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Introduction

Electrodeposited silver and silver alloy coatings are often specified for their extremely good electrical conductivity, but corrosion protection is often an additional requirement for electrical, electronic and other applications. In many conditions of service, sulfide films may form on the coatings, increasing the contact resistance at the silver electroplated mating surface and making them unsuitable for use in low-voltage electronic circuits. Sulfide films are not especially detrimental to other electronic applications where higher voltage and higher contact pressures are used, because the films are not completely insulating.

Because the appearance and serviceability of electroplated silver coatings depend on the condition of the basis material, agreement should be reached between interested parties that the surface finish and roughness of the basis material are satisfactory for electroplating.

Electroplated silver coatings have been used as bearing surfaces for many decades and are particularly useful where the load-bearing surfaces are not well lubricated.

Electroplated silver coatings have largely replaced electroplated gold coatings on metallic lead frames, the devices that support the majority of silicon chips.

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