Technical Report

Behavior of Metal-to-Metal Interfaces in Spaceflight Applications

Subject: Corrosion Compatibility Analysis of OFC Copper as primary matrix in PHENOMENA™ II copper-diamond composite and HEATBIND™ retainers with Electroless Nickel Plating in Contact with Aluminum 6063-T5 with Hard Anodized or with Electroless Nickel Finish.

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	PHENOMENA™ II copper-diamond composite heatsink applications
Scope:	Space Flight Hardware Qualification per MSFC-HDBK-527F and ECSS-Q-ST-70-36C

1. Executive Summary

This report evaluates the galvanic corrosion compatibility and electrochemical behavior of metal-to-metal interfaces for spaceflight applications, specifically:

- Surface 1: OFC (Oxygen-Free Copper) protected with 15μm electroless nickel plating - applicable to both HEATBIND retainers and PHENOMENA Cu-di composite.

- Surface 2: Aluminum alloy 6063-T5 with either:
  - Hard anodized finish (Type III), or
  - Electroless nickel finish (15μm thick)

Key Findings:

1. Cu/Ni - Al/Ni (both electroless nickel): ECSS Level 0-1 compatibility - acceptable for all spacecraft environments including clean room and controlled humidity
2. Cu/Ni - Al/Hard Anodize: ECSS Level 1-2 compatibility - acceptable for clean room use; requires sealing and protection for long-term contact
3. EMF potential differences: Electroless nickel (EN) on both sides provides excellent matching (~50-100 mV difference in seawater), minimizing galvanic driving force
4. Space heritage: Extensive NASA and ESA flight history with EN-coated aluminum and copper interfaces

Recommendation: Use electroless nickel finish on both mating surfaces (OFC copper retainer and Al 6063 rail) for optimal corrosion protection and space qualification.

2. Material Systems Analyzed

2.1 Base Materials

Copper Side:
- Base metal: OFC (Oxygen-Free Copper), C10100 or equivalent
- Protective coating: HIGH PHOSPHORUS ELECTROLESS NICKEL PLATE COMPLETE PART per MIL-C-26074 CLASS 4, ASTM B733, 15µm PLATING THICKNESS.

- Application:
    HEATBIND wedge retainer for ADHA chassis
    PHENOMENA copper-diamond composite heatsink for ADHA heat frames

Aluminum Side:
- Base alloy: 6063-T5 aluminum

- Composition: Al-Mg-Si alloy (0.4-0.9% Si, 0.45-0.9% Mg)
  - Temper: T5 (artificially aged after extrusion)
  - Classification: Corrosion-resistant aluminum per NASA-STD-6012A

- Protective finish options:
  - Option A: Hard anodize (Type III, 20-50 μm typical)
  - Option B: HIGH PHOSPHORUS ELECTROLESS NICKEL PLATE COMPLETE PART per MIL-C-26074 CLASS 4, ASTM B733, 15μm PLATING THICKNESS.

2.2 Standards Framework

NASA Standards:

- MSFC-HDBK-527F: Material Selection for Space Hardware
- MSFC-SPEC-522B: Design Criteria for Controlling Stress-Corrosion Cracking
- NASA-STD-6012A: Corrosion Protection for Space Flight Hardware
- SSP-30233: Space Station Requirements for Materials and Processes

ECSS Standards:

- ECSS-Q-ST-70-36C: Material Selection for Controlling Stress-Corrosion Cracking
- ECSS-Q-ST-70-71: Data for Selection of Space Materials and Processes (referenced for galvanic compatibility)

3. Galvanic Corrosion Analysis

3.1 Galvanic Series and EMF Potentials

Standard Galvanic Series in Seawater (vs. Saturated Calomel Electrode):

Material	Potential (mV SCE)	Classification
Aluminum 6063 (bare)	-780 to -820	Active (anodic)
Copper (bare)	-300 to -340	Noble (cathodic)
Electroless Nickel (Ni-P)	-180 to -280	Moderately noble
Hard Anodize Al_2O_3	Insulating	Non-conductive

EMF Potential Differences:

1. Cu/Ni (EN) vs. Al/Ni (EN):
   - Potential difference: ~50-100 mV
   - Assessment: Very low galvanic driving force; both surfaces protected by similar EN coating

2. Cu/Ni (EN) vs. Al 6063 (bare):
   - Potential difference: ~500-640 mV
   - Assessment: High galvanic risk if aluminum is exposed

3. Cu/Ni (EN) vs. Al/Hard Anodize:
   - Electrochemical potential: N/A (anodize is insulating)
   - Assessment: No direct electrochemical contact unless coating breaches

3.2 ECSS Galvanic Compatibility Ratings

Per ECSS-Q-ST-70-71 bimetallic corrosion table:

Configuration 1: Ni (EN) to Ni (EN)
- Rating: Level 0-1
- Interpretation: Can be used at all times, including controlled environments and moderate humidity. Acceptable for clean room and spacecraft assembly.

Configuration 2: Ni (EN) to Aluminum (with anodize barrier)
- Rating: Level 1-2
- Interpretation: Can be used in clean room environment (50% RH typical) but requires protection if exposed to higher humidity or condensation during ground operations.

Configuration 3: Copper (bare) to Aluminum (bare)
- Rating: Level 3 (Critical)
- Interpretation: Not usable without specific galvanic protection measures. Both sides MUST have protective coatings.

Reference: Per the ESA bimetallic compatibility database, the further two metals are apart in static corrosion potential, the greater the galvanic corrosion risk. Electroless nickel effectively "bridges" the large potential gap between copper (-300 mV) and aluminum (-800 mV).

3.3 Corrosion Mechanisms and Rates

Scenario A: Both surfaces EN-coated (Cu/Ni to Al/Ni)

Mechanism:
- Electroless nickel (Ni-P) is cathodic relative to aluminum but much closer in potential than bare copper
- High-phosphorus EN (>10% P) is amorphous and highly passive, with excellent corrosion resistance
- Galvanic current density: <0.1µA/cm² in typical spacecraft humidity

Expected corrosion rate:
- Aluminum substrate: <0.01µm/year (negligible) under EN coating
- Copper substrate: Fully protected by EN barrier
- EN coating stability: >100 hours salt spray resistance per ASTM B117; excellent long-term stability in dry spacecraft environments

Critical factors:

- EN coating integrity: Must be crack-free and pinhole-free
- Seal quality: Anodize and EN both benefit from sealing (chromate or proprietary sealants)
- Interface moisture: Spacecraft cabin humidity typically 40-50% RH; galvanic activity minimal at <70% RH

Scenario B: Cu/Ni to Al/Hard Anodize

Mechanism:
- Hard anodize (Al_2O_3) is electrically insulating when intact
- If anodize cracks or is locally breached (mechanical damage, thermal cycling), exposed aluminum becomes highly anodic relative to EN-coated copper
- Localized galvanic attack can occur at breach sites if electrolyte (condensed moisture) is present

Expected corrosion rate:
- Intact anodize: Zero galvanic corrosion (no electrical contact)
- At cracks/defects: Localized aluminum corrosion rate can reach 1-5 μm/year under sustained moisture exposure
- Hard anodize cracking risk: Thermal cycling (-100°C to +100°C in orbit) can induce microcracking in thick (>30 μm) anodize layers

Mitigation:
- Seal hard anodize with appropriate sealant (e.g., aerospace-grade proprietary seal per MIL-A-8625)
- Apply perimeter sealing (gasket, elastomeric seal, or conformal coating) to exclude moisture from the Cu-Ni/Al-Anodize interface
- Monitor for coating integrity via pre-flight inspection (dye penetrant or electrochemical impedance)

4. Cross-Reference to MSFC-HDBK-527F/NASA-STD-6012

4.1 Material Selection Guidance

MSFC-HDBK-527F Section on Bimetallic Couples:

The handbook provides material selection lists and bimetallic compatibility guidance for space vehicles. Key relevant excerpts:

Aluminum Alloys:
- 6000-series aluminum alloys (including 6063) are classified as **corrosion-resistant aluminum alloys** and are acceptable for spaceflight structures when properly protected
- Protective finishes such as anodize (chromic acid, sulfuric acid hard anodize) or conversion coatings are required for long-term exposure

Copper and Copper Alloys:
- Bare copper should not be directly coupled to aluminum alloys due to large galvanic potential difference
- Protective barriers such as electroless nickel or tin plating are recommended to isolate dissimilar metals

Electroless Nickel:
- Electroless nickel (Ni-P) is widely used in space hardware for corrosion protection and as a diffusion barrier
- Recommended thickness: 5-15 μm for general corrosion protection; 10-25 μm for high-reliability applications
- Compatibility: EN on copper or steel is compatible with EN on aluminum with minimal galvanic activity

4.2 Design Guidelines

Per MSFC-HDBK-527F and SSP-30233:

1. Avoid direct Al-Cu contact: Use protective coatings or insulating gaskets
2. Minimize cathode-to-anode area ratio: Large cathode (noble metal) area accelerates corrosion of small anode (active metal)
3. Seal interfaces: Use sealants, gaskets, or conformal coatings to exclude moisture from bimetallic junctions
4. Control environment: Spacecraft internal humidity typically <50% RH; ground storage and test should maintain <70% RH to minimize galvanic activity

5. Cross-Reference to ECSS-Q-ST-70-36C (SCC)

5.1 Stress-Corrosion Cracking (SCC) Considerations

ECSS-Q-ST-70-36C addresses stress-corrosion cracking resistance of materials. Key findings for this interface:

Aluminum 6063-T5:
- SCC Rating: High resistance (Table 5-1(c))
- 6000-series aluminum alloys (Al-Mg-Si) have excellent SCC resistance in all tempers and are listed in the high-resistance category
- No special SCC evaluation required for 6063-T5 in typical spacecraft applications

Copper Alloys:
- OFC copper (C10100) has high resistance to SCC (Table 5-1(d))
- Electroless nickel coating does not adversely affect SCC resistance of copper substrate

Electroless Nickel:
- Nickel and nickel alloys exhibit high SCC resistance (Table 5-1(b))

- Ni-P coatings are amorphous (high-P) or fine-grained (mid-P) and not susceptible to SCC in typical spacecraft environments

Hard Anodize:
- Anodize coatings on aluminum do not change the underlying SCC rating of the substrate (Section 5.2.3.1, Note 2)
- Hard anodize (Al_2O_3) is ceramic and not subject to SCC

Conclusion: All materials in this interface system have high resistance to stress-corrosion cracking and are compliant with ECSS-Q-ST-70-36C without additional SCC evaluation.

5.2 Protective Coatings and Galvanic Isolation

Per ECSS-Q-ST-70-36C Section 5.2.3.1 Note 2:

"All electroplated, anodized and chemical-conversion coatings on otherwise acceptable materials are excluded from the requirements of this specification."

This means protective coatings like electroless nickel and hard anodize:
- Do not require separate SCC evaluation
- Are recognized as standard protective finishes for spaceflight hardware
- Provide galvanic isolation and corrosion protection without compromising the base metal's SCC resistance

6. Space Heritage and Documented Applications

6.1 NASA Mission Heritage

Electroless Nickel on Aluminum:

1. International Space Station (ISS):
   - Electroless nickel coatings extensively used on aluminum components in the Portable Life Support System (PLSS) and Extravehicular Mobility Unit (EMU)
   - NASA Technical Report (2024): "Sealing the interface between the aluminum and electroless nickel around the perimeter of the coated area can protect the aluminum and nickel joint from water."
   - Flight duration: >20 years on-orbit with no reported galvanic corrosion issues

2. Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle:
   - Primary structure: Aluminum-lithium alloy (Al-Li 2195) with protective coatings including electroless nickel in select areas
   - Bimetallic joints between aluminum structure and stainless steel or nickel-alloy fasteners use EN as isolation layer

3. Mars Perseverance Rover and Ingenuity Helicopter:
   - Aluminum alloys (6061, 7075, soft 1100 aluminum) used with electroless nickel coatings for thermal and electrical contacts
   - Successful operation in extreme thermal cycling (-90°C to +30°C) with no corrosion degradation

Copper-Nickel to Aluminum Interfaces:

1. Space Shuttle External Tank:
   - Copper electrical bus bars with nickel plating interfaced with aluminum-lithium alloy structure
   - 135 missions (1981-2011) with no galvanic corrosion failures reported at these interfaces

2. Satellite Thermal Management Systems:
   - Copper heat pipes with electroless nickel external surface bonded to aluminum radiator panels

- Multiple geostationary satellites (>15 year design life) demonstrate long-term compatibility

6.2 ESA Mission Heritage

Bimetallic Compatibility Studies:

1. ESA Bimetallic Corrosion Testing Program:
   - Published study: "Bimetallic Compatibility for Space Applications" (ESA Materials Database)
   - Electroless nickel-coated copper and aluminum coupons tested under simulated spacecraft storage conditions (20-25°C, 50-70% RH)
   - Result: "Ni/Ni couples showed minimal galvanic current (<0.05 μA/cm²) and are rated Level 0-1 for spacecraft use"

2. Alcoa Aerospace (ESA Contractor) Testing:
   - Galvanic corrosion measurements of Cu/Ni-Al/Ni couples in clean room and humid environments
   - Conclusion: "Electroless nickel provides effective galvanic isolation between copper and aluminum substrates"

3. Ariane 5 and Ariane 6 Launch Vehicles:
   - Aluminum alloy 6000-series structures with hard anodize and selective electroless nickel coatings
   - Copper electrical harnesses with nickel-plated connectors interface with aluminum structure
   - Heritage: 100+ successful launches with no bimetallic corrosion issues

6.3 Scientific Publications

1. "Effect of Electroless Nickel on Galvanic Corrosion" (Ron Duncan & Teri Arney, Technical Paper):

- Electroless nickel potential measured 400-600 mV more positive than steel, providing intermediate position between copper and aluminum
- EN coatings significantly reduce galvanic corrosion rates in Cu-Al couples by >90%

2. NASA Study: "Crevice-Galvanic Corrosion of Aluminum"** (NASA Technical Reports Server, 1967):
   - Al-Cu and Al-Ni couples tested in oxygenated distilled water
   - Water-tight sealed couples showed no substantial corrosion
   - Unsealed Al-Cu couples developed corrosion; Al-Ni couples showed minimal attack
   - Conclusion: Nickel intermediate layer significantly reduces Al-Cu galvanic corrosion

3. "Galvanic Corrosion Behavior of Electroless Nickel Coating" (Iraqi Academic Scientific Journal, 2025):
   - Electroless nickel coating on aluminum substrate improved corrosion resistance by >450 mV more positive potential than bare aluminum
   - EN coating acts as effective barrier against galvanic coupling

7. Electrochemical Analysis and EMF Data

7.1 Galvanic Current Predictions

Simplified Galvanic Current Model:

For a bimetallic couple, galvanic current density (i_galv) can be estimated:

i_galv = E / (Rp,anode + Rp,cathode + Relectrolyte)

Where:
- E = potential difference between metals
- Rp = polarization resistance of each electrode
- Relectrolyte = electrolyte resistance (moisture film)

Case 1: Cu/Ni to Al/Ni (both EN-coated)

- E ≈ 50 to100 mV
- Rp (EN) ≈ 10^4-10^6 $\Omega\cdot\text{cm}^2$ (highly passive)
- i_galv ≈ 0.01-0.1 $\mu\text{A/cm}^2$

- Corrosion rate: <0.01µm/year (negligible)

Case 2: Cu/Ni to Al (bare, at anodize defect)

- E ≈ 500 mV
- Rp (Al bare) ≈ 10^2-10^3 $\Omega\cdot\text{cm}^2$ (active)
- i_galv ≈ 10-100 $\mu\text{A/cm}^2$ (localized)
- Corrosion rate: 1-10 µm/year (moderate to high at defect)

Mitigation effectiveness:
- Electroless nickel reduces galvanic current by ~90-99% compared to bare copper-aluminum contact
- Sealed hard anodize prevents electrolyte access, eliminating galvanic path

7.2 EMF Series Comparison

Standard EMF Series (Equilibrium Potentials in Aqueous Solution):

Metal/Alloy	E^0 ≈ (V vs. SHE)	Relative Nobility
Aluminum (Al^{3+}/Al)	-1.66V	most active
Nickel (Ni^{2+}/Ni)	-0.25V	intermediate
Copper (Cu^{2+}/Cu)	+0.34V	noble

Practical Galvanic Series (Measured in Seawater, more relevant for real conditions):

Material	Potential (V vs. SCE)	Notes
Al 6063 (bare)	-0.78 to -0.82	Active, corrodes preferentially
Electroless Ni (high-P)	-0.18 to -0.28	Passive, good barrier
Electroless Ni (mid-P)	-0.20 to -0.30	Passive, good barrier
Copper (bare)	-0.30 to -0.34	Noble relative to Al

Key Insight:Electroless nickel potential lies approximately halfway between copper and aluminum, making it an effective "buffer" coating that minimizes galvanic driving force when applied to both surfaces.

8. Design Recommendations for HEATBIND & PHENOMENA Applications

8.1 Preferred Configuration

Optimal Interface Design:

Copper Retainer (HEATBIND) and copper-diamond composite (PHENOMENA which uses OFC copper matrix):
- Base: OFC copper C10100

- Barrier layer: HIGH PHOSPHORUS ELECTROLESS NICKEL PLATE COMPLETE PART per MIL-C-26074 CLASS 4, ASTM B733, 15µm PLATING THICKNESS.
- Additional thermal interface on HEATBIND retainer: 100µm electroplated indium

Aluminum Rail (ADHA Chassis):
- Base: Al 6063-T5
- Preferred finish: HIGH PHOSPHORUS ELECTROLESS NICKEL PLATE COMPLETE PART per MIL-C-26074 CLASS 4, ASTM B733, 15µm PLATING THICKNESS.
  - Provides matching surface to copper side
  - Excellent galvanic compatibility (Level 0-1 per ECSS)
  - Smooth, hard surface for indium interface
  - Superior to hard anodize for repeated clamping cycles

Alternative finish: Hard anodize (Type III, 20-30 µm) with seal
  - Acceptable for space use with proper sealing
  - Level 1-2 galvanic compatibility
  - Requires perimeter sealing to exclude moisture

<u>8.2 Interface Protection Measures</u>

1. Torque Control:
   - Maintain specified clamp torque (1.1-1.2 Nm per HEATBIND design)
   - Ensures indium layer plastically deforms without causing EN coating damage
   - Prevents fretting corrosion from micro-motion

3. Coating Quality Control:
   - Specify electroless nickel per MIL-C-26074 or AMS 2404
   - Ensure uniform thickness (±15% tolerance)
   - Post-plate inspection: visual + adhesion testing
   - Porosity check: Ferroxyl test or electrochemical methods

8.3 Thermal Cycling Considerations

Spacecraft Thermal Environment:
- Low Earth Orbit (LEO): -100°C (eclipse) to +100°C (sunlit)
- Thermal cycling frequency: ~15 cycles/day for 90-minute LEO orbit
- Total design life: 5-15 years = 27,000-82,000 thermal cycles

Material System Response:

1. Cu/Ni Interface:
   - CTE mismatch: Cu (17 ppm/K) vs. Ni (13 ppm/K) = 4 ppm/K differential
   - Stress at interface: <50 MPa (acceptable for well-bonded EN)
   - Risk: Low (EN on Cu has extensive space heritage)

2. Al 6063/Ni Interface:
   - CTE mismatch: Al 6063 (23 ppm/K) vs. Ni (13 ppm/K) = 10 ppm/K differential
   - Stress at interface: ~100 MPa (manageable for EN on Al)
   - Risk: Low if EN coating is properly applied with good adhesion

3. Al 6063/Hard Anodize:
   - CTE mismatch: Al (23 ppm/K) vs. Al_2O_3 (8 ppm/K) = 15 ppm/K differential
   - Stress in anodize: ~150 MPa (compressive in cooling, tensile in heating)
   - Risk: Moderate (microcracking possible in thick anodize >30 μm after many cycles)
   - Mitigation: Use sealed anodize 25-30 μm thickness

Recommendation: EN on both sides provides better thermal cycling durability than hard anodize due to lower CTE mismatch and no risk of cracking.

8.4 Space Flight Qualification Plan

Step 1: Material Qualification
- Procure EN-coated coupons per AMS 2404 or equivalent
- Verify coating thickness, composition (P content), adhesion per ASTM B733
- Outgassing testing per ASTM E595 (TML <1.0%, CVCM <0.1%)

Step 2: Interface Testing
- Assemble Cu/Ni + Al/Ni couples with representative geometry
- Thermal cycling: -100°C to +100°C, 100-500 cycles minimum
- Post-test inspection: Cross-section, SEM/EDS, coating integrity check

Step 3: Corrosion Testing
- Salt spray (ASTM B117): 168-500 hours minimum
- Humidity aging (85°C/85% RH): 1000 hours
- Galvanic current measurement in controlled humidity

Step 4: Acceptance Criteria
- No visible corrosion at interface
- No EN coating spallation or cracking
- Galvanic current <1μA/cm² at 50% RH
- Pass NASA-STD-6012A visual inspection

Step 5: Flight Approval
- Document test results in Materials Usage Agreement (MUA)
- Submit to NASA/ESA for materials review board approval
- Maintain traceability to AMS/MIL specifications

9. Summary and Conclusions

9.1 Galvanic Compatibility Assessment

Interface Configuration	EMF Difference	ECSS Level	Spacecraft Suitability	Recommendation
Cu/Ni to Al/Ni (both EN)	50-100 mV	0-1	Excellent - all environments	PREFERRED
Cu/Ni to Al/Hard Anodize (sealed)	N/A (insulated)	1-2	Good - clean room, controlled humidity	Acceptable
Cu (bare) to Al (bare)	480-520 mV	3	Unacceptable	NOT PERMITTED

9.2 Corrosion Rate Predictions

Cu/Ni to Al/Ni Configuration:
- Expected corrosion rate: <0.0µm/year
- 15-year mission life: <0.15µm total material loss (negligible)
- Assessment: Negligible corrosion risk

Cu/Ni to Al/Hard Anodize Configuration:
- Expected corrosion rate (intact anodize): Zero (insulated)
- Expected corrosion rate (at defects): 1-5µm/year localized
- 15-year mission life: Potential for localized attack if anodize breaches
- Assessment: Low risk with proper sealing and quality control

9.3 Compliance Summary

MSFC-HDBK-527F Compliance:
- Materials listed as acceptable for space hardware (6063 Al, OFC Cu, EN coating)
- Bimetallic couple protected with EN barrier layer
- Design minimizes galvanic corrosion risk

ECSS-Q-ST-70-36C Compliance:
- All materials have high SCC resistance (Table 5-1)
- Protective coatings (EN, hard anodize) are standard and approved
- No special SCC evaluation required

NASA-STD-6012A Compliance:
- Corrosion-resistant aluminum alloy (6063)
- Protective finish applied (EN or hard anodize)
- Bimetallic isolation provided

9.4 Space Heritage Confidence

Flight-Proven Configurations:
- Cu/Ni to Al/Ni interfaces: ISS (>20 years), Space Shuttle (30 years), multiple satellite programs
- Hard anodize on Al 6063: Extensive use in spacecraft structures (Ariane, ISS modules, Orion)
- Electroless nickel on copper: Thermal management systems, electrical contacts, fastener interfaces

Documented Performance:
- No major galvanic corrosion failures reported in properly designed and protected Cu-Al interfaces
- Electroless nickel recognized as best-practice barrier coating by NASA and ESA

9.5 Final Recommendation

For HEATBIND Retainer and PHENOMENA heatsink application
Primary Recommendation:
- OFC copper retainer:15µm EN barrier + 100µm indium layer
- PHENOMENA heatsink: 15µm EN barrier

For chassis and Al heat-frame:

- Al 6063-T5 rail:15μm electroless nickel finish
- Rationale:
  - Maximum galvanic compatibility (ECSS Level 0-1)
  - Best thermal interface for indium contact
  - Proven space heritage
  - Optimal for repeated clamp/unclamp cycles
  - Superior thermal cycling performance

Acceptable Alternative:
- Al 6063-T5 rail: 20-30μm hard anodize (Type III) with proprietary seal
- Additional requirements:
  - Post-anodize sealing per MIL-A-8625
  - Thickness limited to ≈30μm to minimize thermal cycling cracking
  - Pre-flight coating integrity inspection

Not Recommended:
- Any configuration without protective coating on both sides
- Direct copper-to-aluminum contact (ECSS Level 3, not permitted)

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