Title (en)

PROCESS FOR A TWO-STEP HYDROPHILIZING AFTERTREATMENT OF ALUMINIUM OXIDE LAYERS WITH AQUEOUS SOLUTIONS, AND THEIR USE IN THE PRODUCTION OF SUPPORTS FOR OFF-SET PRINTING PLATES

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Abstract (en)

[origin: US4689272A] The process for manufacturing materials, in the form of sheets, foils or webs, comprised of chemically, mechanically and/or electrochemically roughened and anodically oxidized aluminum or an aluminum alloy, which process is performed with two hydrophilizing post-treatment steps. In post-treatment step (a) a supported aluminum oxide layer is treated with an aqueous alkali metal silicate solution which optionally contains alkaline earth metal ions, and in step (b) the aluminum oxide layer is separately treated with an aqueous solution containing at least one organic polymer comprised of vinylphosphonic acid and/or vinylmethylphosphinic acid monomers, such as polyvinylphosphonic acid. Treatment of the aluminum oxide layer is accomplished by means of immersion and/or electrochemically. Materials prepared by this process are particularly useful as supports for offset printing plates, showing an improved resistance to alkali and a reduced tendency to adsorb dyestuff.

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