Elevated Temperature phase transformation and grain growth study of Al Hot Dipped Fe-2.25Cr-1.6W -0.1Mo Steel during Oxidation

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Low alloy ferritic (2.25Cr-1.6W-0.1Mo)wt.% steel is used for pipelines of power and petrochemical plants owing to its superior high-temperature strength and creep resistance. It was developed based on (2.25Cr-1Mo in wt.%) steel by replacing Mo with W partially and micro-alloying with V, Nb, and B while reducing carbon to increase mechanical properties and weldability. However overall oxidation resistances of 2.25Cr-1Mo and 2.25Cr-1.6W-0.1Mo steels are poor mainly due to their low Cr concentrations. To increase their service life and operating temperature for efficiency, hot-dip aluminizing has emerged as a promising cost-effective, convenient coating technique having excellent adhesion strength for the substrate. It was hot-dip aluminized and oxidized from 600-1000 °C for up to 100 h in the air in order to find the effect of aluminizing on microstructure, hardness, and oxidation resistance of 2.25Cr-1.6W-0.1Mo steel. Specimens were inspected with an optical-microscope (OM), a high-power X-ray diffractometer (XRD) equipped with Cu-Kα target at 40 kV and 150 mA, a field-emission scanning-electron-microscope (FE-SEM) equipped with an energy-dispersive-spectrometer (EDS), and a field-emission electron-probe-microanalyzer (FE-EPMA). Microhardness was measured using Vickers microhardness. Aluminizing effectively increased the oxidation resistance of P23 steel by forming protective α-Al_2O_3 scales. During oxidation, outward diffusion of substrate elements and inward transport of Al and oxygen occurred simultaneously. Oxidation and interdiffusion formed voids in the coating, lowered microhardness, and transformed original (Al-rich topcoat)/($Al_{13}Fe_4$-layer) to (thin α-Al_2O_3-scale)/(Al_5Fe_2-layer)/(AlFe-layer)/($AlFe_3$-layer)/(α-Fe(Al)-layer) at 800°C and (thick α-Al_2O_3-scale)/($AlFe_3$-layer)/(α-Fe(Al)-layer) at 1000 °C. At 1000 °C, Fe_2O_3 also formed in addition to α-Al_2O_3 scale owing to the enhanced outward diffusion of Fe, and the generation of cracks in the coating was suppressed. **Acknowledgment.** This research was supported by Basic Science Research Program through the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) funded by the Ministry of Education (2017R1D1A1B03028792). Authors are also thankful to HEC Pakistan to provide the travel grant.

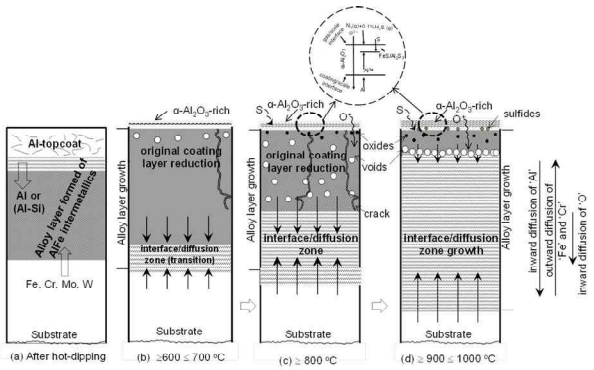


Figure. Schematic illustration of the coating and α-Al_2O_3 scale being formed during (a) aluminum hot dipping of 2.25Cr-1.6W-0.1Mo steel in molten aluminum (*l*), (b-d) corrosion sequence of the coating and nucleation of interface/alloy layer at 600-1000 °C in N_2-0.1%H_2S gas.

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