MATERIAL COMPATIBILITY

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RIVET	ALUM	AL/ZN COATED STEEL	ZINC COATED STEEL	ST	COPPER	BRASS
ALUMINIUM	YES	YES	?	NO	NO	NO
STEEL Z/P	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
NICKEL COPPER	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
ST.STEEL	?	?	?	YES	YES	YES
COPPER	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES

YES COMPATIBLE

NO INCOMPATIBLE

Must not be in contact

Compatible in rural and mild environments. Some corrosion may occur in marine/industrial environments. Painting both metals would reduce reaction

LIFE EXPECTANCY OF FASTENERS

As a general rule, Fastener Service Life in a corrosive atmosphere is proportional to the thickness of its plating. The thicker the plating the longer it will survive.

Useful Service Life Expectancy
2 inch plated with chromate treatment .0005 in plating thickness up to:

- 20 years indoors
- 4 years in a rural atmosphere
- 2 years in coastal locations
- 1 year in heavily polluted industrial atmosphere

GALVANISED

Hot Dip Galvanised with an average thickness of .002 inches:

- over 40 years in rural atmosphere
- 25-30 years in costal locations
- 5 years or longer in heavy polluted

industrial atmosphere