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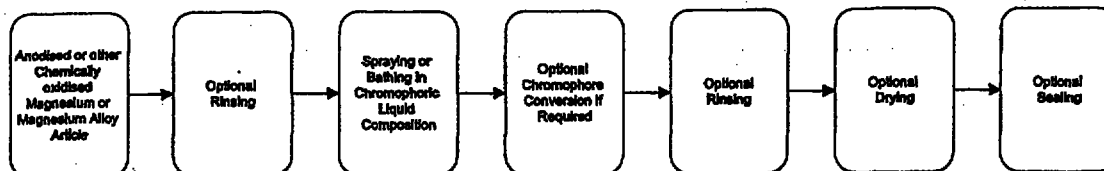
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(57) Abstract

A method of colouring a magnesium or magnesium alloy article which involves immersion or spray contacting an anodized or other oxidised surface of the article with at least one species of chromophoric moiety in a liquid carrier in conditions which maintain the integrity of said anodized or other oxidised surface yet which results in the chromophore(s) becoming associated (directly or via a moiety or species attached to the chromophore) with the surface by a reaction or adsorption. The species is preferably selected from the group consisting of reactive dyes, direct dyes, VAT dyes, sulphur and disperse dyes.