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**Alkylated Amine Epoxy:  
Maximise productivity,  
Minimise cost**

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# Agenda



CUI Introduction and the Challenges



Alkylated Amine Epoxy – Performance from -196°C to +230°C



Performance Analysis - Benchmarking



Conclusion

## **CUI – The Problem**

Latest figure – Globally £4 trillion (OGTC site)

### **CUI – Corrosion Under Insulation**

Electrochemical reaction

Problem recognised ~ 60 years ago

Still causing concern today

>80% CUI occurrences in piping

NACE SP0198 now states CUI can occur up to 175°C



# Insulation characteristics

Insulation system theoretically dry and barrier to water

In reality impossible to prevent water ingress

- Mechanical damage
- Degradation of mastic sealing cladding
- Complex geometries



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# Results of CUI

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Typical results of CUI

- Metal Loss
- Failure of metal substrate resulting in catastrophic explosions



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## The Challenge

- Oil & Gas projects can involve thousands of pipe spools, valves and vessels
- All require different coating schemes depending on
  - Carbon steel or stainless steel
  - Insulated or un-insulated requirements
  - Service temperature range



## The Challenge

**Pipe Spool Coater, Louisiana, USA:** “In a single month, I will use 40 different coatings from 6 different manufacturers...it’s a nightmare!”



# The Challenge

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SP0108-2008

Table 3B. Typical Atmospheric Zone Maintenance Coating Systems on Carbon Steels

Service Category	Coat	Coating System	DFT, $\mu\text{m}$ (mil)	Target DFT, $\mu\text{m}$ (mil)
CM-1 Water condensing pipes	1	Underwater-curable epoxy <sup>(A)</sup>	375-750 (15-30)	500 (20)
CM-2 Atmospheric zone -50 to 120°C (-58 to 248°F)  with/without insulation	1	Epoxy primer	125-175 (5-7)	125 (5)
	2	High-solids epoxy	125-175 (5-7)	125 (5)
	3	Polyurethane	50-75 (2-3)	75 (3)
	1	Organic zinc-rich primer	50-75 (2-3)	75 (3)
	2	Epoxy	125-175 (5-7)	125 (5)
	3	Polyurethane	50-75 (2-3)	75 (3)
CM-3 Atmospheric zone 120 to 150°C (248 to 302°F)  with/without insulation	1	Moisture-cured urethane primer	75-125 (3-5) <sup>(B)</sup>	100 (4)
	2	Moisture-cured urethane	75-125 (3-5) <sup>(B)</sup>	100 (4)
	3	Moisture-cured urethane	75-125 (3-5) <sup>(B)</sup>	100 (4)
CM-3 Atmospheric zone 120 to 150°C (248 to 302°F)  with/without insulation	1	Epoxy phenolic	100-125 (4-5)	125 (5)
	2	Epoxy phenolic	100-125 (4-5)	125 (5)
	1	Silicon-based HB coating <sup>(C)</sup>	100-200 (4-8)	150 (6)
	2	Silicon-based HB coating <sup>(C)</sup>	100-200 (4-8)	150 (6)



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# The Challenge

## Epoxy Phenolics

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In -196°C to 230°C (-320°F to 446°F) temperature range the epoxy phenolic currently dominates conventional specifications, but presents challenges for large, complex projects.

Epoxy  
Phenolic

Aluminium  
Silicone

Zinc  
Silicate

Epoxy  
Tie-Coat

Zinc  
Epoxy

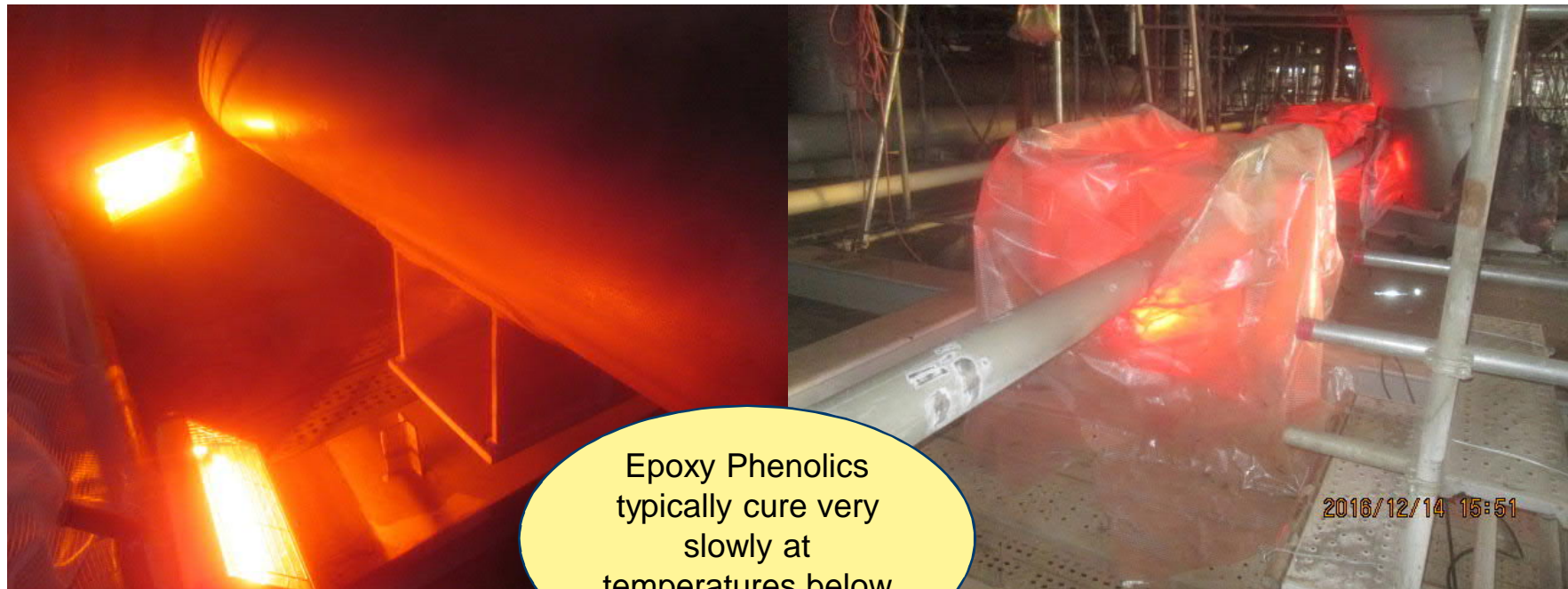
High Build Epoxy  
Mid-Coat



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# The Challenge Epoxy Phenolics

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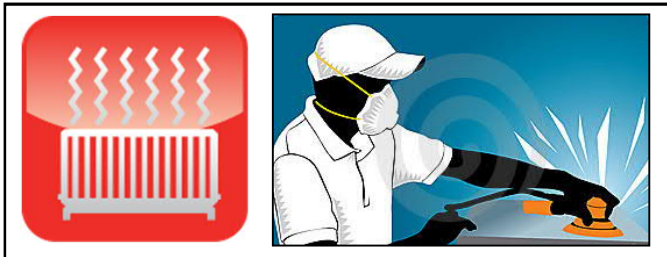
Epoxy Phenolics typically cure very slowly at temperatures below 10°C (50°F)



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# The Challenge Epoxy Phenolics

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Can be slow drying  
and sensitive to over-  
application

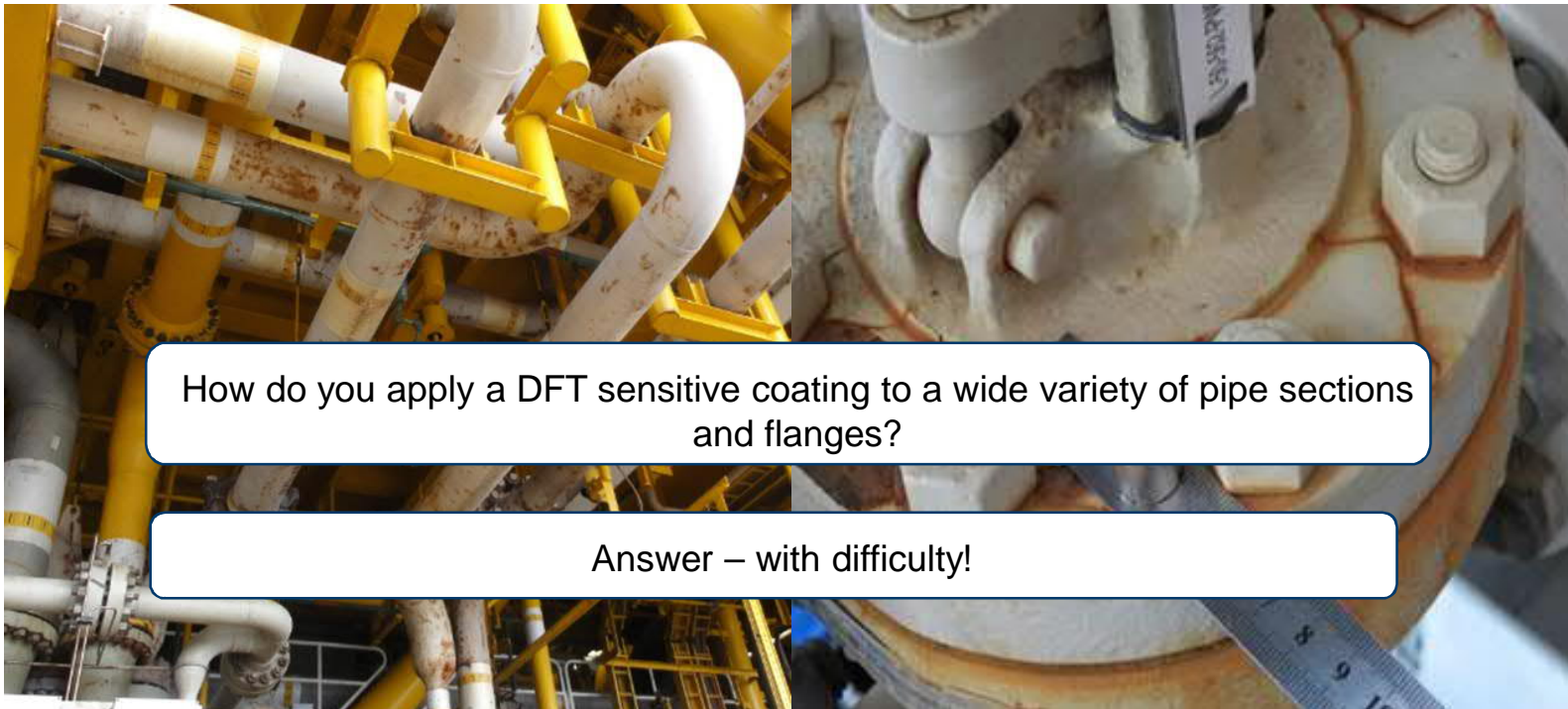


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# The Challenge

## Epoxy Phenolics

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## Complexity

Lots of coating systems

Some are difficult to apply easily

Complexity and slow curing can slow down productivity

### Is there a better way?

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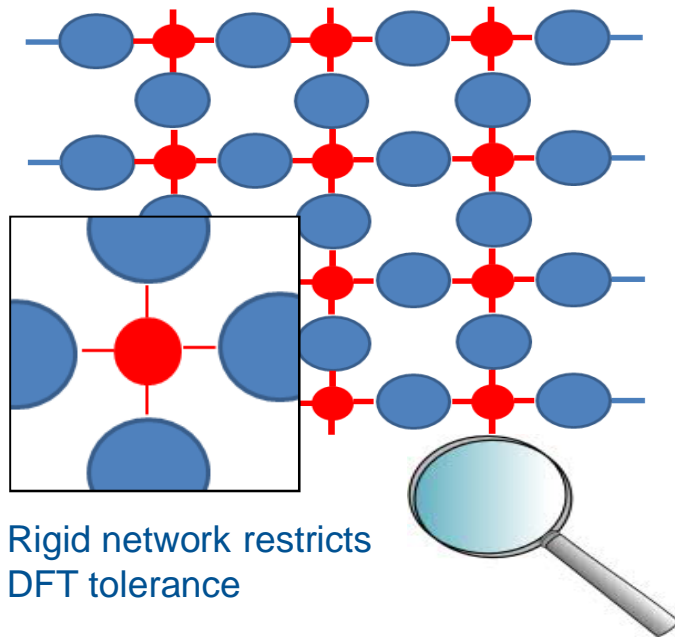
# **Alkylated Amine Epoxy Coating**

**Performance from -196°C to +230°C**

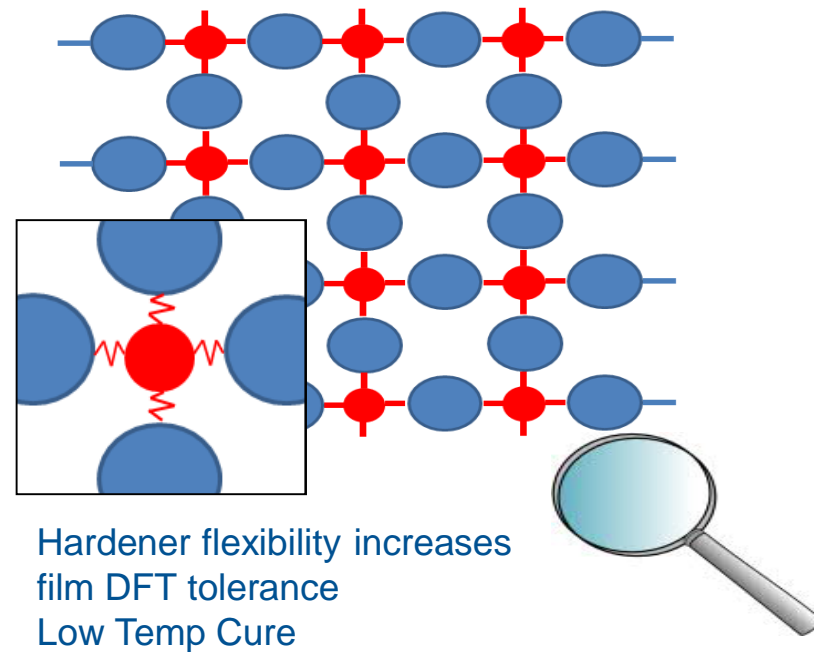
# What is Alkylated Amine Epoxy Technology?

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Typical Epoxy Phenolic



Alkylated Amine Epoxy



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# The Benefits

## Tolerance to over application

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Standard Epoxy Phenolic  
2 x 175 $\mu$ m (7mils)



Standard Epoxy Phenolic  
2 x 225 $\mu$ m (9mils)



Alkylated amine epoxy  
2 x 350 $\mu$ m (14 mils)

Test consists of heating to 200°C (392°F) for 8hrs and leaving to cool to ambient for 16hrs; test is repeated 5 times



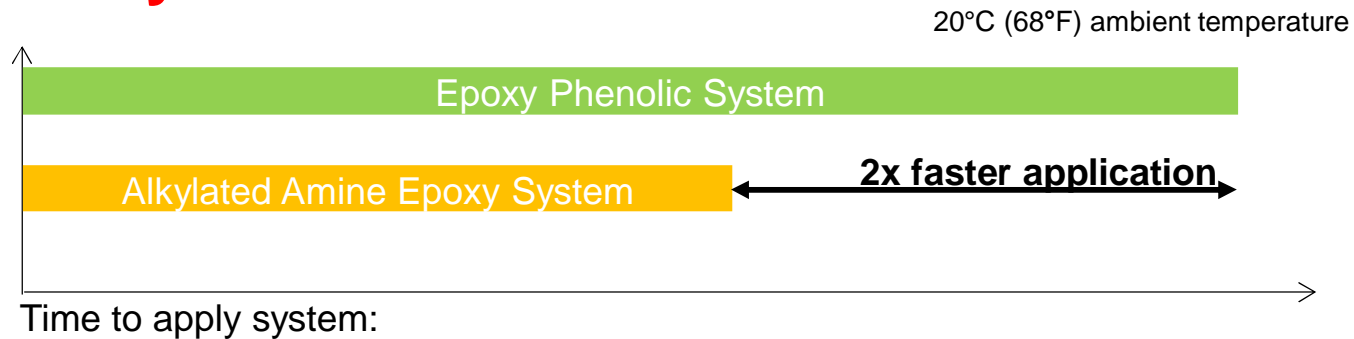
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# The Benefits

## Fast and Low Temperature Curing = Productivity Increase

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Temperature	Hard dry	Min Overcoating
-5°C	10 hrs (N/A)	14 hrs (N/A)
10°C	8 hrs (16 hrs)	10 hrs (36 hrs)
20°C	6 hrs (10 hrs)	7 hrs (20 hrs)
35°C	4 hrs (7 hrs)	4hrs (16 hrs)

Alkylated Amine Epoxy in Black. Typical Epoxy Phenolic values in red



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# Performance Analysis Benchmarking

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Coating	Coating Chemistry
1	Alkylated Amine Epoxy
2	Epoxy Phenolic
3	Epoxy Phenolic
4	Epoxy Phenolic
5	Epoxy Phenolic
6	Epoxy Phenolic
7	Epoxy Phenolic

↗ All coatings typically specified for service at least up to 200°C

↗ Applied at 2 x 125 µm

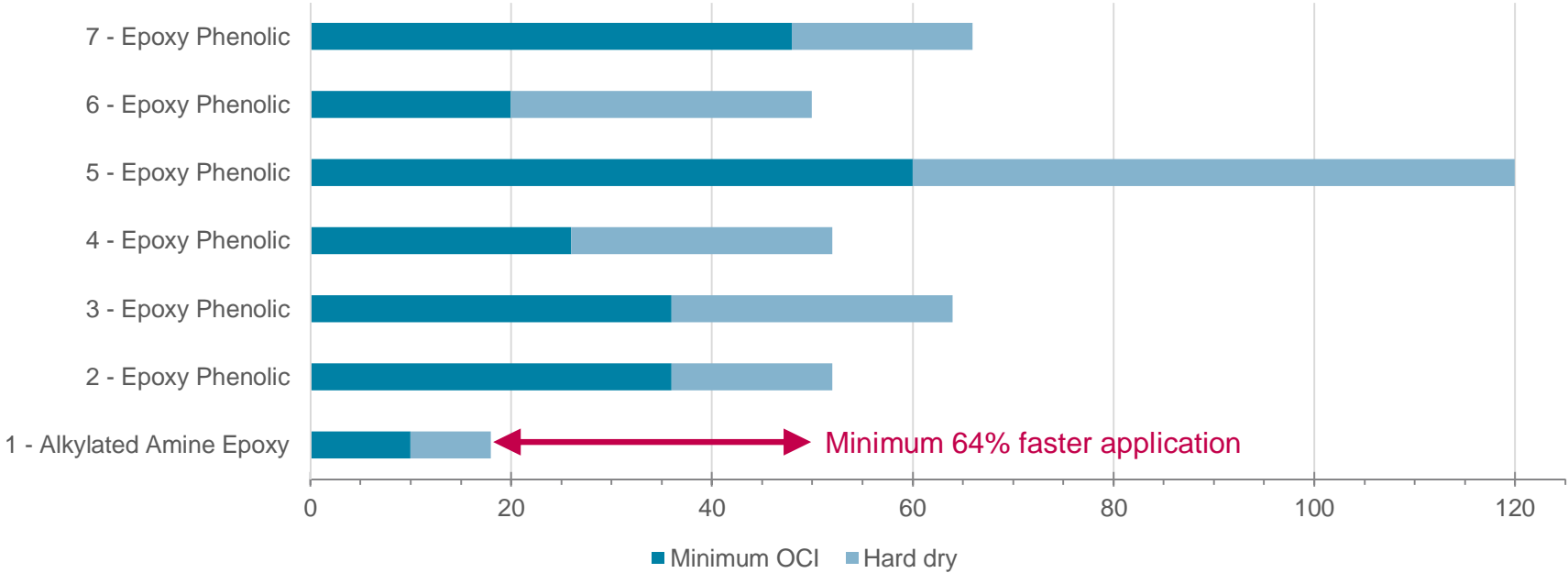
↗ All coatings cured at ambient (20°C) for a minimum of 7 days before testing



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# Productivity

Total application time of a 2-coat system at 10°C



Based on technical datasheets of each product



# Performance Analysis

## Benchmarking

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Performance of the 7 coatings was tested under the following conditions:

- ↗ **Anti-corrosive performance at ambient temperature (-20°C to +60°C)**
  - Cyclic ageing test (ISO 12944-9:2018) – 25 week cyclic accelerated test
- ↗ **Heat resistance**
  - Exposure to +205°C for up to 6 months
- ↗ **Durability without topcoat or insulation**
  - Erosion resistance










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# Anti-corrosion performance

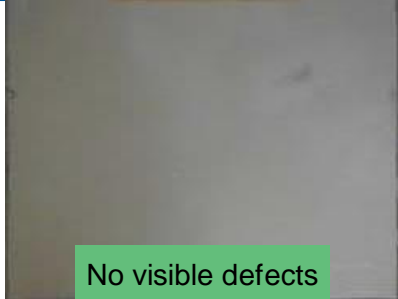



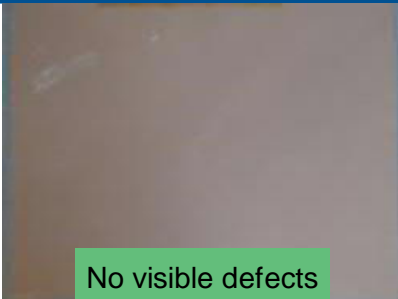
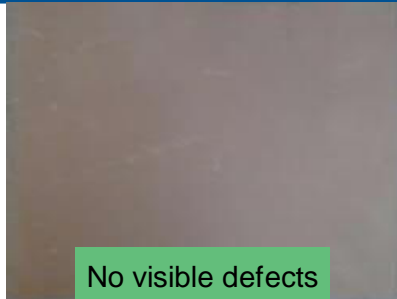

System	1 AAE	2	3	4	5	6	7
Photos							
Rust creep	5.3 mm	7.7 mm	7.7 mm	8.1 mm	8.8 mm	8.1 mm	3.3 mm
Defects	None	None	None	None	None	None	Ri5

25 weeks – Cyclic ageing test according to ISO 12944-9:2018 (performance testing for CX environments)

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
UV/condensation — ISO 16474-3			Neutral salt spray — ISO 9227			Low-temp. exposure at (-20 ± 2) °C
						



# Dry Heat resistance – 6 months at 205°C

System	1 – Alkylated Amine Epoxy	2	3	
<p>Photos (and close-up where defects were observed)</p> <p>Results after 6 months exposure</p>	 <p>No visible defects</p>	 <p>No visible defects</p>	 <p>Significant cracking after 6 weeks</p>	
	4	5	6	7
	 <p>Significant cracking after 12 weeks</p>	 <p>No visible defects</p>	 <p>No visible defects</p>	 <p>Minor cracking after 3 weeks</p>

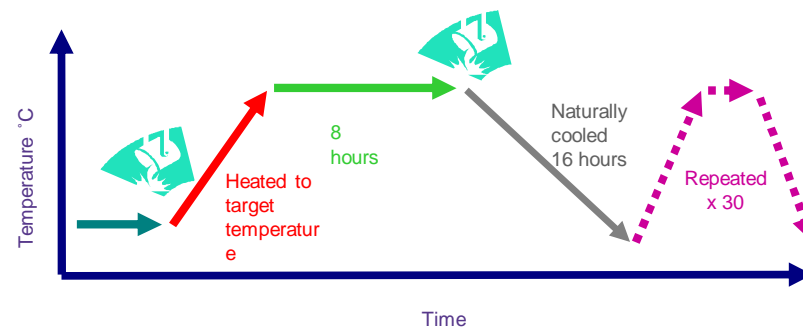
# Performance under insulation (ISO19277-2018)- Appendix

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## Test Method

- Carbon steel pipe insulated with Calcium Silicate insulation
- Add 1 litre water (1% NaCl Solution)
- Hotplate applies heat for 8 hours to produce a thermal gradient
- Add one more litre of salt water
- Allow to cool to ambient for 16 hours



After 30 cycles (6 weeks) the pipe is removed from test and the coating evaluated



# CUI Resistance - Houston Pipe Test (ISO19277-2018)- Appendix

- Houston Pipe test  
Tested up to ~400°C, although organic coatings are expected to degrade above 250-300°C
- Alkylated Amine Epoxy coating offers comparable performance to industry standard epoxy phenolic in terms of protection against Corrosion Under Insulation

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Pipe temperature (°C)	Systems	
	Alkylated Amine Epoxy	Traditional Epoxy Phenolic
120		
140		
155		
170		
190		
220		
240		
270		
300		
340		
390		
420		

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## Alkylated Amine– Track Record 2016

<b>Customer</b>	Clavon Engineering
<b>Information</b>	Alkylated Amine was applied in 2 x 100 micron coats to pressure vessels. These vessels will operate uninsulated and at high temperature as part of the Rapid RGT2 Project.
<b>Project</b>	Rapid RGT2 Project.



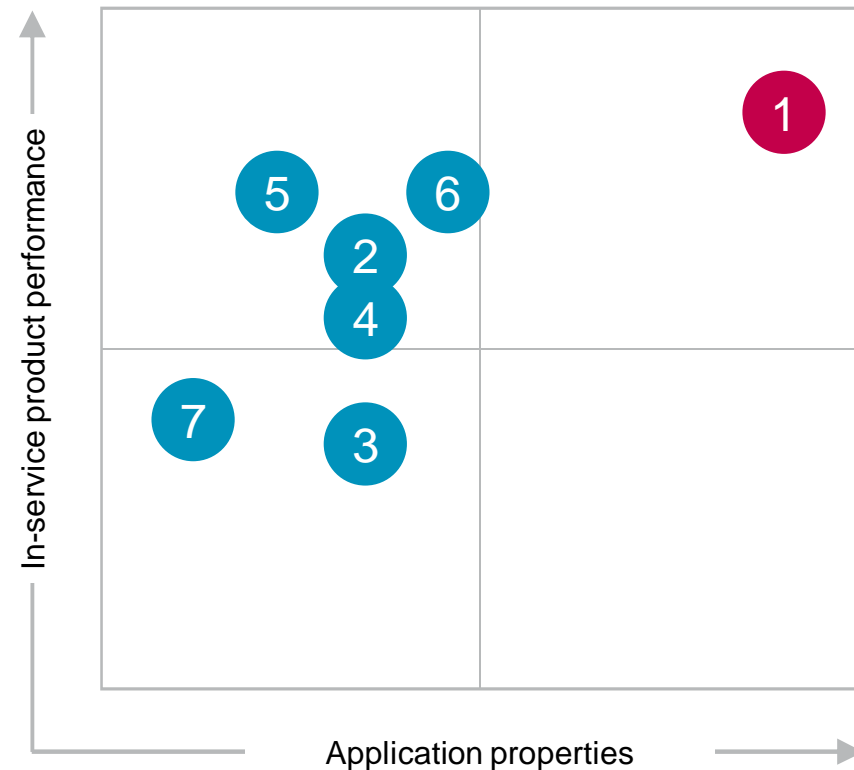
## Alkylated Amine – Track Record 2016

<b>Customer</b>	Chevron
<b>Information</b>	Alkylated Amine has been applied to flare release lines on the Gorgon Gas Project in Western Australia.
<b>Project</b>	Gorgon Gas Project



## Overall Performance – Conclusion

- Generic coating chemistry is not a guarantee of performance: heat resistance and anti-corrosion performance is not equal amongst “epoxy phenolics”.
- Alkylated Amine Epoxy coating offers equivalent high heat and CUI performance to industry standard epoxy phenolics. UV resistance is significantly improved.
- Alkylated Amine Epoxy coating offers major application advantages:
  - Improved DFT overapplication tolerance
  - Fast and low temperature curing



## **Overall Performance – Conclusion**

**All together mean that Alkylated Amine Epoxy technology offers**

**= reduced application costs  
and increased productivity**



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Questions?