect seal between the access hood and the test compartment (600 - 1200 l). Water-filled channel situated along the closing edge of the hood (2300 l).

Compressed Air Humidification

- **By blowing compressed air** into a thermo-regulated bath (humidifier) made of AISI 304 SS

Salt Solution Tank

- 600 l and 1200 l basic configurations do not include a salt solution tank (optional external 200 l tank available).
- 2300 l basic configuration includes a 120 l integrated salt solution tank (optional additional external 200 l tank available).

Salt Solution Atomization

- The salt solution is sprayed inside the test chamber through an adjustable universal nozzle made of polycarbonate, mounted on a hard plastic support. It is possible to adjust the intensity and precision of the spray by adjusting the speed of the spray by adjusting the speed of the membrane pump and the pressure of the compressed air (atomization). It is also possible to reduce the fumes inside the chamber with compressed air at the end of tests in order to discharge all residual fumes before opening the hood.

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Customized Corrosion Chambers

ACS has an extensive experience in the design and production of special chambers for corrosion testing, mainly for the automotive industry. The advancement of corrosion test applications in the automotive field has led to the launch of new special testing benches, in which alternate exposure conditions cause more severe effects on the products under evaluation. Indeed, there are other conditions than just a salty atmosphere at play in the real-life use of vehicles, and these increase and worsen the effects of salt corrosion. Whole vehicles or single components can be subjected to an alternation of high and low temperatures, wet and dry conditions, and direct salt solution washing (i.e. splash test, salt rain) within a complete cycling test lasting many weeks.

Walk-in corrosion chambers

Pole Corrosion Renault



Test chamber for the accelerated aging of high voltage isolators: temperature, humidity, sun light, salt spray. Useful capacity: more than 700 m3 (courtesy EDF France)



Walk-in chamber for corrosion tests combined with wind simulation



KeyKratos Plus Control System

Based on a PLC structure, the system has a control panel consisting of a color touchscreen which allows the setting of all the necessary parameters for performing automatic and cyclical tests.

Hardware

- 5.7" touchscreen, 65,536 colors, TFT technology (faster control)
- 3 types of memory support for storing cycles, recordings, and alarms: Memory Board, Pendrive (USB key style), internal memory

Software

- Touch menu with related pop-up screens where necessary
- Memory capacity to 1000 cycles with 260 segments (on memory board)
- User-friendly data input during editing, check, and administration of cycle
- Delayed start of the tests (hh:mm:ss)
- Real-time recording of temperature and humidity in relation to time (LOG on Memory Board)
- USB interface on front panel for memory stick or printer
- Recordings in CSV format (Comma Separated Value) for easy export to Excel®; program files are easily convertible into graphic format
- A trend chart for recorded variables available with a scale from +0 to +100°C
- Temperature set point, actual temperature, humidifier set point and actual measure, relative humidity measure
- "Alert" and "warning" functions are also available to ensure correct chamber operation. These indicate:
 - lack of demineralized water
 - lack of compressed air
 - lack of salt solution
- System available in 6 languages: ITALIAN, ENGLISH, GERMAN, SPANISH, FRENCH, DUTCH

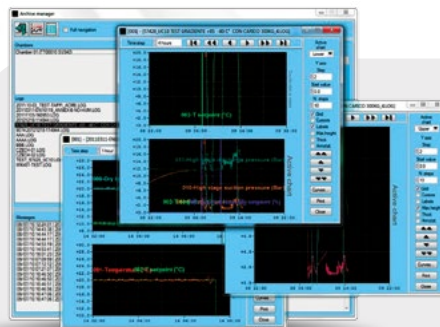
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KeyKratos - Main window



KeyKratos - Main control parameters



Software WinKratos Multichambers

ACS remote control software, WinKratos, is optionally available for both single-chamber and multichamber (16 max.) management via PC.

Dry Corrosion test cabinets / Technical features

	MODEL	600 PN	1200 PN	2300 P
Useful capacity with hood approx. (l)		578	1105	2367
Internal dimensions approx. (mm)	Width	900	1700	2000
	Depth	640	640	1000
	Height	810 <small>note 1</small>	810 <small>note 1</small>	1000 <small>note 2</small>
External dimensions approx. (mm)	Width	1470	2280	3085
	Depth	830	830	1300
	Height	1320	1320	1575
Temperature Range (°C)		amb. ...+55	amb. ...+55	amb. ...+55
Rated power (kW)		2,6	4	5,3
Rated current absorption (A)		11,6	18	10
Weight (without packing) (kg)		180	220	450
Supply voltage (Vac)		230V ±10% 50Hz 1+G	230V ±10% 50Hz 1+G	400V ±10% 50Hz 3+N+G

Note 1. +280mm at the cover top

Note 2. +310mm at the cover top



DCTC1200 PN

Equipped with cooling unit for VDA test

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Standard functions

DRY CORROSION TEST

This kind of test consists of salt spray cycles followed by low relative humidity drying phases; it is performed in compliance with UNI 9399 and UNI 9590 norms to highlight in a short time and, above all, in a reproducible way, all under-film corrosion phenomena (filiform and scab). Particular care has been given to the generation of the salt spray, which deposits small uniform drops onto the specimen, triggering the start of a powerful corrosive attack when the water is evaporated during the drying phase.

CONTINUOUS SALT SPRAY (CONVENTIONAL SALT SPRAY)

Includes all the ISO, ASTM, MIL standards, DIN, etc.

ALTERNATE SALT SPRAY

Includes DIN 50.907 and DEF standards, whose cyclical variations may be broken down into two phases:

- salt spray humid phase
- drying phase without air flow (stand-by period)

CYCLICAL TESTS

PLC programmer allows the setting and performance of temperature cycles.

INCLUDED ACCESSORIES

- Pluviometer
- Hanging supports (for 600 - 1200 l)

DCTC™ Performed Standards The following list of test standards is provided solely by way of example.

U.S.A.	U.K	GERMANY	ITALY	AUTOMOTIVE TEST
ASTM B117	PROHESION*	DIN 50907	UNI 9399*	GM*
ASTM B287	BS 2011 P2.1*	DIN 50021 SS	UNI 9590	FIAT*
ASTM B368 (CASS)	BS 3900 F9	DIN 50021 ASS	UNI 5687-73	BMW*
ASTM D1735	BS 7479	DIN 50021 CASS	ISO 7253	VOLVO*
ASTM D2247*	BS 7479 AASS	DIN 50017*	ISO 9227	NISSAN*
ASTM G85 (1,5)	BS 7479 CASS	DIN 40046	ISO 9227 NSS	TOYOTA*
ASTM G85 (2,3)*		DIN 50014*	ISO 9227 AASS	RENAULT*
MIL STD 202G		VDA 621-415*	ISO 9227 CASS	VOLKSVAGEN*
MIL STD 810G			CEI IEC 68-2-11	
MIL STD 883				Others
SAE J2334*				JIS Z2371*

* Only on request (optional)

Options

- **Additional portholes:** 100mm, see drawing for available positions.
- **Wheels:** wheels complete with feet (600 - 1200 l)
- **PT100 additional probe:** max. 3
- **Rack for specimens**
- **Rods for specimens:** wood rods (600 - 1200 l)
- **Compressed dehumidification kit**
- **Graphic recorder:** 6-channel microprocessor-based recorder
- **Digital pH gauge:** portable gauge
- **Additional external tank:** 200-liter capacity
- **Cart with wheels for tank**
- **Air compressor demineralizer:** single-column system
- **Max. temperature +60°C**
- **Salt solution tank heater (according to JIS Z 2371)**
- **Software WinKratos™** for single-chamber remote control
- **Software WinKratos™** for multichamber remote control, max. 16 chambers
- **Wetting test:** temperature control in a saturated environment with water bath heated at the bottom of the testing space.
- **VDA test with cooling unit:** water bath temperature at the bottom of the testing space is controlled by an external cooling unit. The external fan provides for air circulation inside the chamber. The air circulation system is a closed loop. This configuration includes the following option:
 - Wetting test
- **SAE J2334 test:** this configuration includes the following options:
 - Max temperature +60°C
 - Wetting test
- **Kesternich Test (600 -1200 l) according to DIN 50018:** dedicated line for SO² inlet.

Main advantages

1. Salt solution top-loading (with salt solution tank accessory for 600 - 1200 l)
2. Flowmeter for salt solution flow reading
3. Adjustable-height feet (for 600 - 1200 l)
4. Salt solution pump for adjustment of the salt solution and improving the precision (atomization)
5. Easily inspectable stainless steel humidifier
6. Control panel:
 - Touchscreen TFT technology (faster control)
 - Acoustic alarm: to signal the absence of compressed air, water, and/or salt solution
 - Manometer and regulating valve for controlling the compressed air flow
 - USB port for test data export
 - Ethernet port for remote control system connection
7. Magnetic switch for turning off the spraying when the hood is open
8. Hood: fully transparent, with servo-assisted opening (600 - 1200 l) and pneumatic handling (2300 l)
9. External structure with panels in polyester resin (600 - 1200 l) and AISI 304 stainless steel (2300 l) for easy maintenance
10. Specimen support slots (standard) for 600 - 1200 l
11. Adjustable nozzle (vertically and rotation) for 600 - 1200 l and rotation for 2300 l
12. Compressed air inlet to reduce the fumes inside the test compartment
13. Measuring system: temperature and humidity (psychrometric system) with Pt100 probes
14. Compensation valve for pressure compensation inside the chamber and discharge of fumes from the test compartment at the end of a cycle
15. Condensate drain

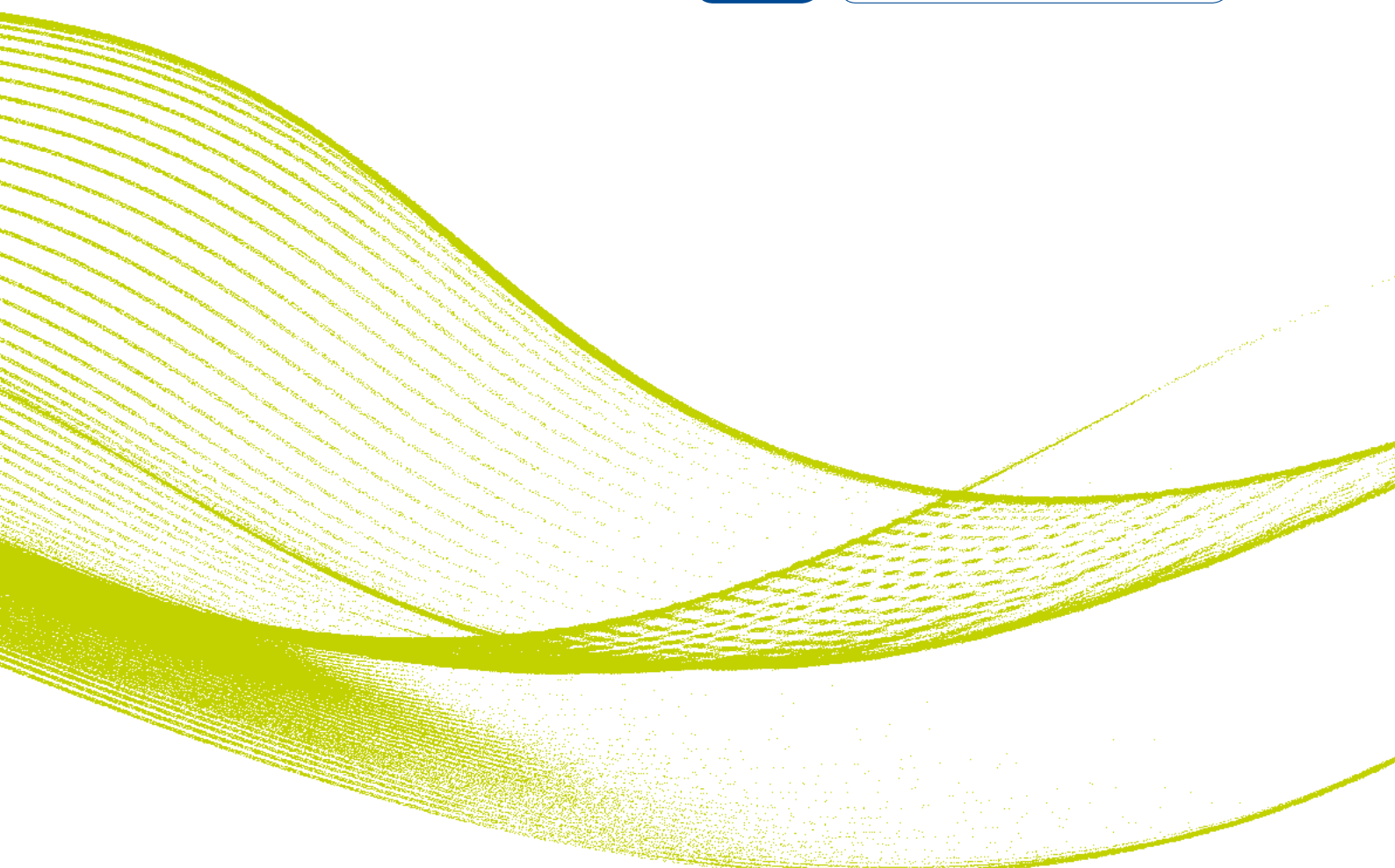




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