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Professional Profile

Dr. Guyer holds academic degrees in Chemical Engineering as well as Materials Science & Engineering and is a licensed Professional Engineer in both Mechanical Engineering and Metallurgy. In addition, he is also a NACE Certified Coatings Inspector.

Accordingly, with his breadth of training and expertise, Dr. Guyer assists clients in solving complex multidisciplinary problems across a wide variety of industries.

Over the last 17 years at Exponent, he has carried out many hundreds of failure analysis investigations and product evaluations of complex engineering structures and chemical processes. Some examples include the automotive space wherein he has investigated mechanical performance of metal, plastic and glass structures, evaluated coating degradation and corrosion, and also explored issues and performance of diesel exhaust after treatment systems (EATS) components like SCR catalysts, DPF's, AFI's, and so on.

In the medical device space, Dr. Guyer has investigated performance of a variety of devices including orthopedics, cardiovascular, active implantables and drug delivery systems to name a few. Dr. Guyer has examined a range of consumer product performance issues including fractures, water ingress, overheating events and explosions (including from various types of rifles and pistols). Relative to industrial systems, he has extensive experience with low-e coatings, boiler welds and tubing fractures, turbine coatings, as well as issues associated with a variety of other pressure vessels and plumbing components. Finally, with respect to paint and protective-coating systems; he has developed coating specifications and conducted a myriad of failure analysis investigations into delamination, cracking, blistering, chalking, discoloration, mildew and efflorescence.

In general, these investigations are typically related to root-cause analyses. As a result of Dr. Guyer's extensive research into how and why devices or structures can fail, he also consults on the design as well as risk and hazard assessments of new products.

Dr. Guyer previously held two academic appointments: one in the Materials Science and Engineering Department at Stanford University where he taught the course Failure Analysis of Emerging Technologies and the other in the Mechanical Engineering Department at Santa Clara University where he taught the course Fracture and Fatigue of Materials.

Prior to joining Exponent, Dr. Guyer was employed as a Senior Materials Engineer at Lockheed Martin's Advanced Technology Center. His research involved the oxidation kinetics of advanced high temperature ceramics as well as the fracture, mechanical and optical properties of polymer thin-films. As an undergraduate, Dr. Guyer was employed by the Dow Chemical Corporation where he examined the mechanisms of controlled drug delivery in biodegradable, pharmaceutical grade polymers.

Academic Credentials & Professional Honors

Ph.D., Materials Science and Engineering, Stanford University, 2005
M.S., Materials Science and Engineering, Stanford University, 2003
B.S., Chemical Engineering, Iowa State University, 2000
Electrochemical Society (ECS), San Francisco Section, Section Officer, 2006-2007
Intel Foundation Fellowship, 2004
ECS, Dr. Daniel Cubicciotti Award, 2004

Licenses and Certifications

NACE - Certified Coating Inspector Level 1 Certification

Omega Chi Epsilon, Chemical Engineering Honor Society

Academic Appointments

Lecturer, Stanford University, Department of Materials Science and Engineering

Adjunct Lecturer, Santa Clara University, Department of Mechanical Engineering

Professional Affiliations

The Society for Protective Coatings—SSPC

National Association of Corrosion Engineers—NACE

American Society for Metals—ASM

Publications

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Guyer E. Adhesion basics: Stress, strength and structure. NACE Eastern Area Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC, October 6-8, 2014.

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James B, Guyer E, Hudgins A, Lieberman S, Kane W. Analysis of surgical tool failures: Causes and prevention. Materials Science & Technology 2014, Pittsburgh, PA, October 12-16, 2014.

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