

ADHESION

INTRODUCTION

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The papers in this volume were presented at the June 1963 meeting of ASTM and were given at two symposia, one, sponsored by the Division of Materials Sciences, on the science of adhesion and the other, sponsored by Committee D-14 on Adhesives, on the technology of adhesives. The purposes of these symposia were: (1) to present new information, (2) to reveal the latest accomplishments to those interested, (3) to give some indication of the state of knowledge, and (4) to increase interest so that more research would be initiated in the science of adhesion and the technology of adhesives.

The papers on the science of adhesion indicate clearly the interdisciplinary nature of this phase of scientific study, as well as the high quality of work being conducted. Those on the technological aspects include some of the recent outstanding developments of a practical nature.

These authors give an indication of

the amount and type of current research activities in the fields of adhesion science and adhesives technology. In fields of such technological importance and interdisciplinary scientific interest, more technological research by industry and more scientific studies by additional scholars seem warranted.

On first casual examination these interrelated fields appear simple to understand. This may explain some of the lack of interest on the part of industrial, university, and governmental laboratories. However, on further detailed investigation, it becomes evident that the problems are highly complicated, and that the paucity of detailed information makes the statement of more than a few general principles nearly impossible. If the papers presented herein and other current publications—notably those of Drs. Sharpe and Schornhorn—serve to fire the interest of additional competent scientific workers in this area, this symposium will have attained one of its goals.

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