Abstract

Nano-sized particle incorporation into metal matrix has gained worldwide acceptance. Al₂O₃, Cr₂O₃, and SiO₂ nanoparticles have been co-deposited with Zn using electrodeposition process to produce advanced alloy. The coatings were characterized using SEM/EDX and XRD. The mechanical properties of the coatings were studied using microhardness indenter and dry abrasive wear tester. Zn-10 g/L Cr₂O₃ nanocomposite exhibited the highest microhardness of 228 HVN; Zn-5 g/L Al₂O₃ nanocomposite showed good stability against other composite coatings. The incorporation of the Al₂O₃, Cr₂O₃, and SiO₂ shows grain refinement and modify orientation on Zn matrix.