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## **Organic Coatings for Food**

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## Editorial

Between the underlying metal and the corrosive environment, organic coatings act as corrosion barriers. They help constructions last longer by providing weather, humidity, abrasion, chemical resistance, toughness, and a pleasing look. The mechanical properties of the coating system, the kind and concentration of suspended inhibitors, pretreatment of the metal surface, adherence of the coating to the underlying metal base, and other additives that limit substrate corrosion all affect the efficiency of organic coatings. Solvent, resin (binding), pigment, filler, and additives are common ingredients in coating formulations. They provide a continuous, homogenous covering that inhibits cracking and structure disintegration during stress, water permeability, and physical ageing when applied to the underlying metal. To justify the cost, protective coatings should have low permeability, good corrosion stability, and a long-term look.

Organic coatings are categorized based on the chemical makeup of the resin. In the solvent, the resin is dissolved or suspended. Corrosion barrier qualities, as well as oxygen and water permeability, are all dependent on the resin's concentration and density. Vinyls, acrylics, chlorinated rubber, alkyd (oil base), modified alkyd-silicon, amino-modified alkyd, phenolic alkyd, and epoxy ester are all typical resins used to make singlecomponent organic coatings. Phenolic and polyurethanes are used to make two-component organic coating systems. The chemical composition of the dispersed pigment, pigment volume concentration, and critical volume concentration all influence coating qualities such as color and opacity, mechanical and barrier capabilities, and water transport. The pigments provide color and opacity as well as UV protection for the cured resin.

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Toughness, flexibility, curing time, service performance, exterior weathering, and adhesion are all controlled by resins.

Organic solvents serve a variety of purposes. They dissolve the resin, control the viscosity and evaporation of the coating for film formation, and have an impact on film adhesion and coating durability. Other additives and fillers increase coating uniformity, improve coating flow, speed up surface drying, or reduce water and oxygen permeability. To boost the adherence of the organic coating, metal surface prepainting treatments such as phosphate and chromium conversion coatings are used. It may be required to apply a priming coat with inhibitive characteristics and high surface adherence before applying the top coat. More than one coat gives strong mechanical qualities, a pleasing color and opacity, and good barrier properties (water and oxygen diffusion resistance at the interface between the underlying food and the coating). With applied liquid coatings, metal corrosion should not exceed 1.2 mm/year-5.0 mm/year.