## **Supporting Information**

## Hydrophobic Antioxidant Polymers for Corrosion Protection of an Aluminum Alloy

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Table S1. Absorption characteristics of ethanol solutions of various additives

| Additive | $\lambda_{max}$ , nm | ε, L mol <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> |
|----------|----------------------|---|
| TA       | 276                  | 77300                                   |
| PHex     | 202                  | 4840                                    |
| P2Hex    | 202                  | 10500                                   |
| РЗНех    | 204                  | 9500                                    |

Table S2. Thicknesses of free-standing epoxy coatings used in transparency studies

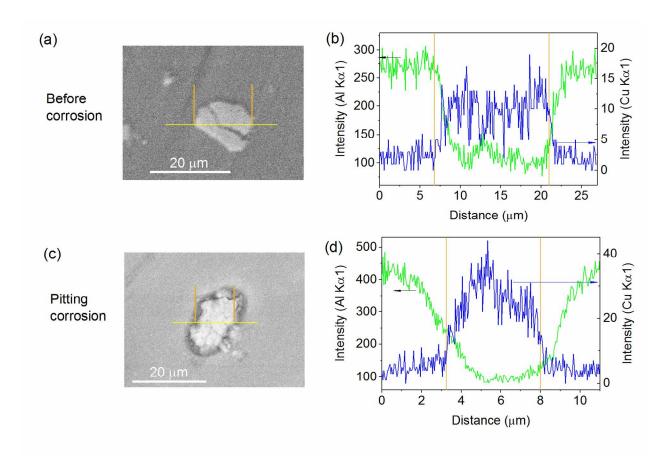
| Additive      | TA     | PHex   | P2Hex  | РЗНех | None   |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Thickness, μm | 163±32 | 177±27 | 155±16 | 153±6 | 234±16 |

Table S3. Potentiodynamic polarization results

| Coating     | $E_{corr}$ , V | $E_{pit}$ , V | $i_{corr}$ , A cm <sup>-2</sup> |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Bare AA2024 | -0.71          | -             | 4.5×10 <sup>-7</sup>            |
| PHex        | -0.77          | -0.46         | 2.2×10 <sup>-8</sup>            |
| P2Hex       | -0.92          | -0.38         | 2.0×10 <sup>-8</sup>            |
| -           |                |               |                                 |
| P3Hex       | -0.88          | -0.41         | 1.4×10 <sup>-8</sup>            |

Table S4. Characteristics of epoxy-based coatings deposited on AA2024 substrates

| Additive | Abbreviation | Thickness, µm | RMS Roughness, nm |
|----------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
|          |              |               |                   |
| None     | Ер           | 120±12        | 65±35             |
| P2Hex    | EpP2Hex      | 108±7         | 729±165           |
| РЗНех    | EpP3Hex      | 116±11        | 997±100           |
| PHex     | ЕрРНех       | 68±6          | 1160±473          |



**Figure S1**. SEM images of copper-enriched precipitates of non-corroded (c) and corroded (b) AA2024 substrates with EDS elemental analysis along yellow lines (b and d, respectively).

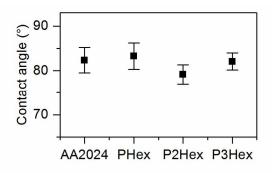
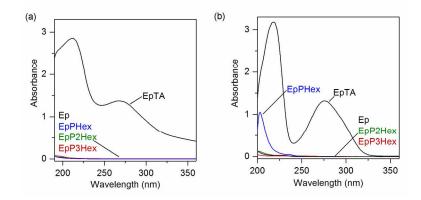
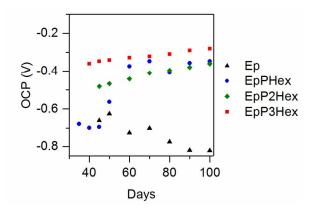


Figure S2. Contact angle of polymer-coated as well as bare AA2024 substrates.



**Figure S3**. Absorbance of water (a) or ethanol (b) extracts from free standing epoxy coatings with different additives measured after 60 days of immersion.



**Figure S4.** Time evolution of OCP for AA2024 substrates covered with the epoxy coatings and immersed in 0.6 M NaCl solution.