

Guidelines for Authors of *Protection of Metals and Physical Chemistry of Surfaces*

General

1. *Protection of Metals and Physical Chemistry of Surfaces* is an international journal that accepts manuscripts from any country. There is no page charge. Articles carefully prepared by the authors in full accordance with these guidelines and requiring no improvements will be published earlier than those requiring correction and revisions.

2. The journal accepts for publication manuscripts of regular, review, and discussion articles of theoretical, experimental, or applied character. The journal covers all aspects of the physical chemistry of materials and interfaces in various environments; all related problems of modern physical chemistry and materials science, including physicochemical processes at interfaces; adsorption phenomena; complex formation; molecular and supramolecular structures at the interfaces, new substances, materials and coatings; nanoscale and nanostructured materials and coatings, composite and dispersed materials; physicochemical problems of corrosion, degradation and protection; and methods for studying surface and interface systems, processes, structures, materials and coatings. No limitation exists on systems, types of processes, methods of control and investigation, etc. Manuscripts of articles related to conceptual, theoretical, experimental, methodological, instrumental, environmental, and all other possible problems are welcome.

3. The length of a manuscript is determined by its information content and quality. Submission of manuscripts of review articles should be agreed upon with the editor beforehand.

It is recommended to begin an article by concisely defining its objectives, concepts, and terms.

Processing of Submitted Manuscripts

1. Only completed works are accepted for publication.

2. All submitted manuscripts are peer reviewed.

3. When significant improvement is required, the manuscript is returned to the authors for revisions in accordance with the reviewer's comments.

4. If a manuscript has been returned to the authors for revision or for the author's approval of copy edits, the initial submission date is preserved,

unless the article is resubmitted later than three months.

5. Articles can be rejected for the following reasons: (1) inconsistency with the journal's scope; (2) obvious inaccuracy or illegibility of the formulation, fulfillment, or interpretation of results; (3) inconsistency with the present state of the art of experiment and theory; (4) poor language quality; and (5) inconsistency with the present guidelines.

Manuscript Preparation

1. Manuscripts should be composed as described in Appendix 1.

2. Units of measure adopted by the International System of Units (SI) and masses of elements in the ^{12}C scale should be used. Chemical compounds should be named according to IUPAC recommendations.

3. Author affiliations and detailed addresses, zip codes, cities, and countries should be indicated. For the corresponding author, there should be a contact phone number and e-mail address.

4. A completed and scanned [copyright transfer agreement](#) signed by all authors should be submitted together with the manuscript.

5. The manuscript should be double-spaced with 4-cm-wide left margins with a standard 12 pt font. Only commonly used abbreviations are recommended. When unavoidable, uncommon abbreviations should be properly introduced in the text or explained in notes. Nonstandard notation in figures, on figure axes, or in tables should be explained in legends (or in table notes).

6. References, tables, and figure captions should be typed on separate pages at the end of the article. All pages in a manuscript should be numbered. No data may be duplicated in the text, tables, and illustrations.

7. The abstract should precede the main text and give a concise outline of the work, with clear definition of its novelty. It should be very informative and understandable even when isolated from the article and should not duplicate the conclusions. It is recommended to use standard section headings: INTRODUCTION, THEORY, METHODS, EXPERIMENTAL, RESULTS AND DISCUSSION, CONCLUSIONS, REFERENCES.

8. Physical quantities and variables should be italicized; chemical elements and Greek characters should not. Vectors should be typeset in boldface. Mathematical signs should be separated by spaces. There should also be a space after a comma, e.g. ($a^2 + b^2$); [2, 5]; Tables 2, 3; and Figs. 1a, 1b. Incorrect: (a^2+b^2); [2,5]; Tables 2,3; and Figs. 1a,1b. A period rather than comma should be used as a decimal separator.

9. The references should be brought together at the end of the manuscript. References in the text should be consecutive numbers in square brackets in the order of their appearance in the text. Citing two or more works under a single number or one work under different numbers should be avoided. Sample references are given in Appendix 2.

10. The list of figure captions should be collected on a separate page. Figures should be compact (but not too small) and prepared with the utmost clarity. Preferable widths of illustrations are ~8 cm (one column) or ~17 cm (full page) in width. Therefore, graphical details and lettering should be large enough to remain legible upon reduction of a graphic to one of the two above formats; i.e., letters should finally appear 1.5 to 2 mm high. All tables and figures should be referred to in the text.

11. An electronic version of the article should be submitted by e-mail. Figures should be on separate pages. To facilitate further file processing, the variety of fonts used should be minimized; the Enter key should be used only for starting new paragraphs. It is better to prepare the text in Microsoft Word format. The numbering of graphics files should make it clear to which article the graphics belong and their order therein.

12. Graphics files. TIFF format is preferable for halftone photos and line drawings; JPEG, GIF, BMP, and PCX are also acceptable; EPS is preferable for vector graphics. When using TIFF format, the resolution should be 600 dpi.

Appendix 1. Manuscript Structure

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Appendix 2. Sample references

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