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## ***Competitor Film Testing Compared to VpCI-126***

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**Background:** Andeavor is the former Tesoro Petroleum refinery. They are currently purchasing film from McMaster-Carr. However, they are having some issues with this film. The testing in this report will determine if VpCI-126 film provides better corrosion protection.

**Sample Received:** Blue McMaster-Carr Ziploc Film Bag, 4mil, received on 1-26-18 in good condition

**Method:** VIA Test, CC-027  
 FTIR Analysis, CC-006  
 Razor Blade Test, CC-004\*  
 Nitrite/Nitrate Test\*  
 \*The test(s) marked are not covered under Cortec Laboratories, Inc. ISO 17025 Scope of Accreditation

**Materials:** VIA test kit (testing jars and lids, steel plugs, 400grit sandpaper)  
 Copper panels and Carbon Steel panels, SAE 1010 (for razor blade testing)  
 VpCI-126 film, 3mils (batch #510220)  
 Glycerol (lot #Q10A018)  
 Methanol, ACS grade (lot #071417B)  
 Nitrite/Nitrate Test Strips (lot #HC553793)  
 Plain polyethylene film (control film)  
 40°C oven (oven #10)

**Procedure:** The testing was conducted according to standard procedures for each test.  
 Note- VIA tests were conducted using two strips of sample per jar (1" X 6" per strip)

**Results:** The following results were found:

**Razor Blade Test- Carbon Steel Panels**

Sample	Panel #1	Panel #2	Panel #3	End Result
Blue McMaster-Carr Film	Fail	Fail	Fail	Fail
VpCI-126 Film	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Control	Fail	-	-	Fail

**Razor Blade Test- Copper Steel Panels**

Sample	Panel #1	Panel #2	Panel #3	End Result
Blue McMaster-Carr Film	Fail	Fail	Fail	Fail
VpCI-126 Film	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Control	Fail	-	-	Fail

**VIA Test**

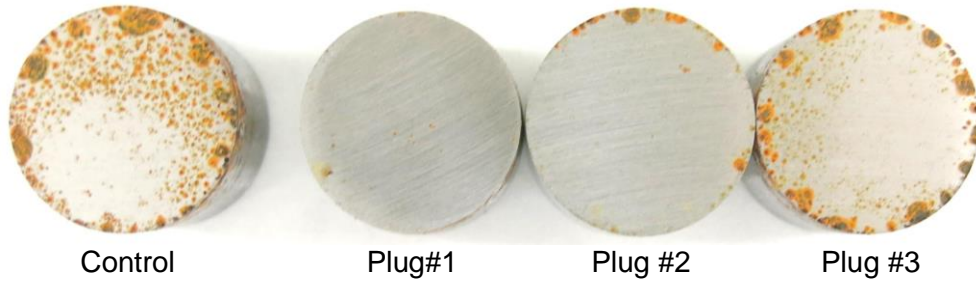
Sample	Plug #1	Plug #2	Plug #3	End Result
Blue McMaster-Carr Film	Grade 2	Grade 2	Grade 1	Fail
VpCI-126 Film	Grade 3	Grade 3	Grade 2	Pass
Control	Grade 0	-	-	Fail

**Nitrite/Nitrate Test Strips**

Sample	Results
Blue McMaster-Carr Film	Tested positive for both nitrite and nitrate

**Photo from the VIA test:**

Blue McMaster-Carr Film



VpCI-126 Film

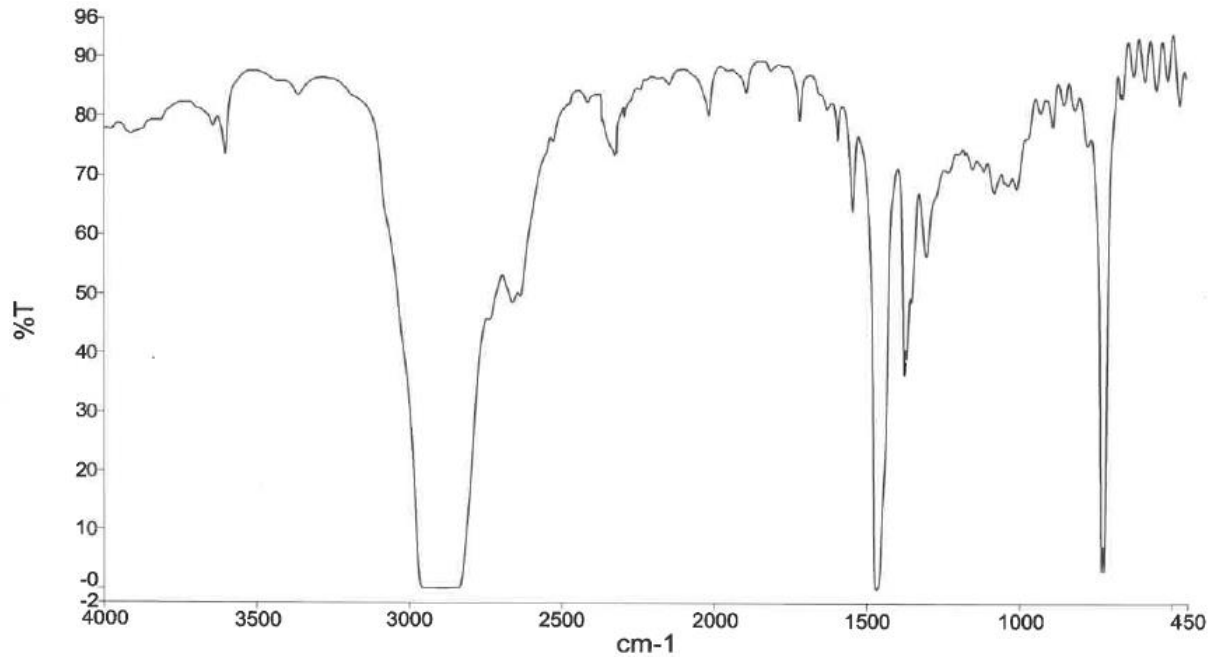


VIA Test Grades (Grade 2 and 3 are passing)

<p><b>Grade 0:</b> Blind test No corrosion inhibiting effect</p> <p><b>Grade 1:</b> Blind test Minute corrosion inhibiting effect</p> <p><b>Grade 2:</b> Blind test Medium corrosion inhibiting effect</p> <p><b>Grade 3:</b> Blind test Good corrosion inhibiting effect</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Grade 0</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grade 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grade 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grade 3</p>
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**FTIR Analysis:**

Blue McMaster-Carr Film



**Interpretations:**

The blue film from McMaster-Carr does not provide sufficient corrosion protection to pass the VIA or razor blade testing. VpCI-126 film provides excellent corrosion protection for both the contact and vapor phase.