
ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT



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OUTLINE

1. ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION
 - DOT REGULATIONS REGARDING ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION CONTROL
 - CAUSES / TYPES OF ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION
 - GENERAL PRACTICES FOR ABOVEGROUND CORROSION PREVENTION
2. PROTECTIVE COATINGS
 - COATING SELECTION FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION
 - MAINTENANCE OF ABOVEGROUND FACILITIES

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CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Gas Lines:

- 192.479 GENERAL ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION CONTROL
- 192.481 MONITORING OF ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION CONTROL

49 CFR 192.479

ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION CONTROL – GENERAL

- PIPELINE SECTIONS ABOVEGROUND INSTALLED AFTER 1971 MUST BE CLEANED AND COATED TO PREVENT CORROSION
- THE EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE IS IF AN OPERATOR CAN SHOW THAT THE LINE IS IN A NON-CORROSIVE ENVIRONMENT

49 CFR 192.479

FOR ABOVEGROUND PIPELINE
SECTIONS INSTALLED BEFORE 1971
THE OPERATOR SHALL:

- DETERMINE AREAS OF ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION
- HAVE THESE AREAS REMEDIATED BY APPROPRIATE MEANS
- BE CLEANED AND COATED/JACKETED TO PREVENT FURTHER CORROSION

49 CFR 192.481

MONITORING ATMOSPHERIC
CORROSION ON GAS LINES

- ONSHORE PIPELINES MUST BE RE-EVALUATED EVERY THREE YEARS
- OFFSHORE PIPELINES MUST BE RE-EVALUATED ONCE PER YEAR
- NO SPECIFICS ON EVALUATION DATA

LNG AND LIQUIDS

■ 193.2627 – LNG

– COMPONENTS SUBJECT TO ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION MUST EITHER BE CONSTRUCTED FROM CORROSION-RESISTANT MATERIAL OR COATED

■ 195.416 – HAZ LIQUIDS

– CLEAN AND COAT LINES SUBJECT TO ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION

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TYPICAL ABOVEGROUND AREAS



- TANK FARMS
- BRIDGE CROSSINGS
- DOCKS
- METERING STATIONS
- PIERS
- REFINERIES
- STORAGE FACILITIES

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Coastal/Offshore Structures



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Offshore Severe Weathering



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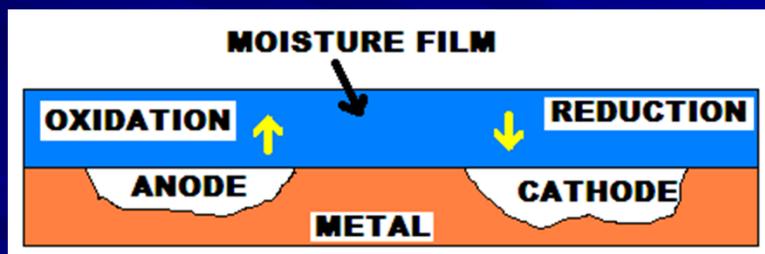
TYPES / CAUSES OF ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION

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ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION REQUIREMENTS

- ANODE
- METALLIC PATH
- CATHODE
- ELECTROLYTE



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UNIFORM CORROSION

■ LAYER OR FLAKING CORROSION PRODUCT



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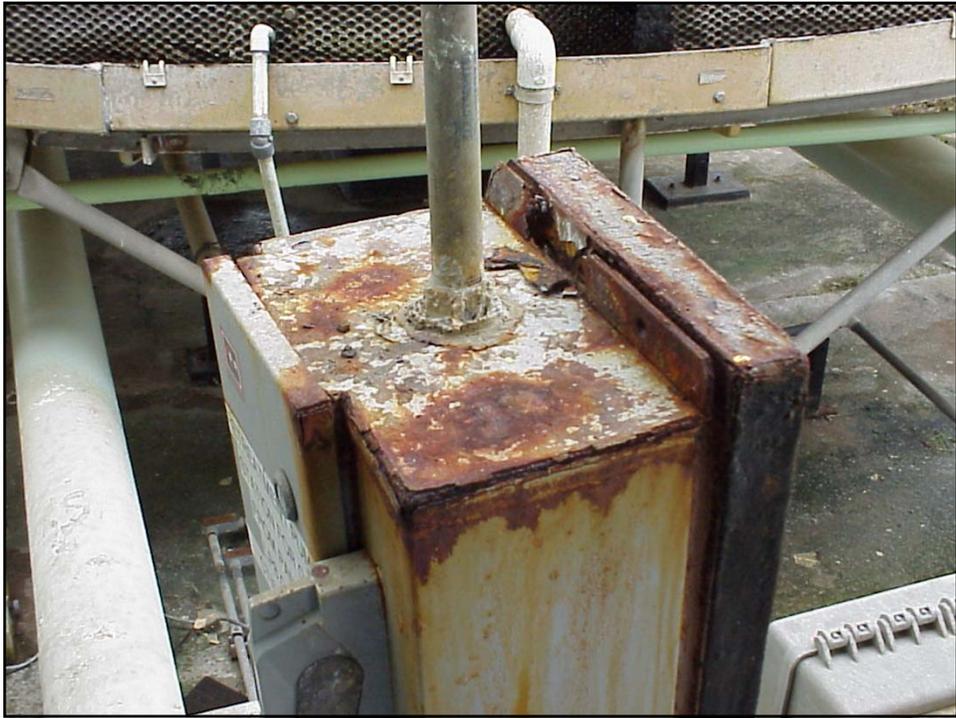
ALUMINUM GAS
METER BOX

CARBON STEEL PLATE
WITH STAINLESS STEEL
MACHINE SCREWS

FACTORS AFFECTING ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION

- MOISTURE - MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR
- TEMPERATURE
 - AFFECTS
 - RELATIVE HUMIDITY/DEW POINT
 - TIME OF WETNESS
 - KINETICS OF CORROSION REACTION
 - CYCLIC CONDITIONS
- AIR POLLUTANTS – chlorides, sulfur species
- FOREIGN MATTER ACCUMULATION





ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION CONTROL

HOW IS AN ABOVEGROUND PIPELINE DIFFERENT FROM A BELOW GRADE PIPELINE?

1. CATHODIC PROTECTION IS NOT POSSIBLE
2. EASY VISUAL INSPECTION / ACCESS
3. AESTHETICS MORE IMPORTANT
4. WEATHERING CONDITIONS MUCH DIFFERENT THAN BURIAL CONDITIONS

MATERIALS SELECTION

- **SELECT FOR INHERENT CORROSION RESISTANCE**
 - ALLOYS
 - NON-METALLIC MATERIALS
- **HIGHER INITIAL COST**
- **LOWER MAINTENANCE COST**

METAL ALLOYS

- **CARBON STEEL**
- **WEATHERING STEEL (HSLA)**
- **GALVANIZED STEEL**
- **STAINLESS STEEL**
- **ALUMINUM ALLOYS**
- **COPPER ALLOYS**
- **CRA (corrosion resistant alloys)**

ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION RATES

	RURAL	URBAN	INDUSTRIAL	MARINE
CARBON STEEL	4-65	23-71	26-175	26-104
STAINLESS STEEL		0.002-0.01	0-0.02	0-0.03
COPPER	0.4-0.5		1-3	0.2-1.5
ALUMINUM	0-0.1	1	1-13	0.4-0.6
GALVANIZED STEEL	0.2-3.0	2-16	2-16	0.5-0.6

Table 1 — Atmospheric-corrosivity categories and examples of typical environments

Corrosivity category	Mass loss per unit surface/thickness loss (after first year of exposure)				Examples of typical environments in a temperate climate (informative only)	
	Low-carbon steel		Zinc		Exterior	Interior
	Mass loss g/m ²	Thickness loss µm	Mass loss g/m ²	Thickness loss µm		
C1 very low	≤ 10	≤ 1.3	≤ 0.7	≤ 0.1	—	Heated buildings with clean atmospheres, e.g. offices, shops, schools, hotels.
C2 low	> 10 to 200	> 1.3 to 25	> 0.7 to 5	> 0.1 to 0.7	Atmospheres with low level of pollution. Mostly rural areas.	Unheated buildings where condensation may occur, e.g. depots, sports halls.
C3 medium	> 200 to 400	> 25 to 50	> 5 to 15	> 0.7 to 2.1	Urban and industrial atmospheres, moderate sulfur dioxide pollution. Coastal areas with low salinity.	Production rooms with high humidity and some air pollution, e.g. food-processing plants, laundries, breweries, dairies.
C4 high	> 400 to 650	> 50 to 80	> 15 to 30	> 2.1 to 4.2	Industrial areas and coastal areas with moderate salinity.	Chemical plants, swimming pools, coastal ship- and boatyards.
C5-1 very high (industrial)	> 650 to 1 500	> 80 to 200	> 30 to 60	> 4.2 to 8.4	Industrial areas with high humidity and aggressive atmosphere.	Buildings or areas with almost permanent condensation and with high pollution.
C5-M very high (marine)	> 650 to 1 500	> 80 to 200	> 30 to 60	> 4.2 to 8.4	Coastal and offshore areas with high salinity	Buildings or areas with almost permanent condensation and with high pollution.

NOTE 1 The loss values used for the corrosivity categories are identical to those given in ISO 9223.
NOTE 2 In coastal areas in hot, humid zones, the mass or thickness losses can exceed the limits of category C5-M. Special precautions must therefore be taken when selecting protective paint systems for structures in such areas.

ISO 12944 Part 2 (1998)
Corrosion Protection of
Steel Structures by
Protective Paint Systems

Part 2: Classification of
Environments

STAINLESS (?) STEEL

- 300-SERIES, CHROMIUM STAINLESS STEELS (304, 316) MOST COMMON
- IN MARINE ENVIRONMENT, STAINLESS STEELS WILL PIT AND CORRODE
- 300 SERIES IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO CHLORIDE STRESS CRACKING
- PAINTING OF 300 SERIES COMMON

NON-METALLIC MATERIALS

- **EXAMPLES**
 - PLASTIC INSTEAD OF METAL PIPE
 - FIBERGLASS BOLTS INSTEAD OF STEEL
- **CONSIDERATIONS**
 - STRENGTH
 - ENVIRONMENTAL DETERIORATION
 - COST
 - INSTALLATION DETAILS

FIBERGLASS MANHOLE



COATINGS – MOST COMMON CORROSION CONTROL METHOD USED FOR ABOVEGROUND AREAS

COATINGS

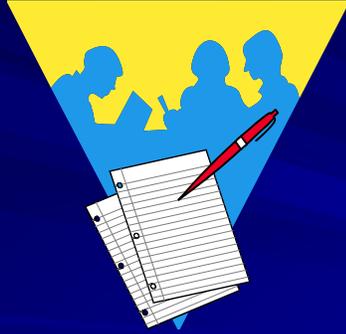
- PROVIDE BARRIER BETWEEN SURFACE AND ENVIRONMENT
- SOME (ZINC PRIMERS) PROVIDE SOME SACRIFICIAL CP AT GOUGES/DEFECTS
- ATTRIBUTES
 - WEATHERABILITY
 - CORROSION PROTECTION
 - APPEARANCE RETENTION- AESTICS
 - MAINTAINABILITY

PIPELINE COATINGS VS. ATMOSPHERIC COATINGS

- PIPELINE COATINGS ARE THICK TO AVOID PHYSICAL DAMAGE – ATMOSPHERIC COATINGS NOT NORMALLY AS THICK
- PIPELINE COATINGS ARE SUPPLEMENTED BY CP – ATMOSPHERIC COATINGS ARE NOT
- PIPELINE COATINGS ARE DIFFICULT TO REPAIR – ATMOSPHERIC COATINGS ARE NOT

Coating Specifications

Basic Philosophy

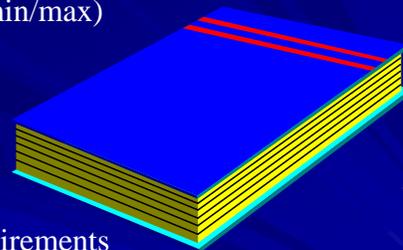


The best coating known will only perform well if it is ...

- In the right application
- Applied to a properly prepared surface
- Applied properly
- Handled properly
- Inspected properly

COATING SPECIFICATION COMPONENTS

- Surface preparation materials and requirements
- Specified system: primer, build coat, top coat
- Dry film thickness of each coat (min/max)
- Total dry film thickness
- Application methods
- Inspection requirements
- Safety/Health/Environmental requirements
- General requirements
 - Define vendor and subcontractor responsibilities and their interrelationship
 - Areas not to be coated



COATING INSPECTION DURING APPLICATION IS *VERY IMPORTANT*

- ENSURES THAT SPECIFICATIONS ARE MET
- CONDUCT TESTS
- KEEPS RECORDS
- APPROXIMATELY 10% OF TOTAL PAINTING COST
- GOOD INSPECTION PAYS FOR ITSELF IN IMPROVED LIFE OF COATING

Typical Shipyard Construction



EFFECTIVE COATING SYSTEMS

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EFFECTIVE COATING SYSTEMS

NEW CONSTRUCTION:

- INORGANIC ZINC PRIMER (OR INORGANIC)
- EPOXY BUILD COAT
- POLYURETHANE TOPCOAT

- BEST SYSTEM FOR LONG TERM CORROSION RESISTANCE AND COLOR/GLOSS RETENTION

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FUNCTIONS OF SPECIFIC COATS

Primer

- Adhesion to surface. Coating wets surface.
- Corrosion inhibition with inhibitive pigments
- Sacrificial protection with zinc pigments
- Protect surface preparation to help adhesion of additional coats

Build Coat

- Additional thickness
- Chemical resistance, low moisture transmission
- Adhesion between primer and top coat



Top Coat

- Weather and/or chemical resistance
- Color and gloss
- Mildew or biological resistance
- Wear or abrasion resistance

WEATHERING TESTS



LIQUID APPLIED COATINGS

STANDARD INEXPENSIVE MAINTENANCE COATINGS

OIL BASED ALKYD

SILICONE ALKYD

ACRYLIC

- ONE COMPONENT, LESS COSTLY TO APPLY
- GENERALLY POOR WEATHERING RESISTANCE, LOWER SERVICE LIFE
- SOMETIMES, ALKYD OR ACRYLIC TOPCOATS OVER EPOXY PRIMERS OFFER EXCELLENT ECONOMIC CHOICE

LIQUID APPLIED COATINGS

HIGH PERFORMANCE COATINGS

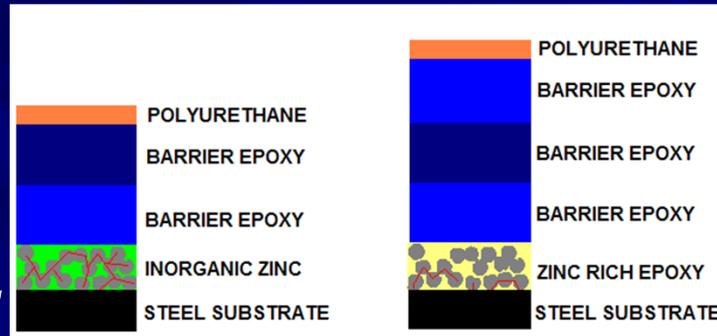
EPOXY

POLYURETHANE

ZINC RICH

- HIGHER INITIAL COST
- CAN BE MORE SENSITIVE TO SURFACE PREPARATION
- LONG LIFE IF APPLIED CORRECTLY
- LIKELY LOWER LIFE CYCLE COST

INORGANIC ZINC VS. ZINC RICH EPOXY



INORGANIC ZINC:
INTERCONNECTED NETWORK
OF GALVANIC PROTECTION

ZINC-RICH EPOXY:
PARTIAL NETWORK OF
GALVANIC PROTECTION

HIGH-TEMPERATURE SYSTEMS

- GENERALLY INORGANIC SYSTEMS (SILICONES, ZINCS) NEEDED ABOVE 400F
- HIGH TEMP SYSTEMS ARE BRITTLE, CAN BE SUBJECT TO CRACKING AND DISBONDING – BAD NEWS IF WATER IS TRAPPED UNDER INSULATION AND COATING HAS FAILED
- SOME NEED HEAT CURE

UV DAMAGE AND COATINGS

- POLYURETHANES ARE RESISTANT TO UV – GOOD AS TOPCOATS
- FBE AND LIQUID EPOXIES WILL CHALK IN UV, BUT LOSS TENDS TO BE LIMITED TO LESS THAN 1 MPY OR LESS, DEPENDING ON OTHER WEATHERING
- THERMOPLASTICS (POLYETHYLENE, POLYPROPYLENE) DEGRADE AND CAN SPLIT IN UV – NOT GOOD UNLESS UV STABILIZED OR COATED OVER

ODD SHAPED SURFACES

- FLANGES
- BOLTS
- VALVE BODIES

NO DUCT TAPE ALLOWED!



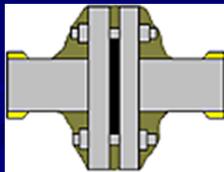
FILL-IN SYSTEMS FOR CREVICES

- PETROLATUM FILLERS AND TAPES – CAN BE APPLIED DIRECTLY ON WET SURFACES, BUT WILL MOVE AT HIGH TEMPERATURES
- WAX TAPES– CHECK UPPER SERVICE TEMPERATURE
- EPOXY CAULKS (BUT DON'T GLUE FLANGES TOGETHER OR GLUE VALVES OPEN/SHUT)
- IS IT A GOOD APPROACH TO COVER UP?

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ORGANIC BARRIER COATINGS

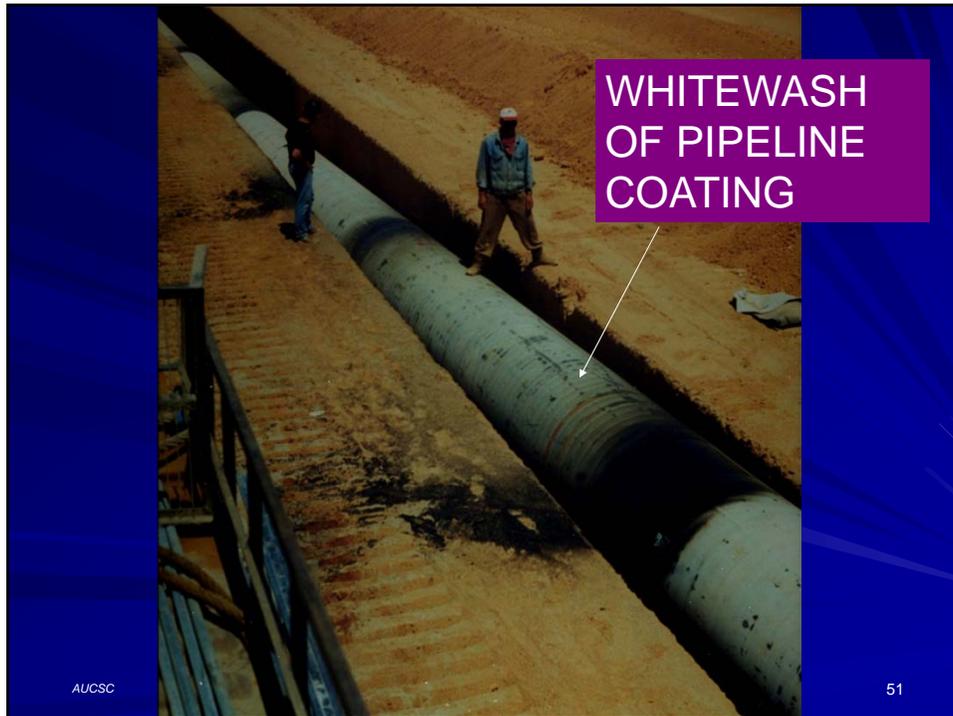
PIPELINE COATINGS

- FBE
- COAL TAR ENAMEL - RARELY USED TODAY
- ASPHALT ENAMEL - RARELY USED TODAY
- EPOXIES - LIQUID
- EXTRUDED POLYETHYLENE (TWO LAYER)
- TAPE WRAPS
- 3-LAYER POLYOLEFINS (PE & PP)

FOR ABOVEGROUND SERVICE, MOST OF THESE ARE NOT THE BEST CHOICE



**SELECT
COATING
TO BE UV
RESISTANT**



METALLIC (SACRIFICIAL) COATINGS

- ZINC – GALVANIZED, ELECTROPLATE, METALLIZE
- ALUMINUM – HOT DIP, METALLIZE (TSA = thermal spray aluminum), LIQUID
- ALUMINUM-ZINC – HOT DIP, METALLIZE
- CADMIUM (ELECTROPLATE) – NOT USED MUCH
- ZINC RICH (LIQUID APPLIED)

THERMAL SPRAY ALUMINUM



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GALVANIZING

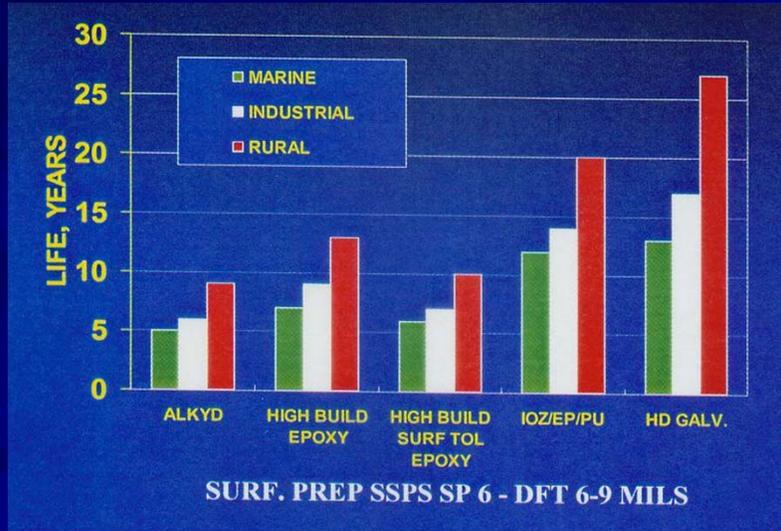
- HOT-DIP GALVANIZING MOST COMMON
- TOPCOATING WITH DTM ACRYLIC OR BETTER ENABLES LONG SERVICE LIFE
- RATES OF ZINC LOSS ARE WELL ESTABLISHED FOR DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTS

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STRUCTURE LOCATION



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NO COATING LASTS FOREVER

MAINTENANCE AND EVENTUAL REPLACEMENT WILL BE NEEDED

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After Application Trouble Spots



MECHANICAL DAMAGE



THIN EDGE & CORROSION

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After Application Trouble Spots



POORLY PREPARED WELD



EMBEDDED GRIT RUSTING

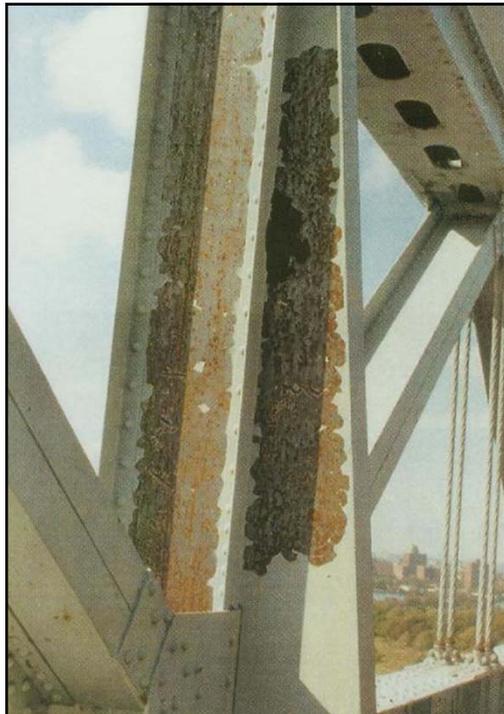
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MAINTENANCE COATINGS

- GENERALLY FALL INTO CATEGORY OF “SURFACE TOLERANT” EPOXIES, DTM ACRYLICS
- GETTING SURFACE CLEAN (DE-GREASED, DE-SALTED, LOOSE RUST AND LOOSE COATING REMOVED) IS MOST CRITICAL STEP – POWER WASHING OFTEN USED
- EPOXY WITH POLYURETHANE TOPCOAT MOST EFFECTIVE SYSTEM



**SUBSTRATE –
IS GOOD
SURFACE
PREPARATION
POSSIBLE?**

SURFACE PREPARATION

- MOST IMPORTANT PART OF COATING APPLICATION
- PURPOSE
 - REMOVE SURFACE CONTAMINATION AND CREATE ANCHOR PATTERN

USE BEST POSSIBLE METHOD + COATING WHICH IS APPROPRIATE FOR THAT SURFACE PREP

SURFACE PREPARATION

■ Abrasive Blast (Dry or Wet)

- White Metal > Near White > Commercial > Brush Blast

■ Water Blast

■ Water Jetting

■ Power Tool Cleaning

■ Hand Tool Cleaning

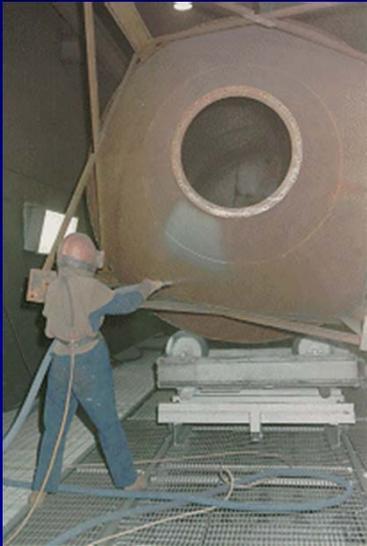
■ Solvent Cleaning

- Organic or alkaline solvents, detergents, steam

Surface prep gets better in this direction ↑



ABRASIVE BLASTING

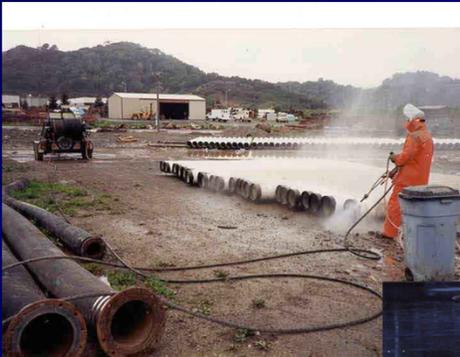


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WET BLASTING



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Vacuum Blast



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**WANT TO
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THIS!**

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INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

REASONS FOR COATING MAINTENANCE

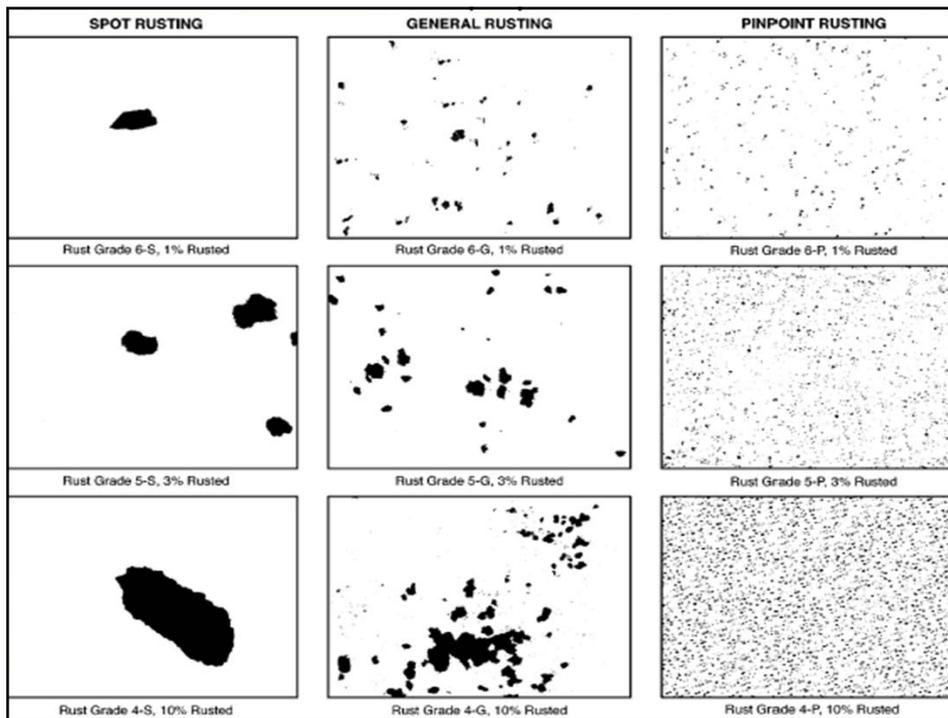
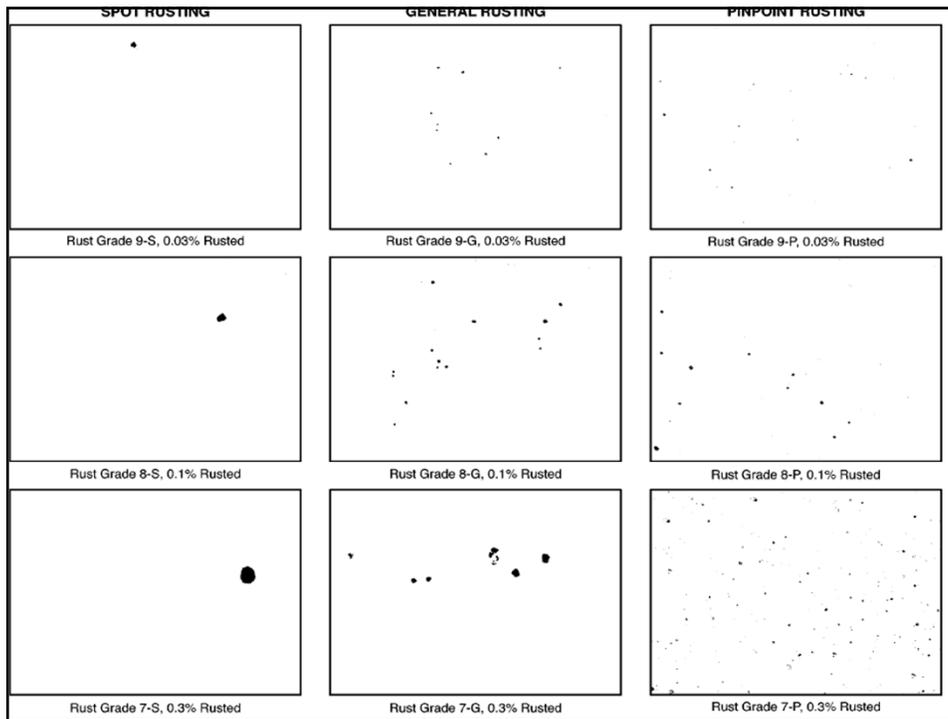
- A GOOD COATING, IF PROPERLY MAINTAINED, SHOULD LAST 10-12 YEARS BEFORE REQUIRING MAJOR RE-COATING.
- PERIODIC VISUAL COATING INSPECTION AND MINOR REPAIR IS NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY AND MAP AREAS OF COATING FAILURE TO AVOID CATASTROPHIC RESULTS.
- REPAIR ON A ROUTINE BASIS PROLONGS THE LIFE OF THE COATING AND POSTPONES THE NEED FOR FULL RE-COATING.

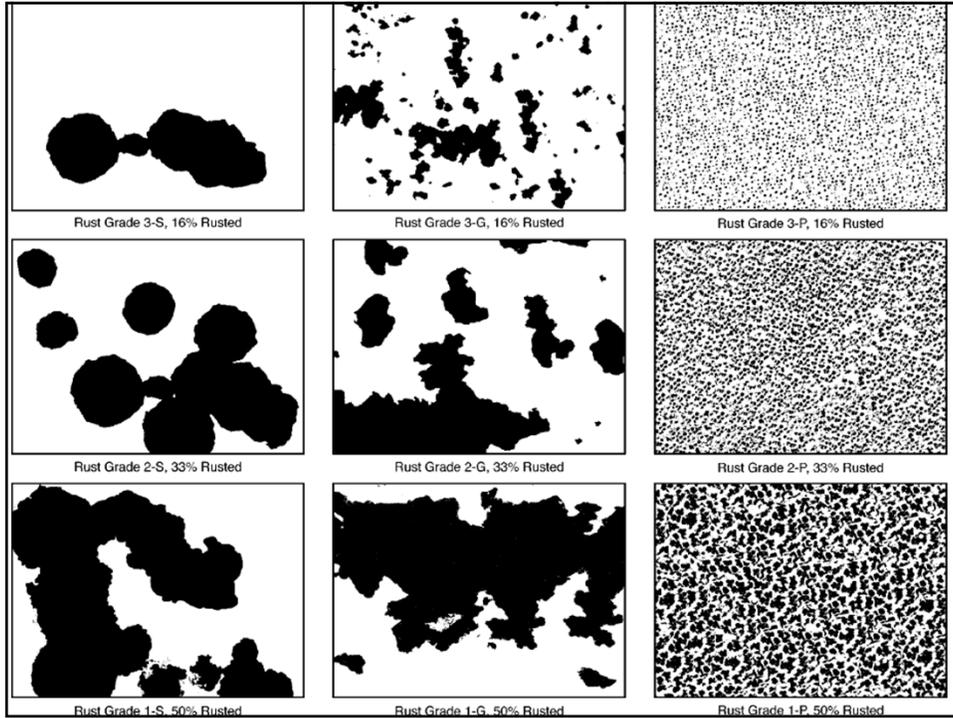
INSPECTION – DOCUMENTATION OF CONDITION

- WRITTEN DESCRIPTION
 - PHOTOGRAPHS HELPFUL
- TYPE OF DEFECT
- LOCATION
- DEPTH OF CORROSION
- EXTENT OF CORROSION

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- CATEGORIZE EXTENT OF RUSTING
- VISUAL “STANDARDS” TO HELP RATE
- BASED ON TYPE OF RUST, PERCENT AREAS





Example of Coating Breakdown

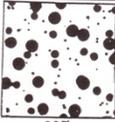
Coating Assessment Guide



Notes:

1. General breakdown on overhead > 20%
2. Edge breakdown
3. Rust staining

ISCE Assessment Scale:

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less than 20%	

Coating Condition: **POOR**

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SUMMARY

- ABOVEGROUND CORROSION CONTROL IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM BELOW GRADE CONTROL
- PROPER SELECTION, APPLICATION, INSPECTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF ORGANIC COATINGS IS THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE WAY TO CONTROL CORROSION IN MOST CASES
- CHANGE OF DESIGN AND USE OF ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS SOMETIMES APPROPRIATE



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