

## Abstract

Polarization behavior of steam generator tubing materials has been studied as the function of pH and temperature of solution annealed (SA) Ni-base alloys. Temperature of the solution was varied from  $30^{\circ}$ C to  $90^{\circ}$ C, and pH from 1.3 to 12. Cr content in Ni- $\chi$ Cr-10Fe was varied from 6 to 30wt%. Current density below breakdown potential decreased with temperature probably due to lower stability of passive film. Anodic polarization of Ni- $\chi$ Cr-10Fe alloys showed two peaks above corrosion potential. The first peak close to corrosion potential is related to dissolution of matrix, while the second peak is related to dissolution of inclusion and matrix around the inclusions due to breakdown of passive film by reaction product of inclusions. As chromium concentration content increased in Ni-

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base alloys, the critical current density and the passive current density decreased due to formation of stable passive layer.



Table 1. Chemical compositons of steam generator materials.

Designation	Ni	Cr	Fe	С	S	Р	В	Ν	Si	Cu	Al	Ti
Ni-6Cr-10Fe	75.0	6.0	10.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alloy600	75.1	15.4	8.0	0.01	0.001	-	-	-	0.02	0.2	-	-
Alloy 690	58.9	29.57	10.54	0.02	0.001	0.009	0.004	0.017	0.22	0.01	0.019	0.26



Fig.1 Effect of temperature on polarization behavior of Ni base alloys in 0.1M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.





Fig. 2 Effect of Cr concentration on polarization behavior of Ni-base alloys at 30°C.



Fig.3 Effect of 0.1M solutions of  $SO_4^{2-}$  at varied pH of Alloy 600 at 30°C.



Fig.4 Corrosion potential and corrosive current density of Alloy 600 at varied pH at 30°C.



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