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Re: New Hydraulic SUPERTUFF Coupling Plating

You may have noticed that the color of most Pulsar crimp couplings has been changing from a “gold” appearance to “silver”.

The “gold” appearance indicates the plating contains Cr6 hexavalent chromium. The European Communities Commission (EU) has classified Cr6 as an environmentally hazardous substance, and consequently, restrictions on its use are increasing. North American transportation manufacturers are driving the change to **Cr6 chromium6 free plating** to ensure the European market remains open to their products and to conform to global standards.

The new SUPERTUFF plating is **Cr6 chromium6 free** and offers improved corrosion protection, up to 400 hours of red rust corrosion protection when subjected to rigorous SAE J516 and ASTM B-117 salt spray conditions. Couplings with the new plating require no change in assembly procedures or assembly torque values.

The Cr6 free SUPERTUFF Plating is an example of Pulsar’s commitment to be a leader in the supply of products designed and developed to achieve long service life and reliability.