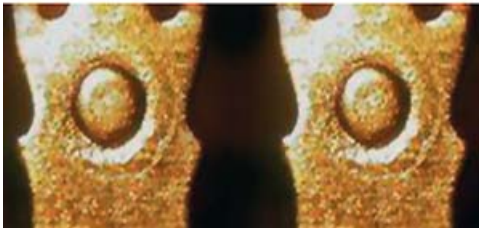


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Technic launches Auroguard NP-12, new post-treatment process for reduced gold use in electronic connectors.

(Cranston, Rhode Island, USA) Technic Inc. has announced the commercial release of **Auroguard NP-12**, a non-aqueous post-treatment process for improved wear-resistance and functionality of gold electroplated connectors.



(Top) Corrosion of gold plated contacts after 2 hr nitric acid fume test. (Below) Same test using Auroguard NP-12

The **Auroguard NP-12** post-treatment provides a protective coating on the surface of gold plated contacts used in connector applications, imparting a significant improvement in corrosion and wear-resistance. Use of **Auroguard NP-12** improves gold deposit quality and enables application of a reduced gold thickness without any decrease in deposit performance.

Technic's **Auroguard NP-12** chemistry is non-flammable and halogen-free. The coating is thermally stable and able to withstand significant thermal exposures (up to 260°C). **Auroguard NP-12** represents a significant alternative to generic lubricants commonly used in the industry.

Auroguard NP-12 is the latest release in Technic's **Goldeneye** gold reduction technology platform. To view Technic's full line of gold reduction technologies and to register to receive **Goldeneye** product releases as they become available, go to www.technic.com/goldeneye

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