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Abstract

The study of the inhibition efficiency of related dithiocarbamates was undertaken using gasometry, mass loss and potentiodynamic polarization methods. The compounds studied have the general formula $RR'NCSS-Na$, where $R = H, CH_3$ or C_2H_5 and $R' = CH_3, C_2H_5, C_4H_7,$ or C_6H_5 . The studies showed that the compounds act as good inhibitors for the acid dissolution of steel in 1M H_2SO_4 . The protection efficiency of the mono-substituted compounds increases as the electron density at the functional group and the bulk of the substituents increase. Polarization measurements indicated that these compounds act as mixed-type inhibitors. This is interpreted to mean that the compounds retard the rate of hydrogen evolution on the metal by affecting the mechanism of the reaction. Additional evidence for a change over in mechanism was also obtained from temperature studies of the inhibition process at five temperatures ranging from 30-50°C. It was observed that the enthalpy of activation increased by a factor of 2 to 3 in the presence of the inhibitors. In addition, the direction and sign of the entropy of activation supports the same principle.

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