

# QSI-Nano<sup>®</sup> NiFe Product Profile

## Hydrogen Generation Electrodes

### Nano NiFe Cathode Electrodes for Water Electrolysis

QSI-Nano<sup>®</sup> NiFe alkaline water electrolysis electrodes are manufactured using a process in which a blend of highly catalytic QSI-Nano<sup>®</sup> nickel and iron particles are functionalized by dispersing into a proprietary formulation, spray coated, and sintered onto a stainless steel (SS) substrate. The resulting electrodes have an increased surface area of approximately 1000 times vs. standard SS metal plates and may be used as a drop-in solution for existing alkaline electrolyzers to achieve the following results:

- Increased Gas Output
- Decreased Energy Consumption
- Decreased Size While Maintaining Efficiency

Prices (Includes Two 16 Gauge 316 SS Electrodes, Nano NiFe Coating on One Side Only)\*

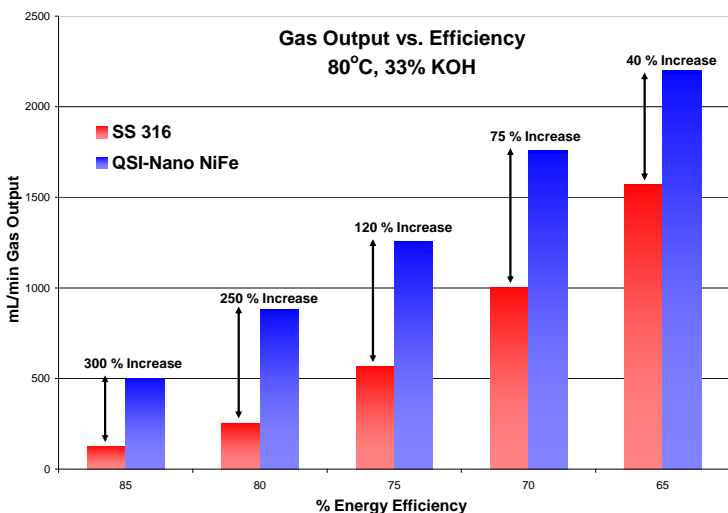
2" x 2"	\$ 99.00
4" x 4"	\$149.00
6" x 6"	\$189.00

\*Customization and special pricing available on orders over 100 pieces. Prices subject to change.

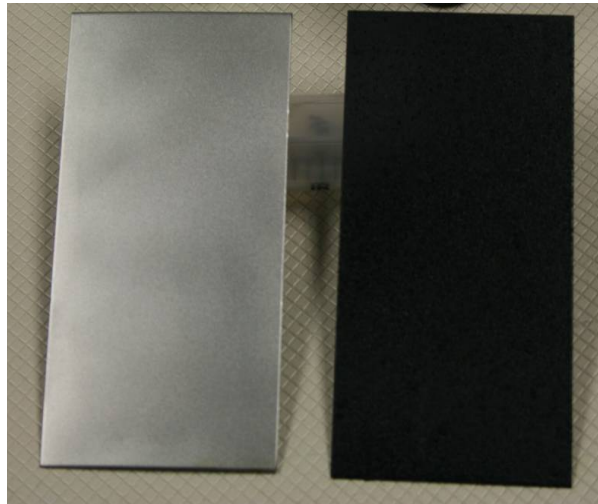
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**Note:** Typical operating conditions are 80°C, using 33% KOH electrolyte in DI water. Nominally, gas production rates are increased 2 - 3 times the typical values at a given efficiency (higher current at same voltage). The gas output graph below compares SS electrodes (red) vs. a SS anode and QSI-Nano<sup>®</sup> NiFe coated cathode (blue) in a 20A, six-cell stack with 12V limiting voltage. Performance may vary based on operating conditions and system design.

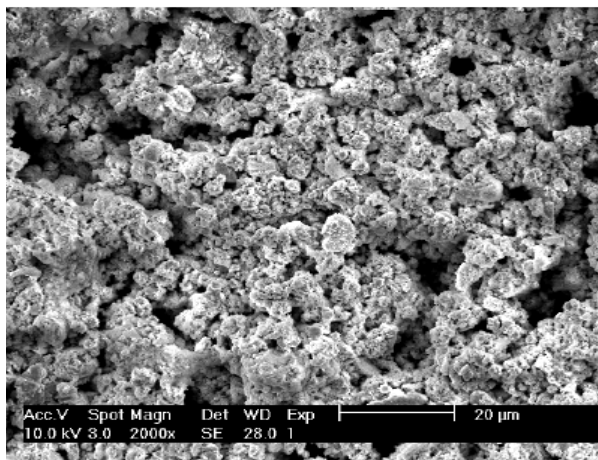
### Typical Gas Output Vs. Energy Efficiency



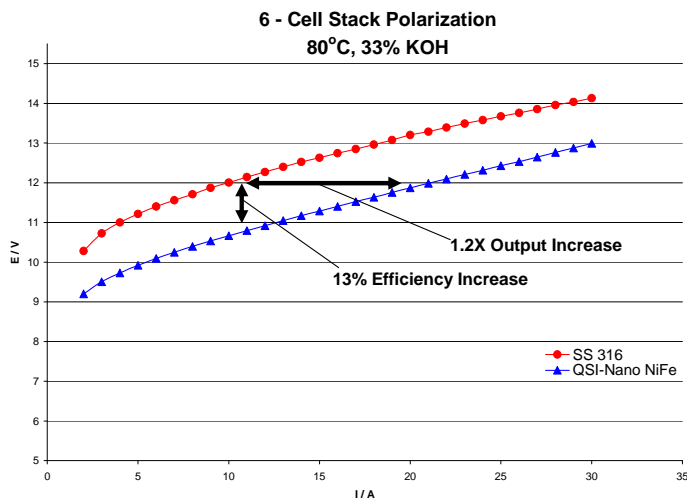
SS Electrode (left), QSI-Nano<sup>®</sup> NiFe Coated Electrode (right)

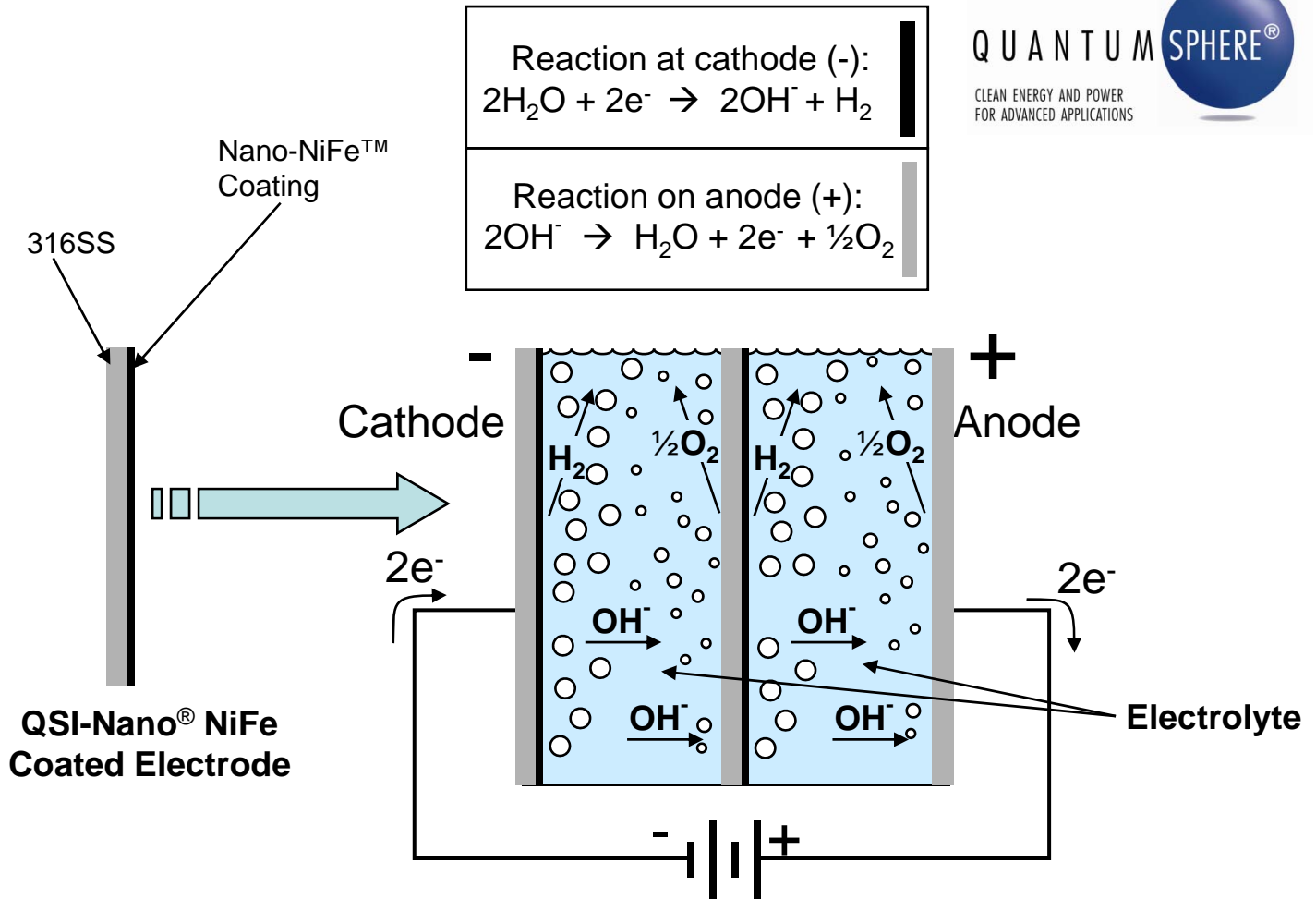


SEM Image of QSI-Nano<sup>®</sup> NiFe Coated SS Electrode Surface



### Polarization Curve of SS (red) Vs. QSI-Nano<sup>®</sup> NiFe Coated SS (blue)





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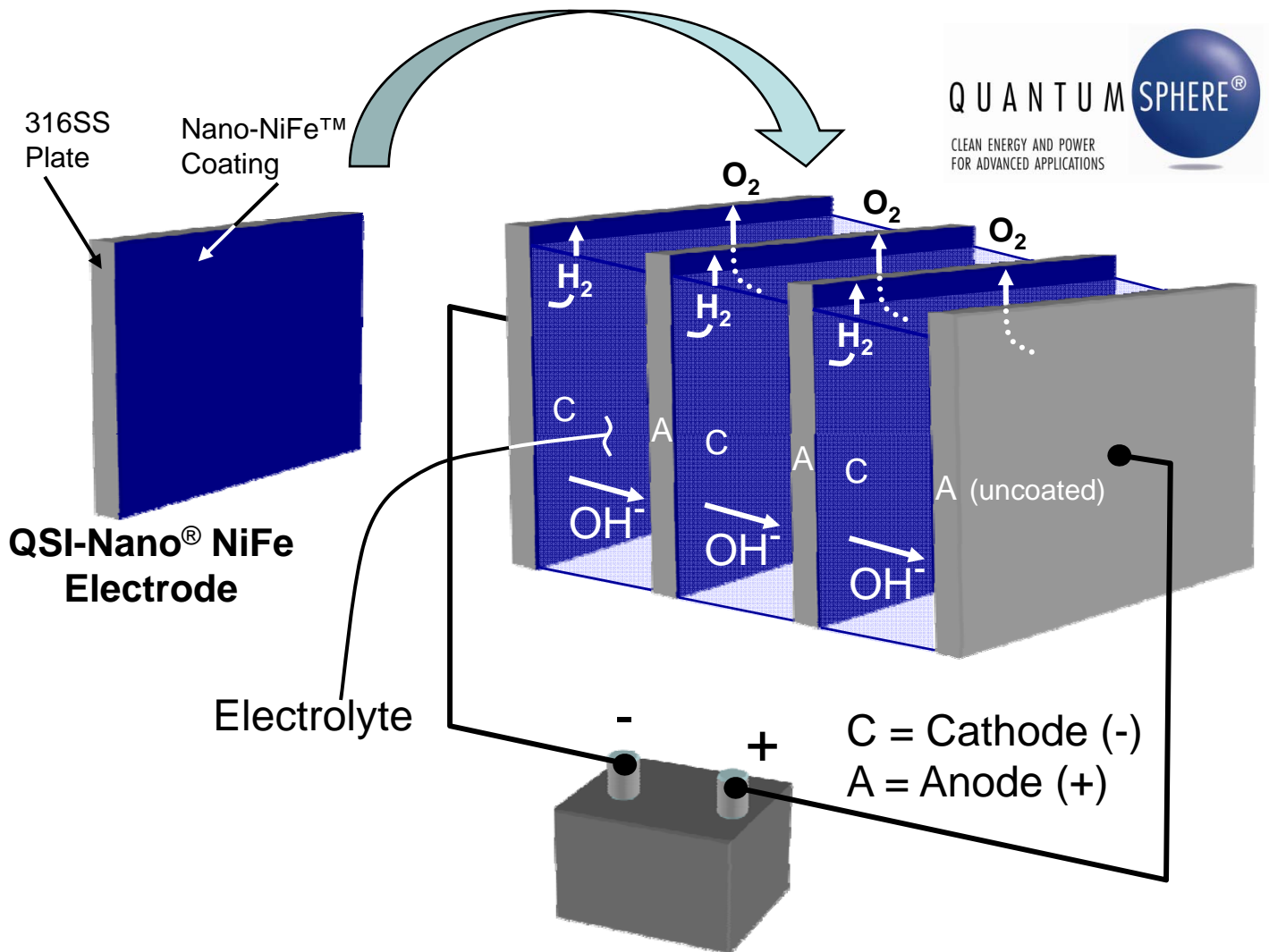
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**Electrode spacing:** 0.375" or less. Spacing should be small enough to minimize resistance from electrolyte, yet not too small where the  $\text{H}_2$  and  $\text{O}_2$  bubbles increase resistance from obstruction of ion current.

**Operating temperature:** Maximum of 80 °C. (176 °F). Electrolyte resistance decreases with increasing temperature, so electrolysis becomes more electrically efficient with increasing temperature.

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