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**Cinc-Níquel**

**Minimización de residuos**

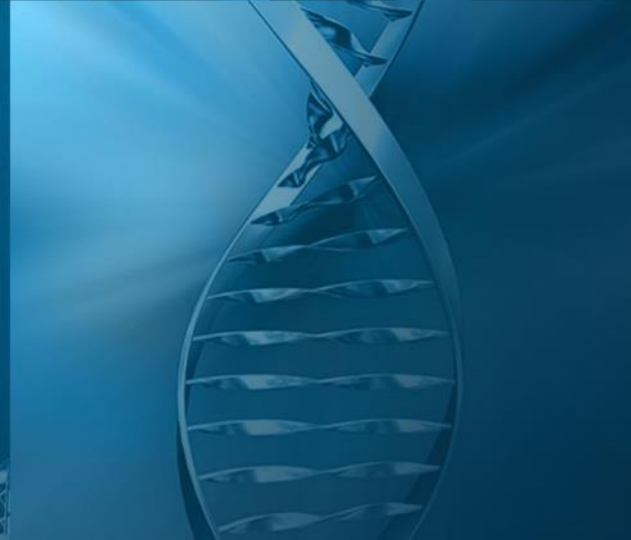
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# Agenda

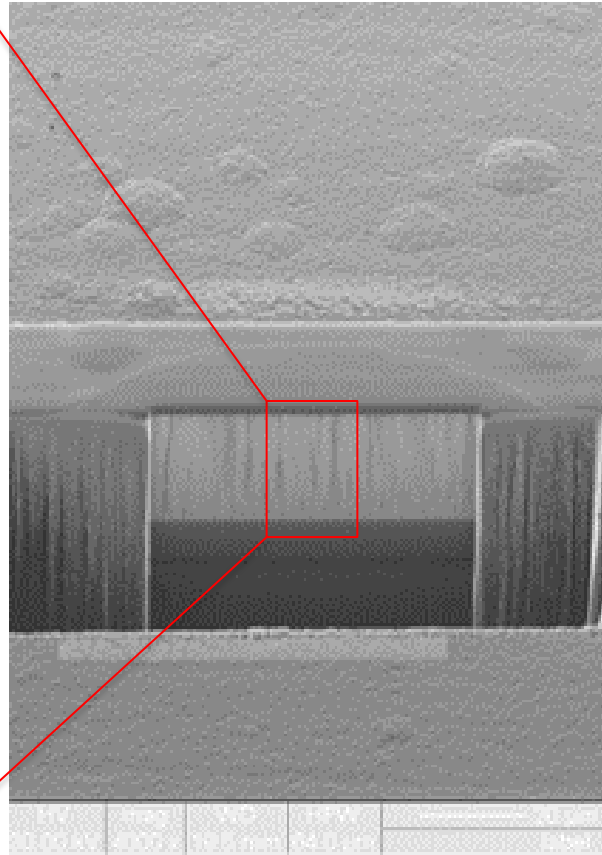
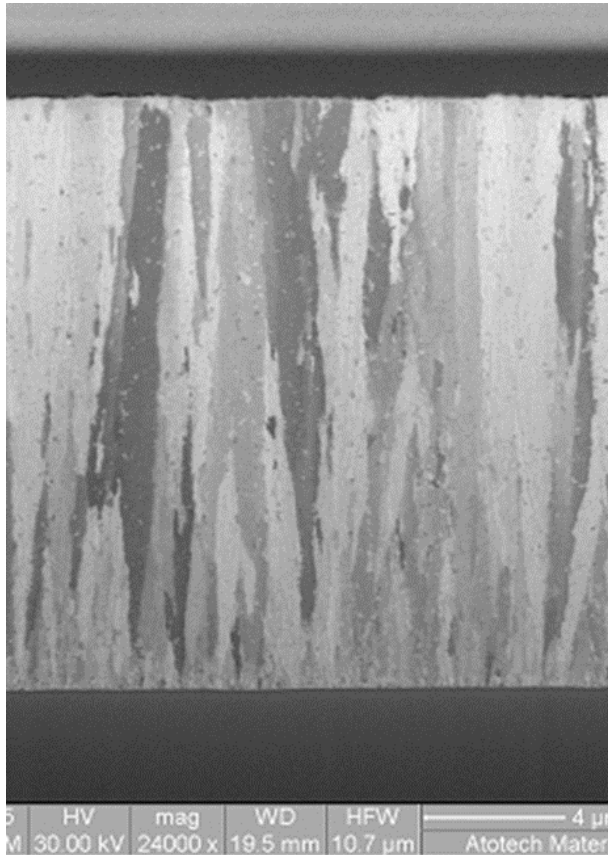


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Cinc-Níquel

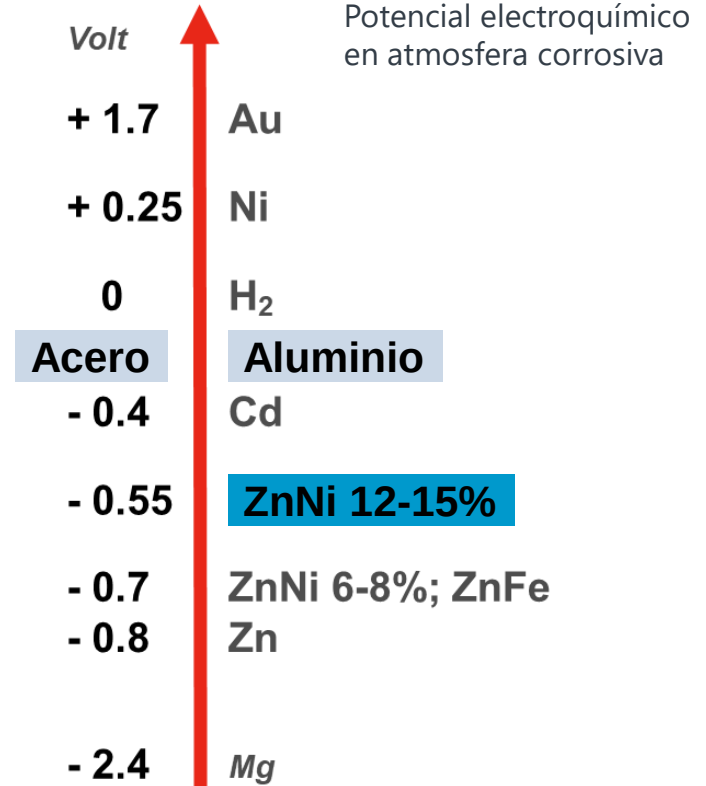
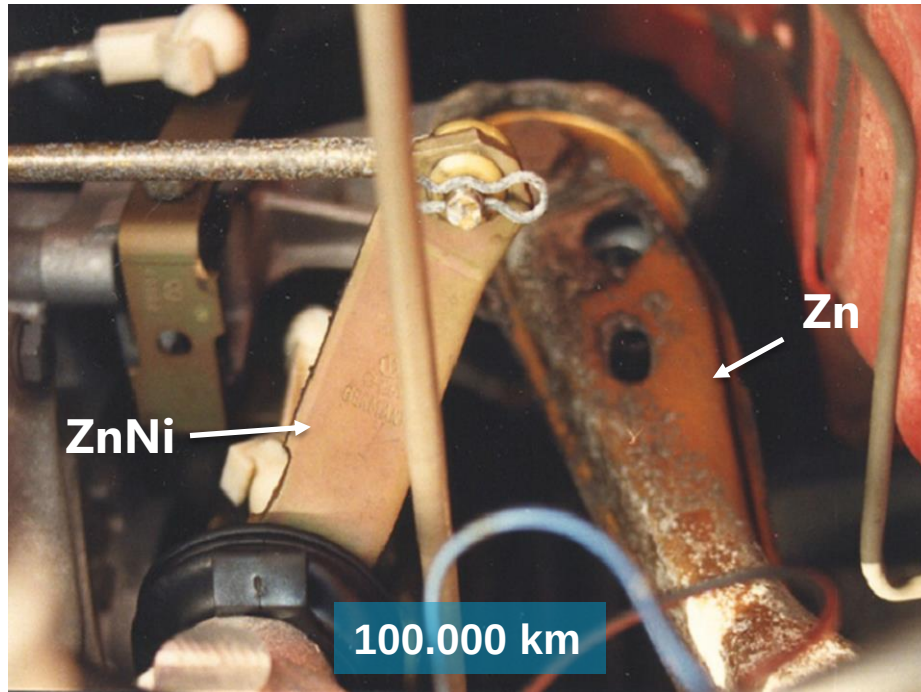


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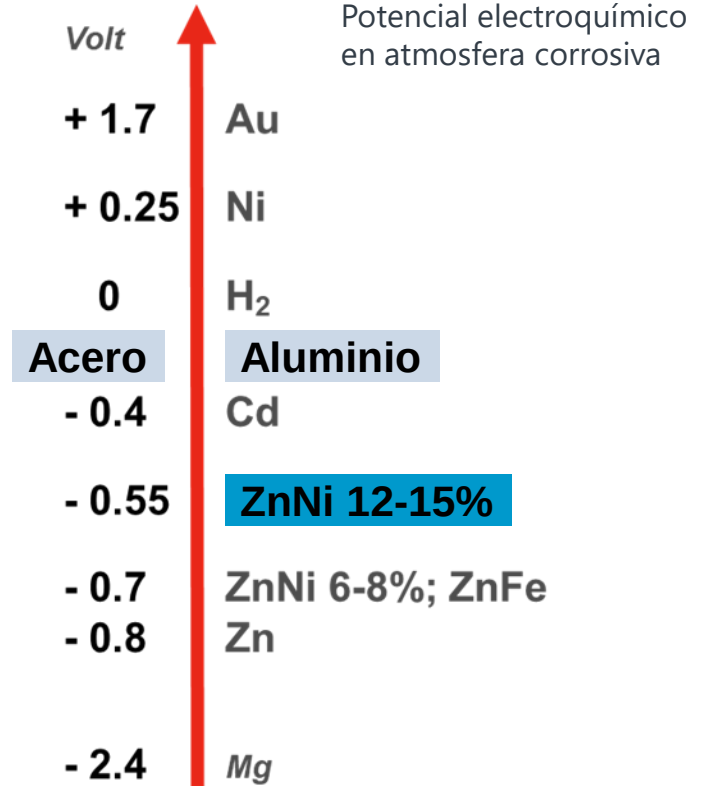
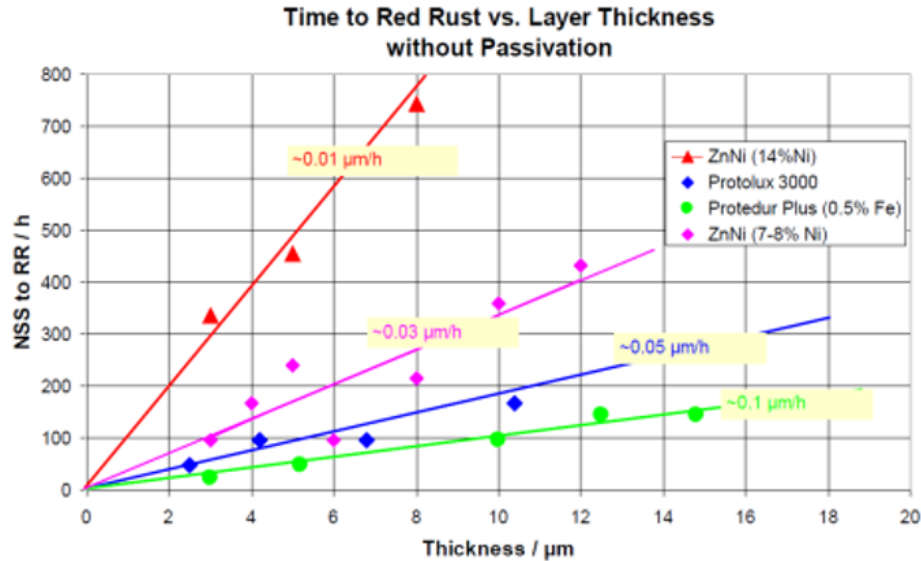


- Recubrimiento de protección catódica a la corrosión (sacrificio).
- Aleado con un 12%-15% de Níquel.

# ¿Por qué Cinc-Níquel?



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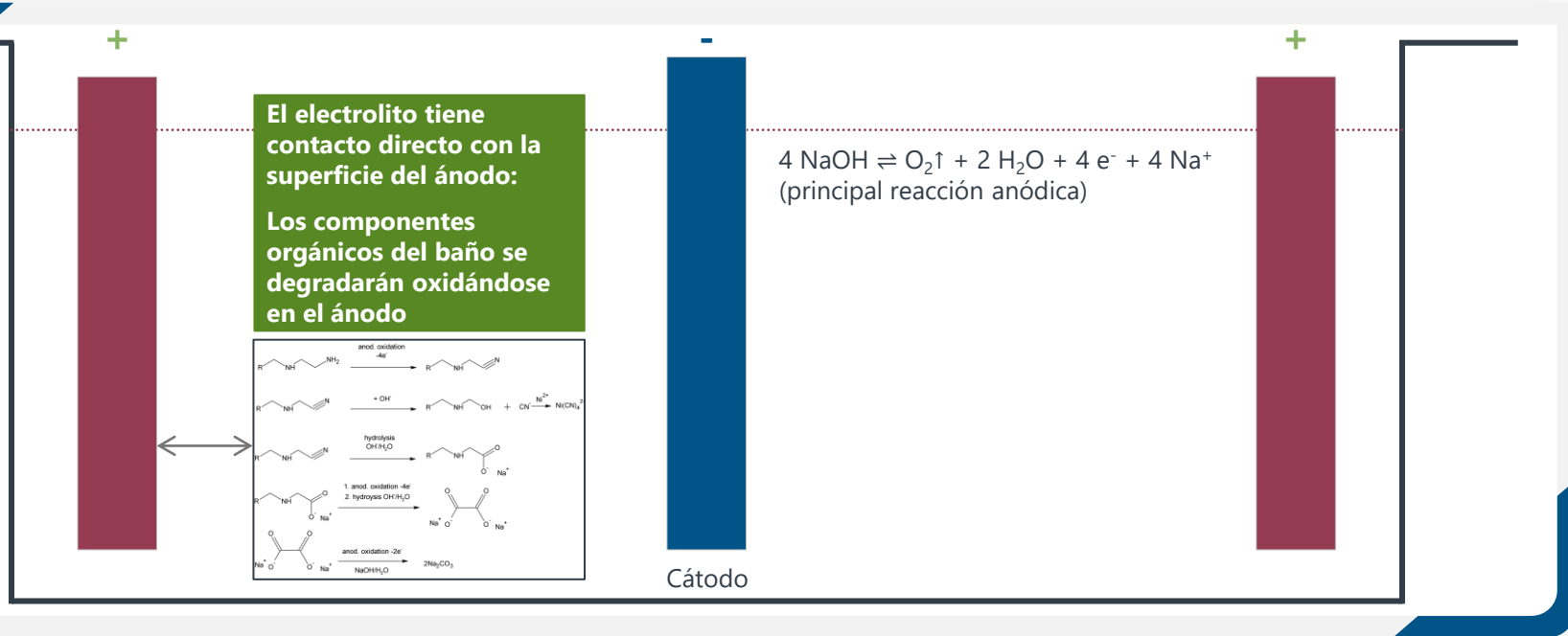
# ZnNi Alcalino

Referencia en el  
mercado



# Sistema anódico convencional

## Principio de operación



## Sistema anódico convencional:

Se producen reacciones electroquímicas anódicas y catódicas en los electrolitos



# Cinc-Níquel Alcalino

Ejemplo como referencia para una típica línea a bombo

## Cinc-Níquel alcalino estándar

Durante el proceso de deposición con ZnNi alcalino, se generan subproductos como cianuros, carbonatos, así como subproductos de degradación orgánica que se irán acumulando en el baño gradualmente

### Subproductos

- Los Carbonatos y la orgánica aumentará la densidad y la viscosidad del electrolito
- Los Cianuros crearán un complejo estable con el Níquel, resultando en un mayor consume de aditivo de Níquel

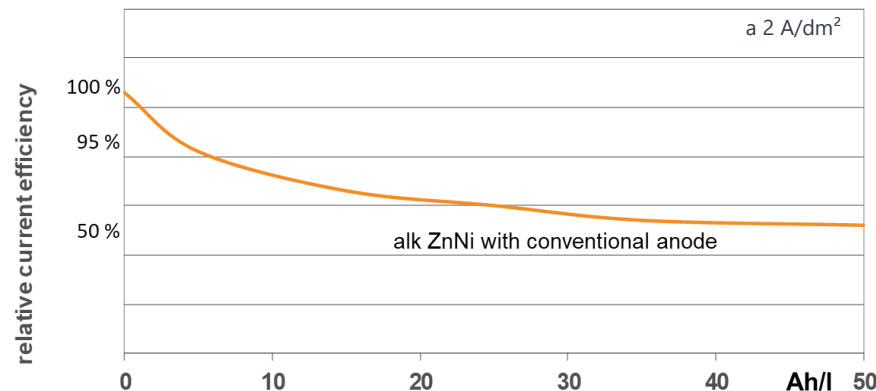
### Impactos negativos:

- Reducción de la eficiencia de corriente catódica y la velocidad de deposición (coste energético, coste químico, producción)
- Necesidad de realizar diluciones del electrolito (depuración)
- Cristalización (<5°C) y filtración de carbonatos

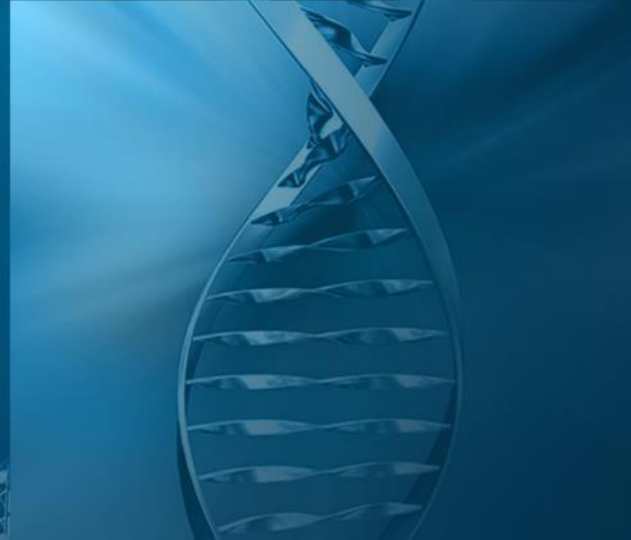
## Base de referencia

para cálculos y comparaciones

= 100 % CO<sub>2</sub> emisión

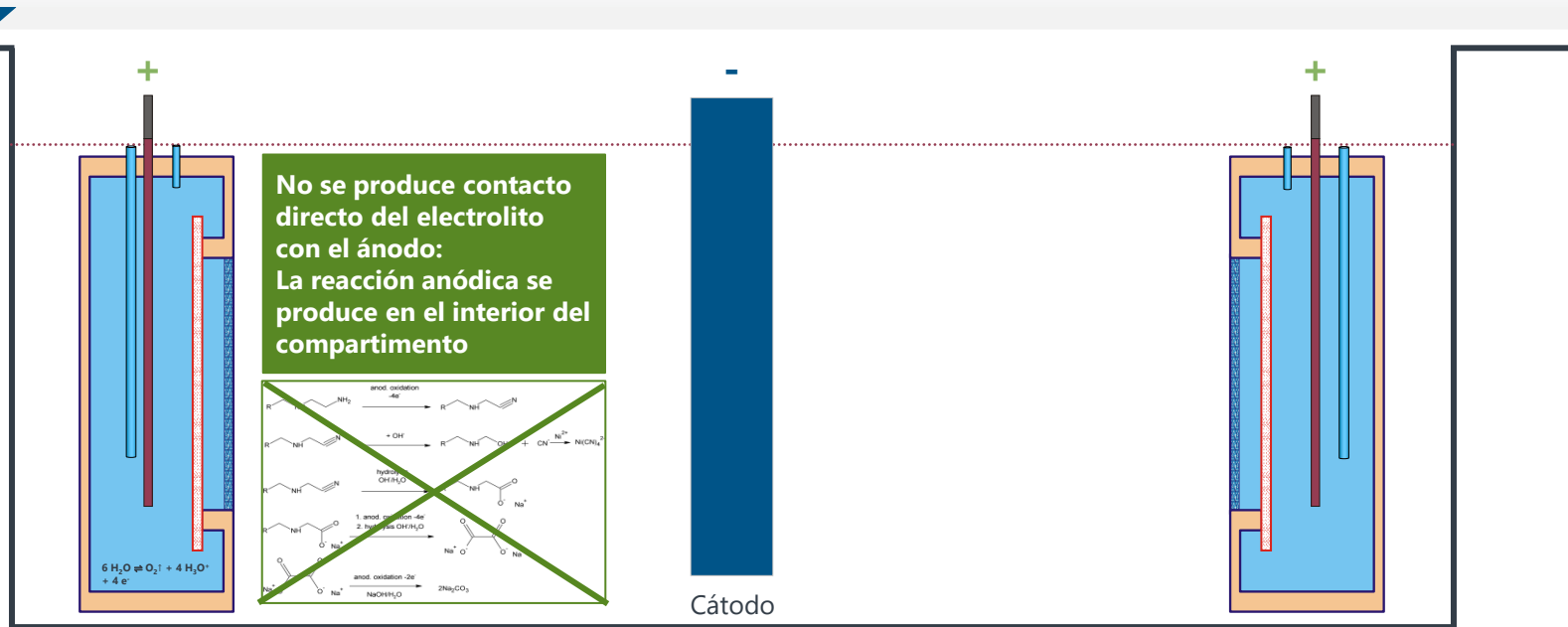


# Ánodos de Membrana



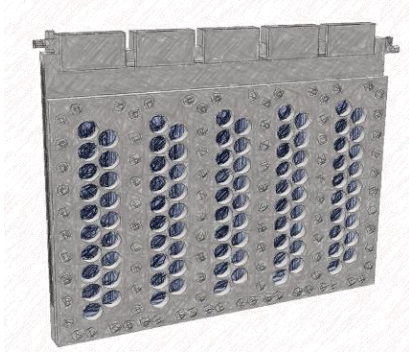
# Sistema de ánodo de membrana

## Principio de operación



**Sistema de ánodo de membrana:**  
El ánodo permanece aislado del electrolito → no se generan subproductos anódicos

# CMA – caso de éxito

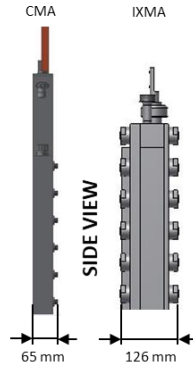


**C**ompact **M**embrane **A**node

IXMA = Ion eXchange Membrane Anode



## Espesor de ánodo



## Ancho de ánodo



## Recirculación de anolito



## CMA en cliente



# Sistema de ánodos de membrana

## Beneficios

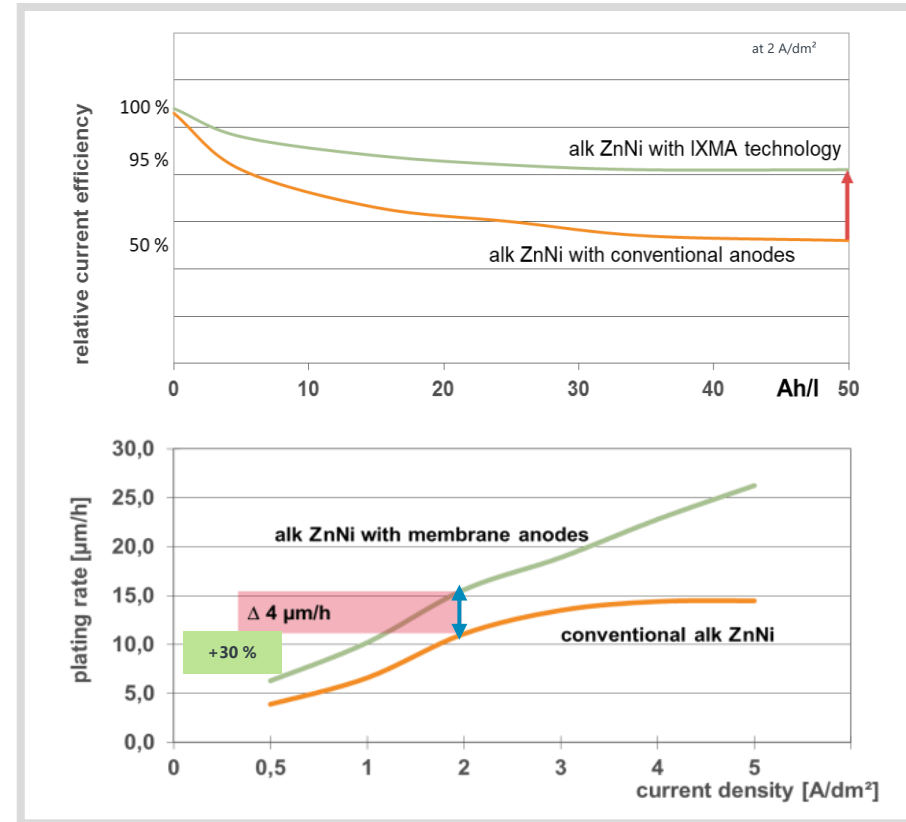


### Ánodos de membrana para electrolitos de Cinc-Níquel alcalino

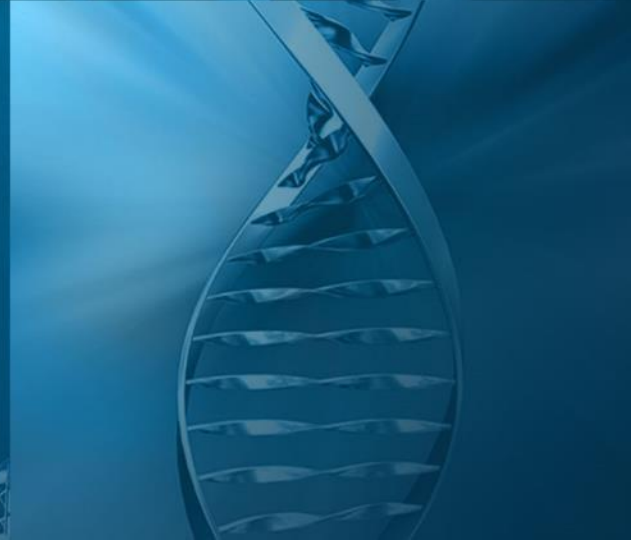
- Evita la generación de subproductos como cianuros, carbonatos y orgánica
- Mantiene el baño casi como nuevo
- Mayor eficiencia de corriente catódica
- Mejora la velocidad de deposición y su productividad
- Mayor consistencia en la calidad del recubrimiento
- Sin necesidad de realizar diluciones de baño



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**Reducción EMISIONES CO<sub>2</sub>**



# Sistema Closed Loop





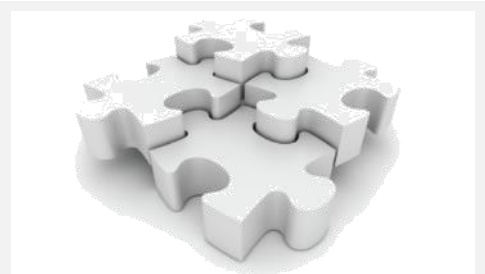


100% CMA

Carbolux

Evaporador

## Aditivos especiales CL



## Todos los componentes trabajan conjuntamente



# CMA / Closed Loop

## Proceso electrolítico optimizado para reducción de huella medioambiental



El Sistema de **Ánodos de Membrana** para ZnNi Alcalino no genera Cianuros ni subproductos orgánicos, pero continua:

- Conteniendo agentes complejantes fuertes
- Cinc y Níquel metálico hacia la planta de tratamiento de aguas



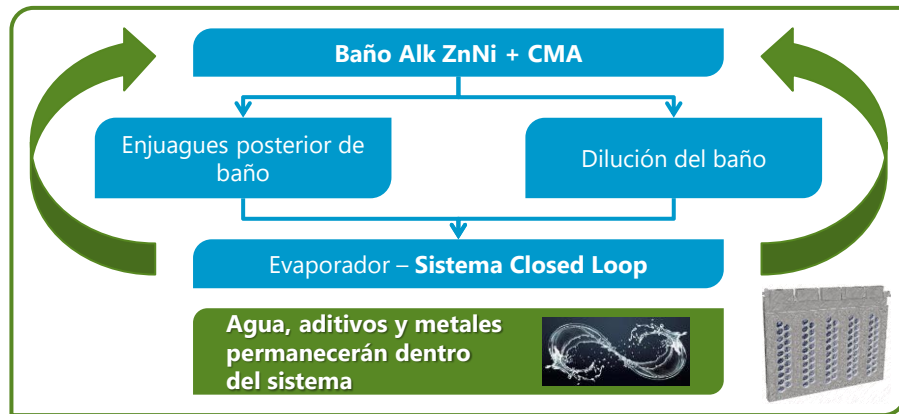
Los límites de vertido se han visto reducidos significativamente a nivel mundial



2 opciones para cumplir con los requerimientos para baños de ZnNi alcalino:



\* picture = pixabay



# CMA / Closed Loop

Caso cliente real

## CMA (Compact Membrane Anodes)

- El electrolito permanece como nuevo
- **Sin subproductos**
  - ✓ Libre de Cianuro
- Alta eficiencia de corriente
  - ✓ **Alta productividad**

## Sistema CMA/ Closed Loop

Uso del Sistema CMA/CL:

- Reciclado de **enjuagues**
- Reciclado de toda la **Química**
- **Sin vertido de Níquel** a la depuradora
- **Ahorro** significativo de **costes**

|                        | 2019                 | 2020 (inicio 1ª<br>CMA Closed Loop) | 2022               | 2023 (inicio 2a<br>CMA Closed<br>Loop) |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Depuración<br>ZnNi Alk | 2,137 m <sup>3</sup> | 1,069 m <sup>3</sup>                | 957 m <sup>3</sup> | 100 m <sup>3</sup>                     |
| Lodos                  | 52 t                 | 26 t                                | 24 t               | 5.5 t                                  |



**El Sistema Closed Loop previene casi completamente la generación de vertidos hacia la depuradora**



Instalación cliente CMA

Imágenes cortesía GalvanoTec – KFB Group

# CMA / Closed Loop

## Ahorros auditados

### Certificate Chemical-reducing process technology in the galvanic zinc-nickel plating process

Additional explanation: Measurements and evaluations of the plant's operating behavior for the implementation of a special process technology in defined different operating conditions. The plant for the implementation of the process technology was monitored regarding its chemical consumption. The operation was carried out under standard operating conditions.

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TÜV Rheinland confirms that Atotech Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG, based in Berlin, is able to operate an electroplating zinc-nickel process by using a closed-loop system with a reduced volume of waste- and rinse water to achieve verifiable savings in waste- and rinse water (> 95 %) under defined conditions. Sludge occurring in the waste water treatment is significantly reduced (> 95 %).

The electroplating friendly company of the...  
The report "Closed-loop implementation rinsing baths from..."

The validation of the... reduction by means of a supervisor, zinc, nickel, sodium hydroxide, Galvano-Tec GmbH in Obernzell, Germany.

System used Barrel process with a closed-loop system for galvanic zinc-nickel deposition. Calibrated measuring instruments; dosimeter for feeding the organic additives. Registration of the annual amount of zinc, nickel, and sodium hydroxide.

Test basis Annual consumption of chemicals used in the barrel process for galvanic zinc-nickel deposition (alkaline process) under normal operating conditions in the production of Galvano-Tec GmbH in Obernzell, Germany.

Valid from... Valid until...

Change in the process or any of its components that result in a change in water consumption.

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### Evaluación por auditor externo e independiente en instalación de cliente real

- CMA/CL en línea de cliente de ZnNi alcalino
- Auditoría TÜV sobre consumo de química, depuración y enjuagues antes/después de instalación CMA/CL

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### Certificate Waste- and rinse water technology in the electroplating process

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The electroplating zinc-nickel process is therefore more environmentally friendly compared to conventional market processes.

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Ahorro en Química  
> 75 %

Ahorro NaOH  
> 90 %

Reducción de lodos  
> 95 %

Ahorro en agua a depurar  
> 95 %

Ahorro en consumo de agua de enjuague  
> 95 %

Zinni® –  
ZnNi Ácido



# Proceso electrolítico

## Teoría – Comparación entre electrolito ácido con electrolito alcalino



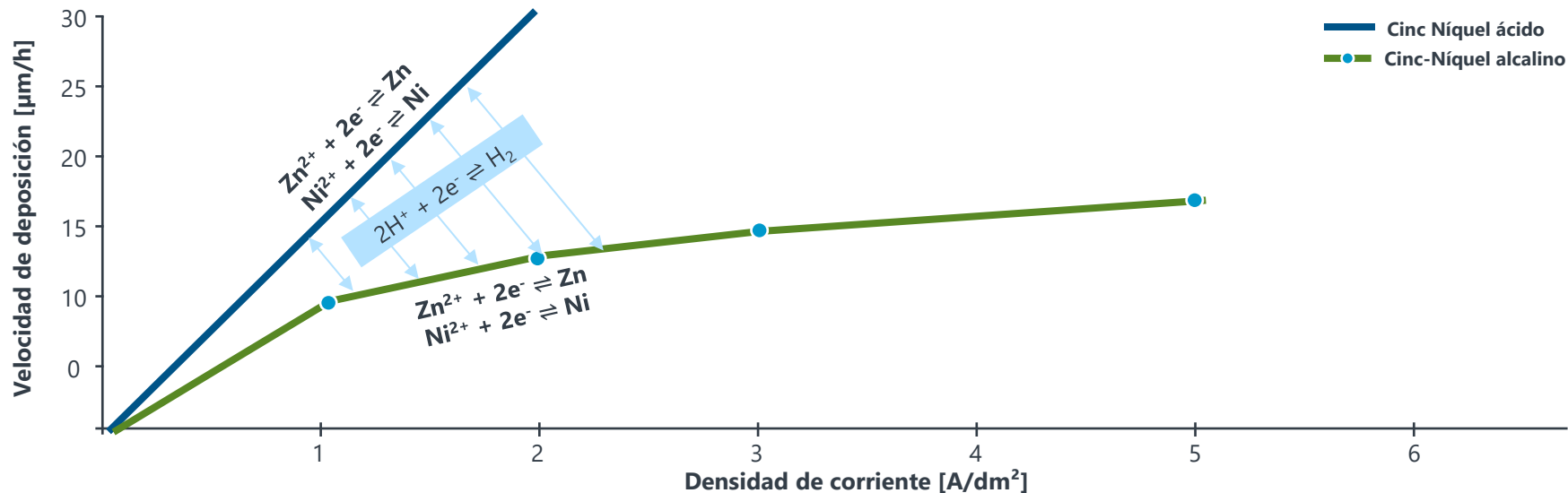
### Proceso ácido

La eficiencia de corriente catódica (cce) es más o menos independiente de la densidad de corriente (cd) siendo prácticamente lineal.



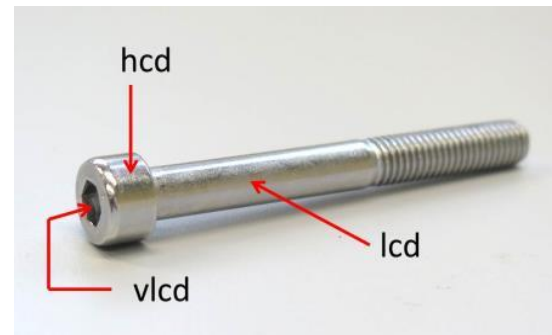
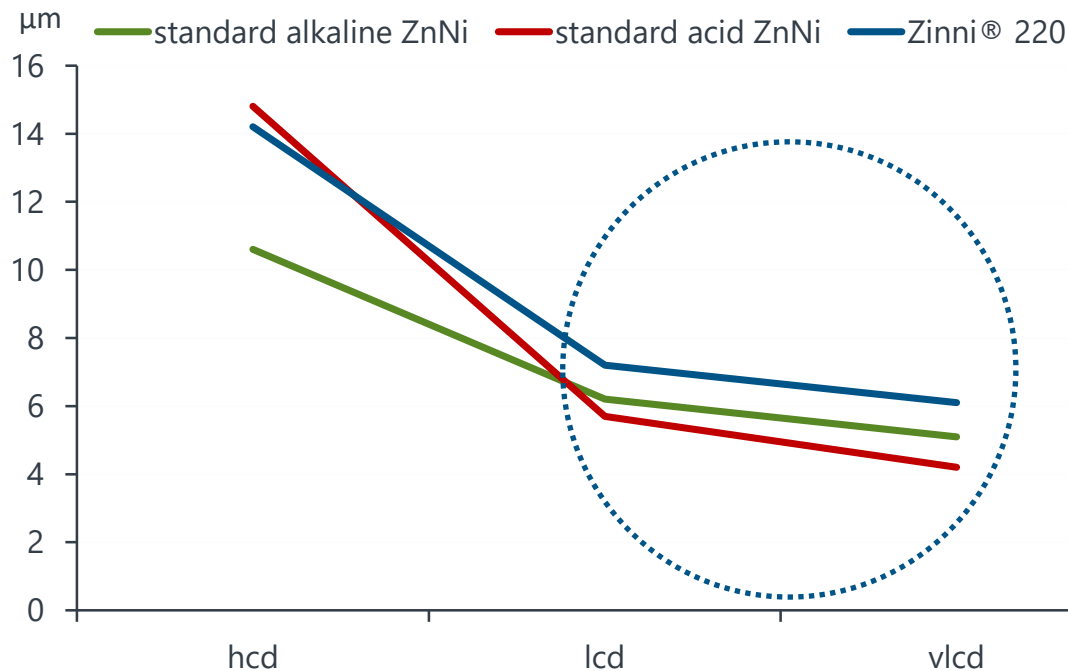
### Proceso alcalino

Menor eficiencia a mayor densidad de corriente



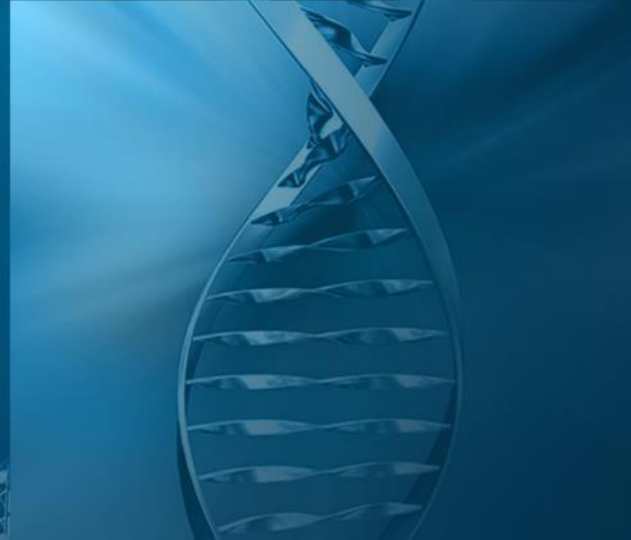


### Distribución de espesor ( $0.7 \text{ A/dm}^2$ , 60 min)



hcd = Alta densidad de corriente  
lcd = Baja densidad de corriente  
vlcd = Muy baja densidad de corriente

# Resumen

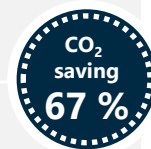


# Resumen Cinc-Níquel

## Múltiples opciones para un recubrimiento de ZnNi



|                                                                                     | ZnNi estándar alcalino | ZnNi Closed Loop | Zinni® ácido |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Metalización directa sobre acero de fundición                                       | -                      | -                | +++          |
| Brillo (homogeneidad)                                                               | +                      | ++               | +++          |
| Eficiencia de corriente / productividad                                             | +                      | ++               | +++          |
| Distribución de espesor                                                             | +++                    | +++              | +++          |
| Protección a la corrosión*<br>(* a mismo espesor)                                   | +++                    | +++              | +++          |
| Depuración / Gestión medioambiental                                                 | +                      | +++              | ++           |
| <b>COSTE OPERATIVO</b> (energía, consumo de aditivos, velocidad de deposición, ...) | +                      | ++               | +++          |
| <b>EMISIONES CO<sub>2</sub></b>                                                     | -                      | ++               | +++          |



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- problemático

+ bueno

++ muy bueno

+++ excelente

# Soluciones MKS Atotech

## Equipo Auxiliar

Para un menor impacto  
medioambiental



# Auxiliary equipment for corrosion protection coatings

Increase of quality and productivity while reducing cost and environmental footprint

## Tri-Max®

Online analysis and dosing for soak and e-cleaner



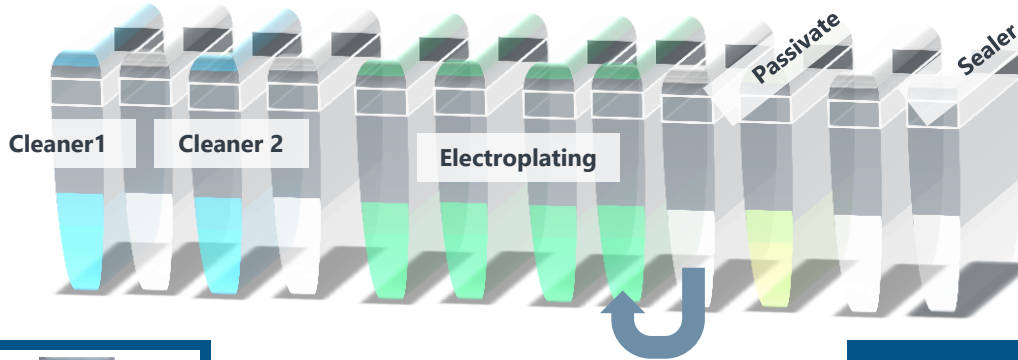
## ZYpHEX®

Removal of organic breakdown products



## Tricotect®

Removal of Zn and Fe contamination



Reduction of maintenance effort with **Just-a-box**



Rinse recovery of metals and additives + reduction of rinse water

## Membrane anodes

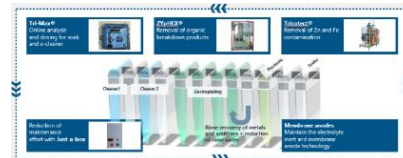
Maintain the electrolyte inert and membrane anode technology



# Carbon footprint in electroplating

## CO<sub>2</sub> reduction possibilities in the full galvanizing process

| Process segment     | Name                            | Principle                                                                                              | Possible CO <sub>2</sub> savings | Additional advantages                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hot soak, e-cleaner | <b>Tri-Max®</b>                 | Auto control and dosing, chemistry reduction                                                           | <b>tbd</b>                       | Increased <b>QUALITY</b> / Lower running <b>COST</b><br>Savings in <b>CHEMISTRY</b> / Reduced <b>WASTEWATER</b>                             |
| Hot soak            | <b>Modern Cleaner</b>           | Low temperature and long life cleaner                                                                  | <b>10 – 70%</b>                  | Lower running <b>COST</b> / Reduced <b>WASTEWATER</b>                                                                                       |
| Acid Zn, acid ZnNi  | <b>ZYpHEX</b>                   | Regeneration system for acidic Zn and ZnNi electrolytes                                                | <b>tbd</b>                       | Reduced <b>WASTEWATER</b> / Savings in <b>CHEMISTRY</b><br>Lower running <b>COST</b>                                                        |
| Alkaline ZnNi       | <b>Smart anodes</b>             | Small anode surface/high anodic current density to reduce breakdown products resulting in cce increase | <b>10 – 25%</b>                  | Savings in <b>CHEMISTRY</b><br>Increased <b>PRODUCTIVITY</b>                                                                                |
| Alkaline ZnNi       | <b>IXMA / CMA (closed loop)</b> | Ion eXchange Membrane system to avoid creation of breakdown products resulting in cce increase         | <b>up to 50%</b>                 | 100% <b>CN-FREE</b> / Savings in <b>CHEMISTRY</b><br>Lower running <b>COST</b> / Reduced <b>WASTEWATER</b><br>Increased <b>PRODUCTIVITY</b> |
| Acid ZnNi           | <b>Zinni 220</b>                | Switch alkaline ZnNi to acid Zinni® 220                                                                | <b>20 – 70%</b>                  | Increased <b>PRODUCTIVITY</b> / Lower running <b>COST</b><br>Easier <b>WASTEWATER</b> treatment                                             |
| Acid ZnNi           | <b>Inert anodes</b>             | Avoid metal increase, avoid dilutions                                                                  | <b>Line specific</b>             | Savings in <b>CHEMISTRY</b> / Lower running <b>COST</b><br>Reduced <b>WASTEWATER</b> / Consistent <b>QUALITY</b>                            |
| Acid ZnNi           | <b>Just-a-box</b>               | Avoid external anode storage during downtime                                                           | -                                | <b>TIME</b> savings / Reduced maintenance <b>COST</b>                                                                                       |
| Passivate           | <b>Tricotect®</b>               | Removes Zn and Fe contamination, avoids dilutions                                                      | <b>tbd</b>                       | Savings in <b>CHEMISTRY</b> / No <b>DOWN TIME</b><br>Lower running <b>COST</b> / Consistent <b>QUALITY</b>                                  |
| Passivate           | <b>Room temperature</b>         | Low temperature passivates save heating energy                                                         | <b>10 – 100%</b>                 | Lower running <b>COST</b>                                                                                                                   |



Working on the full galvanizing process and improving each single step with auxiliary equipment or innovative chemistry concept





¿Preguntas?

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