

APÉNDICES

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	E' ^b	E'' ^c	
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Ag/AgCl/1M KCl	+0.235	***	+0.25
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CONVERSION FACTORS^d

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CORROSION RATE CONVERSION FACTORS

$$\text{Mils/year (mpy)} = C \times \frac{\text{weight loss}}{\text{area} \times \text{time}} \times K$$

Millimetres/year (mm/y) = 0.0254 mpy

Weight Loss	Area	C Factors				
		Hour	Day	Week	Month	Year
mg	cm ²	437	18.2	2.59	0.598	0.0498
	dm ²	4.37	0.182	0.0259	5.98 × 10 ⁻³	4.98 × 10 ⁻⁴
	m ²	0.0437	1.82 × 10 ⁻³	2.59 × 10 ⁻⁴	5.98 × 10 ⁻⁵	4.98 × 10 ⁻⁶
	in ²	67.7	2.82	0.402	0.0927	7.72 × 10 ⁻³
	ft ²	0.470	0.0196	2.79 × 10 ⁻³	6.44 × 10 ⁻⁴	5.36 × 10 ⁻⁵
g	cm ²	437 × 10 ³	182 × 10 ²	2590	598	49.8
	dm ²	4370	182	25.9	5.98	0.498
	m ²	43.7	1.82	0.259	0.0598	4.98 × 10 ⁻³
	in ²	677 × 10 ²	2820	402	92.7	7.72
	ft ²	470	19.6	2.79	0.644	0.0536
lb	cm ²	198 × 10 ⁶	825 × 10 ⁴	118 × 10 ⁴	271 × 10 ³	226 × 10 ²
	dm ²	198 × 10 ⁴	825 × 10 ²	118 × 10 ²	2710	226
	m ²	198 × 10 ²	825	118	27.1	2.26
	in ²	307 × 10 ⁵	128 × 10 ⁴	182 × 10 ³	420 × 10 ²	3500
	ft ²	213 × 10 ³	8880	1270	292	24.3

EXAMPLE: A 5.0 square inch specimen of copper has a weight loss of 218 mg in a 40 hour corrosion test.

$$\text{mpy} = 67.7 \times \frac{218}{5.0 \times 40} \times 0.88 = 65$$

$$\text{mm/y} = 0.0254 \times 65 = 1.65$$

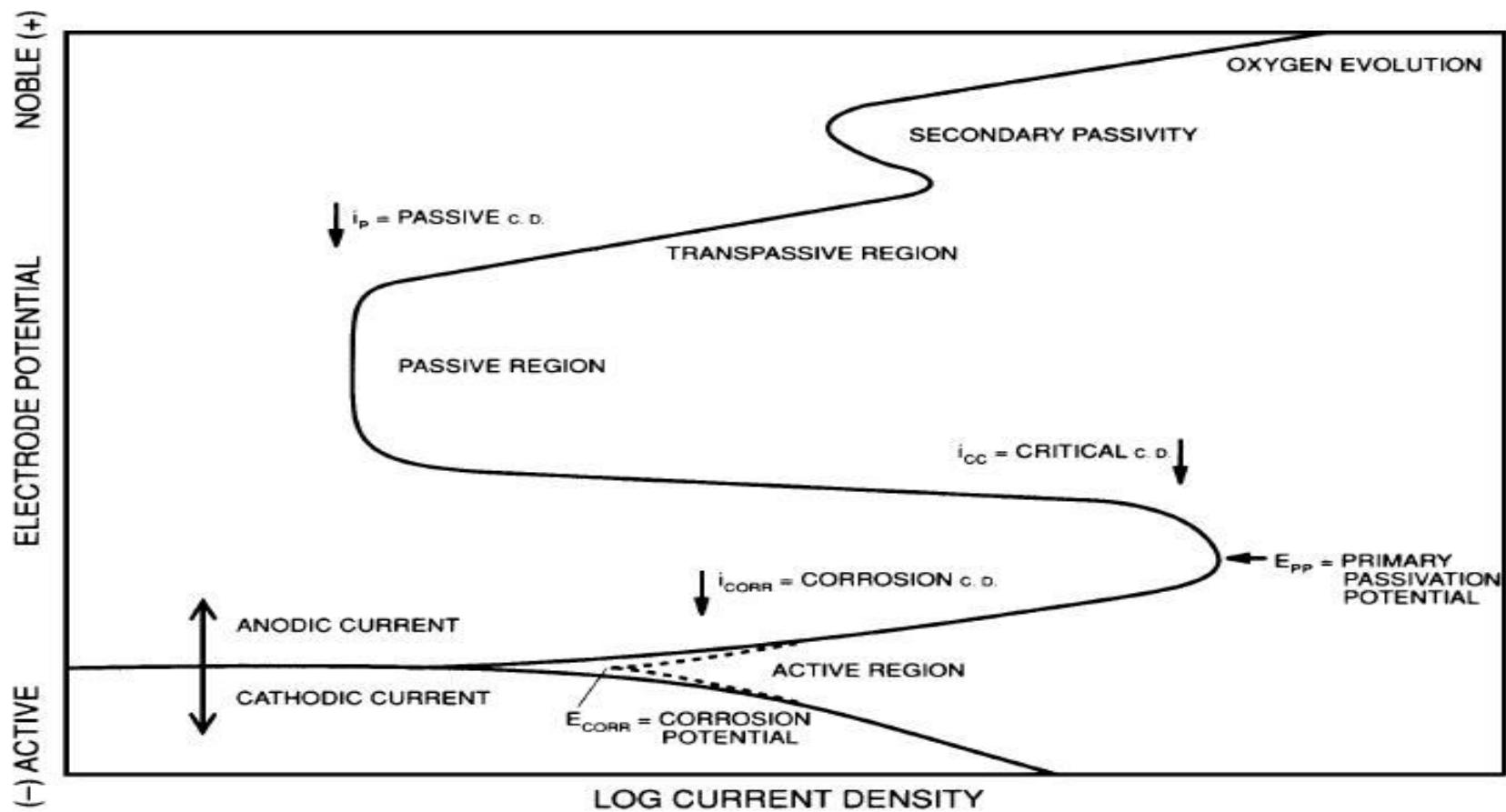
K is a density factor.

K = 1.000 for carbon steel.

K factors for other alloys are given on the next page.

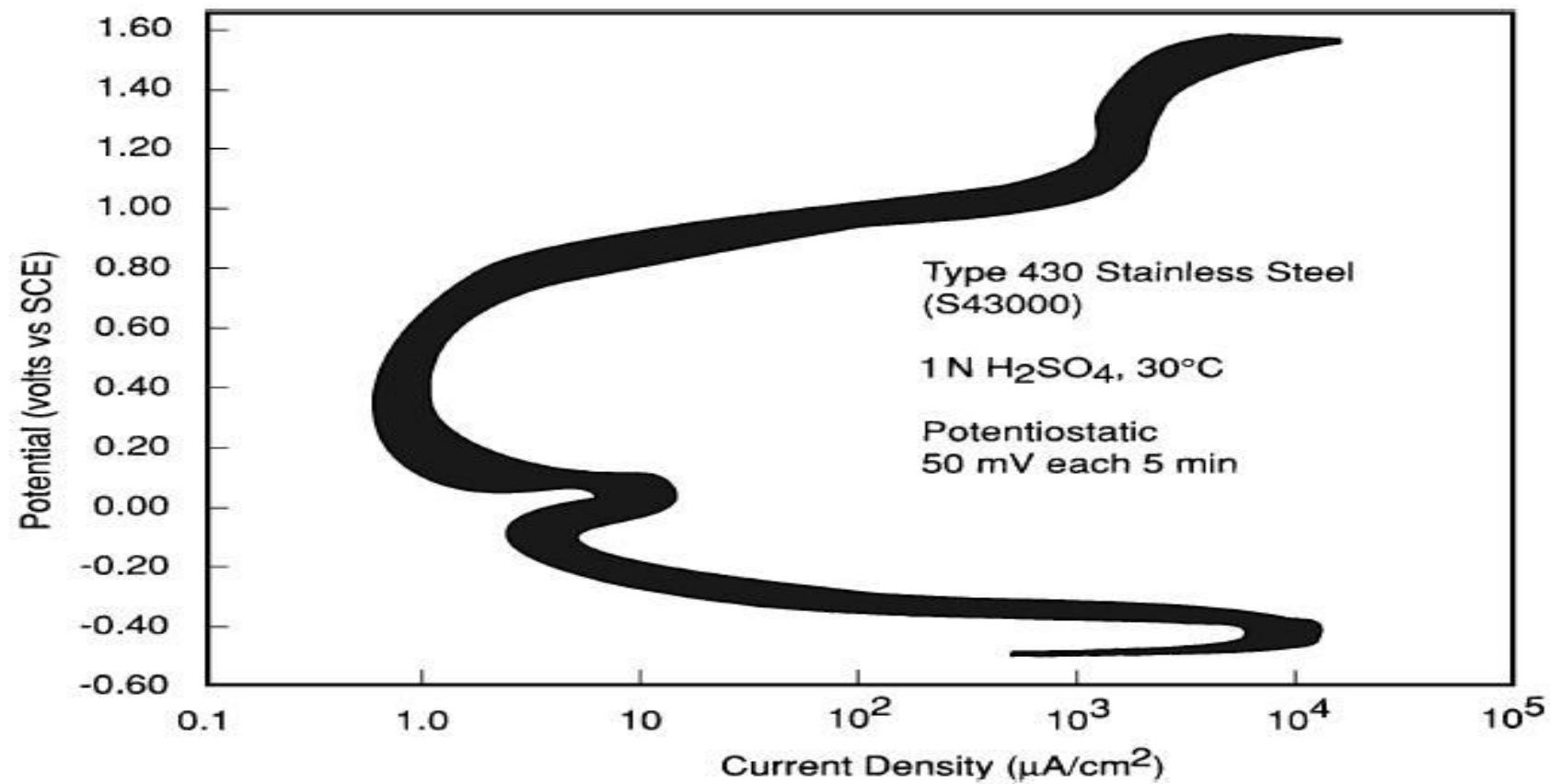
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POLARIZATION PLOTS FOR A PASSIVE ANODE



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TYPICAL STANDARD POTENTIOSTATIC ANODIC POLARIZATION PLOT



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