Improving Efficiency with Encapsulated Media Blasting

Presenter:

Protect What's Important

Why Do Coatings Fail?





Coating

Wrong Coating Selection

Wrong Application

Environmental

Proper Surface Preparation:

Cleanliness (Visual)



Decontamination (Invisible)

CHLORIDES & SULFATES OIL RESIDUE LEAD ASBESTOS PCBs LOW-LEVEL RADIATION Profile (Measurable)



"75% of coating failures are the result of poor surface preparation"

"It should be remembered that when defects are exposed by blast cleaning and subsequently removed by grinding, it is necessary to re-prepare the immediate area to retain the surface profile."

"All coating systems will perform better on properly cleaned surfaces with a good surface profile"



SOURCE: NACE Coating Inspector Program (Level

Abrasive Sponge Blast Media



Change of Service blasting in as little as 30 minutes of blast time



Lining Removal One Shift





228 mils (nearly 1/4 ") of Soft rubber removed efficiently



Commodity does not sweat out after blasting



System Overview



Robot is Loaded in sections and Assembled in as little as 17 Minutes.





Comparison of Steel Grit, Steel Shot and Sponge

STEEL GRIT	STEEL SHOT	SPONGE
Powerful Ricochet creates injuries and can drive fine metallic particles into Electrical components and other sensitive items.	Powerful Ricochet and the rolling balls creates both impact and worker slip injuries. Fine metallic shot creates conductive dust in Electrical components.	Bounce, soft rebound is safe for workers, no slip issue and minimizes likelihood of contamination or other damage of nearby equipment.
Metallic residue is cathodic to substrates and can lower coating Performance.	Metallic residue is cathodic to substrates and can lower coating Performance.	Ceramic abrasive and Urethane leave no cathodic residues on surfaces.
Angular finish but QC on managing break down of abrasive to insure consistent peak to valley profile.	Non Angular Profile. Compromises coating adhesion.	Angular finish with consistent peak to valley profile due to the continuous exposure of new virgin abrasives as the urethane breaks down.
Significant clean up time and weight to remove.	Significant clean up time and weight to remove.	Easily contained and removed via vacuum or blowing to collection points.

Ordinary Blasting versus Sponge Media Blasting



Sponge Media Technology



Dramatically Reduce Airborne Emissions



Sponge Blasting can reduce dust levels as much as 98% compared to ordinary abrasives

Profile 0 to 150+microns (0 to 6+mils)



Virtually Eliminate Rework



Clean Abrasive Blasting Process

Simplify surface preparation
Blast in sensitive surroundings

•Reduce fatigue on the blaster

•Enjoy fast, easy clean-up



No Collateral Damage

- Prepare weld seams and repair coating blisters
- Remove corrosion and coating products
- ✓ Clean the surface
- ✓ Produce the required profile
- Provide a smooth coating transition (*feathering*) without cracking or fracturing the surrounding intact coatings
- Blast around rotating equipment, electrical boxes, other trades
- Ergonomically sound



White Metal Prep Feathered into primer

Potential Efficiency Gained with Sponge Blasting

- Cost Savings
- Improved Worker Safety
- Environmentally Proactive
- Reduced Manufacturing Time
- Reduced Labor Content
- Achieves "Best Practices" Status
- Technically Better Solution
- Controllable Production Tool
- Quality: Best in Class





Blast Where You Want...When You Want

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