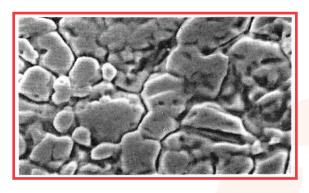
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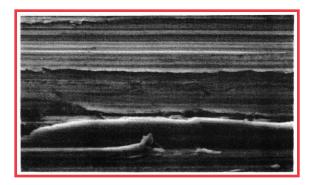


No 2B Mill Finish before electropolishing.

Note grain boundaries, which offer excellent sites for contamination such as bacteria to become embedded.



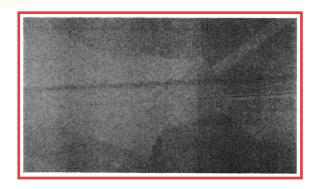
No 2B Mill Finish after electropolishing. Note that grain boundaries have been removed, eliminating sites for contamination to be retained.



Mechanically polished No. 4 Finish before electropolishing.

Note deep crevices and torn material, which offer excellentsites for contamination such as

bacteria to become embedded.



after electropolishing.

Note deep crevices and torn material have been removed, eliminating sites for contamination to be retained.

Mechanically polished No. 4 Finish