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Corrosion and Options for Reducing it in Energy Efficient Stainless Steel Pasteurizers





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Industrial Water and Waste Water Reuse and Reduction

- Water consumption globally has increased water and waste costs
- 24% reduction in industrial water since 1985
- **2000-Present**: Beverage industry has increased water re-use with closed loop water systems

Brewery Tunnel Pasteurizer Corrosion

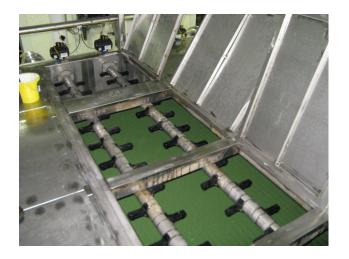
- **2007-2008**: Pasteurizer manufacturers began to experience corrosion issues on energy efficient passivated stainless steel pasteurizers
- Corrosion source was unknown
- Pasteurizer stainless steel was tested and certified to ensure proper grade
- **Conclusion**: Corrosion was from Halide Vapors Could be Minimized by Cleaning Surfaces





2013 Corrosion Explosion

- Energy efficient pasteurizer with less than 5 gallons per minute water consumption began to corrode
- Unit was being treated and monitored with 2-3 ppm of chlorine in regenerative zones
- Unit was passivated before start up





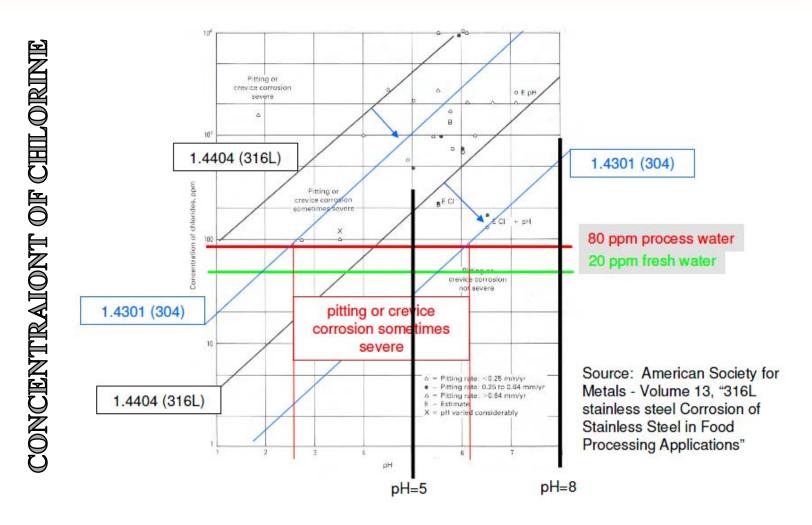
Stainless Steel Passivation

- Passivation removes the excess iron, leaving a chrome-rich surface which then oxidizes
- If the chrome is depleted, corrosion pitting will occur
- Passivation layer is 1/1500 the width of a human hair

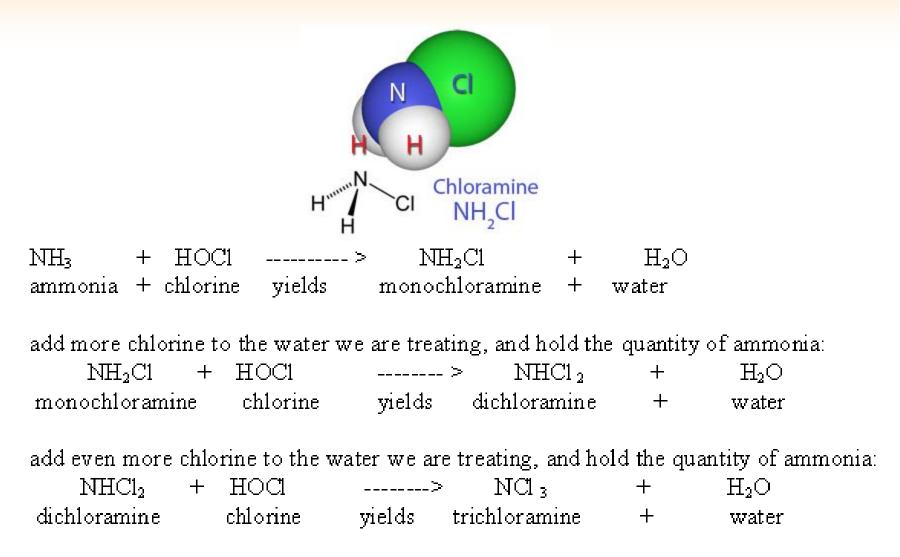


Horizontal

Interdependency of Various Parameters

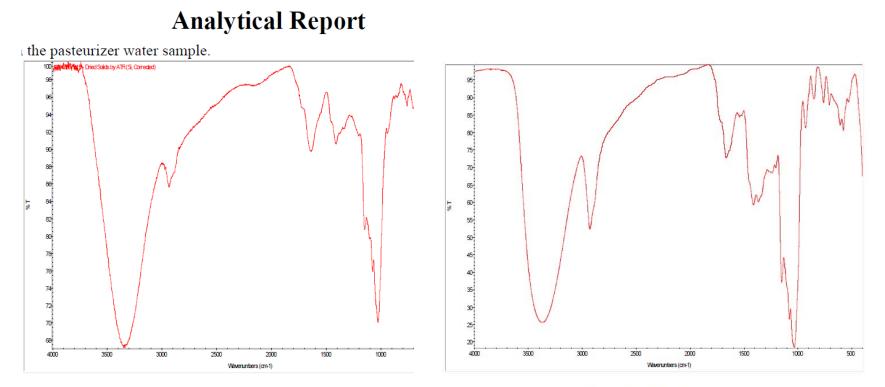


Chloramines



TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON

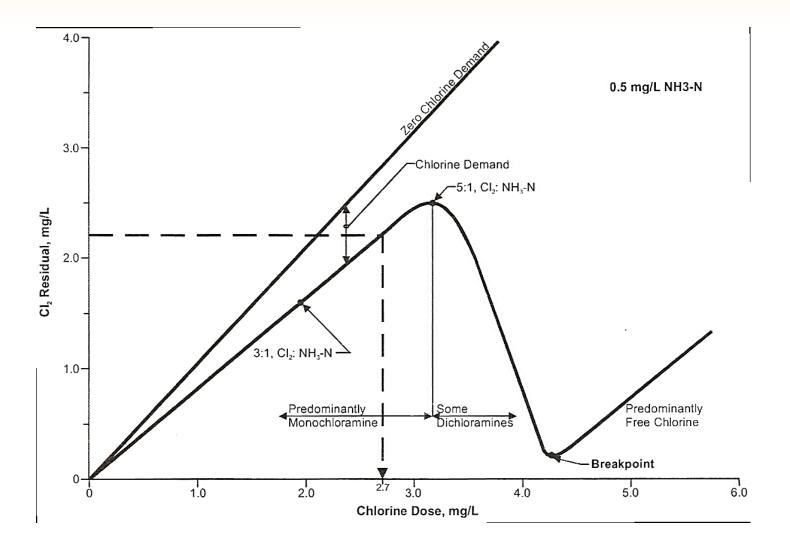




IR Spectrum of Dried Solids Portion of Water

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Chlorine Demand Break Point



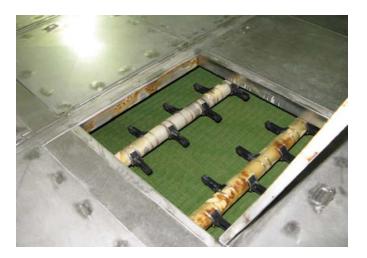
Best Practice: Stainless Steel Cleaning and Re-Passivation



Before



After





Maintaining Rust Free Stainless Steel Pasteurizer

- Cleaning
- Increase Water Use
 - Pre-Rinse
 - Monitor Total Organic Carbon and Turbidity
- Biocide Alternatives
 - Peracitic Acid
 - Ion (Cu-Ag)
- Water Filtration System

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