
Corrosion Behaviour of 304 stainless steel in aqueous solution

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The aim of the present work is to study the corrosion behavior of stainless steel 304 using 0.1M NaOH using natural oils namely (lettuce oil, sweet almond oil, sesame oil, rocket oil and parsley oil). The thesis comprises three main chapters:- Chapter 1: This chapter deals with the introduction, which includes definitions, classification of corrosion, corrosion inhibitors, and literature survey on corrosion behavior of stainless steel 304 in aqueous solutions. Chapter 2: This chapter deals with the experimental part which includes complete description of the working procedures, preparation of solutions, electrode treatment, electrolytic cell, and electrochemical measurements. Chapter 3: Part (A) Potentiodynamic anodic polarization curves of stainless steel 304 in 0.1M NaOH solution containing different concentrations of NaCl solution were studied. It was found that the addition of Cl⁻ ions cause the destruction of the passivation oxide film and initiate pitting corrosion. The pitting corrosion potential for these additives is shifted to more negative values with increasing chloride ion concentrations. Trials were made to inhibit the pitting corrosion of stainless steel 304 using natural oils in NaOH solution. These compounds shifted the pitting potential to more positive values, indicating the inhibition effect of these compounds. English Summary 98 Part (B) This part study the effect of concentrations of oils on the galvanostatic polarization curves of stainless steel 304 in 0.1M NaOH, respectively. Some corrosion parameters were calculated such as addition of different corrosion current density (I_{corr}), anodic (b_a) and cathodic (b_c) using Tafel lines slopes. By increasing the concentrations of natural oils the corrosion current density decrease and consequently the inhibition efficiency is increased. The adsorption isotherm for natural oils on the stainless steel surface follows Langmuir adsorption isotherm at constant temperature. Part (C) This part study the Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy using Nyquist diagrams and Bode curves and it was concluded that the value of R_p increases with the increase in the concentration of the investigated compounds and this indicates the formation of a protective film on the alloy surface by the adsorption and an increase in the corrosion inhibition efficiency in basic solution. While the value of C_{dl} decreases with increasing the concentrations of inhibitors in comparison with that of blank solution (uninhibited), as a result from the replacement of water molecules by inhibitor molecules which lead to decrease in local dielectric constant and/or an increase in the thickness of the electric double layer formed on 304 stainless steel.