Northeast Gas Association Gas Operations School

# Basics of Field Applied Coatings

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#### **Pipeline Failures**

> #2 Reason for Pipeline Failures:

#### • <u>CORROSION</u>

+1 Reason for Pipeline Failures:

• THIRD PARTY DAMAGE

Materials Performance - 2001

### **CORROSION PREVENTION**

An <u>effective coating system</u> will reduce the potential for product loss, environmental contamination, and the related hazards to life, property and damage to the surrounding environment caused by a catastrophic failure due to active corrosion.

### Why Do Coatings Fail?

- Improper or insufficient Surface Preparation
- Faulty Application Procedure
- Wrong Coating for conditions
- Extraordinary Conditions

#### **Improper Surface Preparation**



#### UV Damage on Below Grade Tape



#### **Application Procedure**



#### **Abnormal Conditions**



# Curriculum Outline

- Surface Preparation
- Materials Selection
- Application Procedures
- Inspection & Backfill

# Surface Preparation

# **Surface Preparation**

- All substances that could interfere or prevent the coating from *bonding* to the substrate <u>must be removed</u> prior to the coating.
   Remove:
  - o All loose Rust, Dirt and Dust
  - o Moisture, Grease, Oil, Mill Lacquer & Shop Coating
  - o Sharp Edges, Burrs, Weld Slag, Mill Scale
  - **Clean:** to NACE/SSPC-SP standard for desired coating
  - **Pre-Heat**: (when applicable) substrate to Mfg's specifications

**Refer:** to Manufacturers Installation Guides to determine the appropriate surface preparation procedures for the coating you are using.

Without PROPER surface preparation the coating will FAIL

## **Surface Preparation Standards**

<u>SSPC</u>	NACE	<b>Description</b>	<u>Detail</u>
SP1		Solvent Cleaning	Removal of oil, grease, dirt, soil and contaminants by cleaning with solvent, vapor, alkali, emulsion or steam.
SP2		Hand Tool Cleaning	Removal of loose rust, loose mil scale and loose paint by hand chipping, scraping, sanding and wire brushing.
SP3		Power Tool Cleaning	Removal of loose rust, loose mill scale and loose paint by power tool chipping, descaling, sanding, wire brushing and grinding
SP10	2	Near White Blast Cleaning	Blast cleaning until at least 95% of each square inch is free of all visible rust, mill scale, paint and foreign matter.

#### **Surface Preparation Standards**

<u>SSPC</u>	<b>NACE</b>	<b>Description</b>	<u>Detail</u>
SP6	3	Commercial Blast Cleaning	Blast cleaning until at least two- thirds of each square inch is free of all visible residues.
SP 7	4	Brush Off Blast Cleaning	Blast cleaning of all except tightly adhered residues of mill scale, rust and coatings.
SP 8		Pickling	Complete removal of rust and mill scale by acid pickling, duplex pickling or electrolytic pickling.
SP5	1	White Metal Blast Cleaning	Removal of all visible rust, mill scale, paint and foreign matter by blast cleaning.

#### SP3



#### SP 2-3 Visual Guides



#### SP10 Near White Blast



## **Materials Selection**

## **Types of Coating Materials**

#### Cold Applied Coatings

- Cold Applied Tapes
- Wax Tapes

#### Hot Applied Coatings

- Shrink Sleeves
- Hot Applied Tapes

#### Liquid Coatings

- Epoxies (Two part and single coat systems)
- Paints (Multi layered systems)
- Mastics (single coat systems)

#### Specialty Coatings

- Repair Patches (Hot & Cold)
- Exothermic Weld Coatings
- Wire Splice Kits

Know your Application Parameters and Coatings Selection Capabilities

#### Good Coatings Characteristics Per: NACE SP-0169

- Sufficient Dielectric Strength to be an Effective Electrical Insulator
- Effective Moisture Barrier
- Good Adhesive and Cohesive values, to the Substrate (pipe surface) and coating itself.
- Ability to Maintain these Qualities over the Service Life of the Pipe

Material coating selection is a critical step in protecting against external corrosion

### **Material Selection Considerations**

- Surface Preparation Limitations
- Operating Temperatures (Hot & Cold)
- UV Exposure
- Damp or Wet Surfaces
- Irregular Shaped Pipe Configurations
- Size and Weight of Pipe
- Extraordinary Application Conditions

#### Compensating for Abnormal Conditions



### **Application Procedures**

#### Follow Manufacturers Application Guidelines



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#### Training - Certification -Documentation

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- PHMSA/STATE Regulatory Requirements
- Certification **PRIOR** to Project Start Ups
- Training by Authorized Manufacturer's REP
- Use of Proper Tools & Equipment
- Abnormal Operating Conditions
- Documentation
- NACE Coating Inspectors

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#### Certification Letter

- KEY Factors for Certification:
  - Knowledge
  - Skill
  - Ability
- Witness Physical Installation
- Abnormal Operating Condition



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August 16, 2016

Dear Utility Cu.

Please find this letter as certification that on August 10, 2016 I witnessed

**The Blown** of **Install**, **Incode**monstrate the **Knowledge**, **Skills and Ability** to apply 2-part liquid epoxy coatings in accordance with the Manufacturers Field Installation procedures for DENSO 7200 and POWERCRETE R-95.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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### **Cold Applied Tapes**

Mil Thickness
Primer Requirements
UV Resistance
Temperature Limitations
Chemical Resistance

### **Primers for Cold Applied Tape**

- Why do you need a primer?
- Use the Primer specified by the Coating Manufacturer.
- Apply Primer as soon as possible after surface preparation
- Allow Primer to get Tacky or Dry, as specified. When ready apply the Tape.
- Some Tapes are primer optional.

### Wrapping Methods

#### Spiral Wrap (The preferred method)

- The tape with a pressure sensitive adhesive can be applied with a more uniform tension giving the coating a better bond to the pipe surface
- A Spiral Wrap has fewer exposed tape ends, eliminating areas of potential problems
- 2", 4" and 6" width tape are best handling for spiral wrapping

#### Cigarette Wrap

- Coating with strips of tape around the circumference of the pipe
- Use when conditions do not allow clearance for Spiral Wrapping







#### TAPE COATING TIPS

#### Surface Prep

- Clean Dry Surface
- The coating should be applied as soon as practical after cleaning to keep dirt and rust bloom from re-contaminating the pipe surface.

#### Tape Width

- 2" & 4" wide tape are the easiest to hand apply.
- Appling the tape spirally, use a tape width that is not greater then the diameter of the pipe.

- Use narrower width tape for wrapping difficult angles.
- Back wined the tape to smaller rolls if the roll is to large to comfortably handle.

#### Wrapping

- Remove the release liner as the tape is being applied.
- Keep the roll close to the pipe to avoid wrinkles.
- Tape Tension is critical
- End the wrap on the down side of the pipe.

### **Tape Wrapster**

- Wrapping tools or machines make larger coating jobs easier and faster
- They applying the tape spirally with a uniform tension and a controlled overlap



#### **Cold Tapes for Irregular Surfaces**

Tapes designed for wrapping Tees, Fittings, Irregular Surfaces and small diameter pipe

Backing should be very flexible
Highly moldable and conformable
Adhesive more forgiving and self healing

Caution: Because these tapes are softer by design they should not be used as standard coating tapes on larger or heavier piping





#### Wax Tapes

## Wax Tape Characteristics

- Encapsulation Coating System
- Extremely Pliable
- Excellent for Irregular Shaped Surfaces
- Minimum Surface Preparation
- Excellent in Wet environments
- VV Stable Above & Below Grade
- Immediate Backfill
- High Temp & High Tack Tapes available for Structural Surfaces




#### Above Grade (Exposed) Applications

- Bridge Crossing
- Service Risers
- Piping & Fittings in Buried Vaults
- Extreme Wet Conditions
- When the Pipeline can't be Properly Dried



# **Below Grade Applications**

#### Irregular Shapes:

Coupling, Tees, Valves & Fittings

- Pipelines
- Underwater or when substrate can NOT be dried properly
- Immediate Backfill



### **Surface Preparation**

- Minimal Surface Preparation:
  - SSPC SP2 Hand Tool Cleaning
  - SSPC SP3 Power Tool Cleaning

#### Remove

- Loose Scale
- Loose Rust
- Loose Paint
- Disbonded Coatings





# Wax Tape Primer

- First Line of Defense in Corrosion Protection
- Apply Immediately after Cleaning Surface Area
- Hand Apply by Gloved Hand in a Continuous Thin Film
- Rub & Press into Substrate
- Apply with a 3" overlap to Existing Coating



### **Specialty Products**

- Profiling Mastic
  - Used to Smooth Out Irregular Shapes – i.e. couplings, flanges & valves for easy application of tape



# **Applying Wax Tape**

- Spiral Wrap (Preferred)
- Cigarette Wrap
- Minimum of 1" Overlap on Seams w/ a 55% Overlap on high corrosive environments
- Overlap 3" on Mainline Coating
- Make Intimate Contact to Substrate
- Smooth Out All Lap Seams
- Remove Air Pockets and Repair Holiday's / Voids
- Apply Outerwap on 10"> Below Grade Applications





### **Protective Mechanical Wraps**

- Additional Mechanical Strength
  - Soil Stress
  - Backfill
  - Rocky Conditions
  - Ledge
  - Rollers and Supports
  - HDD
- Types
  - Poly Wraps
  - Fiber Glass Wraps
  - Fiber Glass Shields
  - Rockshield
  - Select Fill



#### **Mechanical Protection for HDD**





#### Hot Applied Coatings

#### Heat-Shrinkable Sleeve System



#### Selecting the Proper Sleeve

- Pipe operating temperature
- Pipe coating type
- Cutback distance
- Outside pipe diameter
- Adverse soil conditions
- Climate conditions
- Surface preparation
- Mechanical resistance



#### Keys to Successful Installation:

- Proper Surface Preparation
- Use of the proper tools (Pyrometer, Torch, Gloves, Rollers)
- Primer/Epoxy Application (if required)
- Achieve the correct Pre-Heat
- Center Sleeve to the cutback
- Allow 2"-3" minimum overlap to mainline coating
- Closure Tab installation
- Follow correct procedure for shrinking
- Visual Inspection & Holiday Test

#### Surface Preparation:

 SSPC – SP2 Wire Brush substrate to remove all rust, loose & foreign materials. Power wire brush may be used.



- SSPC- SP10/NACE 2 Near White Blast preparation may be required for hot melt adhesive sleeves used for HDD
- Lightly abrade (sweet blast) 2"-3" mainline coating



#### "Pre-Heating" the Substrate:

- Preheat area to Mfg's required temperature:
  - Mastic Adhesives (140°-150°F)
  - Hot Melt Adhesives 190°F/+
- Remove moisture & wet out the adhesive
- Verify Preheat Temperatures on Weld Joint and Coating using a Contact Thermometer
- Verify required preheat temperatures at 12/3/6/9 o'clock positions
- Use the proper heating device for ease of application



- Center sleeve and wrap Loosely on field joint
- Allow for approx 1" of recovery to sleeve
- Assure 2"-3" of overlap onto adjacent coatings



- With low intensity heat flash 3"-4" of Underlap adhesive to Wet Out the adhesive
- Secure to substrate using a gloved hand (roller) to remove all air pockets and tack to substrate



- Wet out adhesive on Overlap and Window
   Weld Closure Tap and secure to substrate
- Press Closure Tab firmly to Remove any air pockets or wrinkles



- Begin shrinking the sleeve in the CENTER of sleeve.
- Allow sleeve to SHRINK down to substrate and work air out in advance of HEAT.
- Use broad brush strokes circumferentially around pipe
- Assure mastic bleed out 360° around end of sleeve and in closure tab
- Repeat process on opposite end starting in center of sleeve.





- While the sleeve is still warm press or roll the overlap area and the weld bead to remove any air voids.
- Sleeve is successfully applied when sleeve has a smooth service, weld bead profile can be seen through the sleeve, sleeve has conformed to the pipe and adjacent coating
- After sleeve has cooled, mastic flow is evident on both edges of the sleeve and in the closure tab.













# Hot Applied Tapes

- Coal Tar or Bitumen based heat applied tapes
- Surface preparation: Wire Brush
- Pre-Apply Primer to substrate and allow to tack
- Apply Tape using a propane torch by wetting out adhesive on the contact surface side of the tape
- Keep tape taunt and tight to substrate
- Wrap with minimum 1" overlap
- Finish by applying heat to outer surface to form gloss over tape



#### Liquid Coatings

# Liquid Coatings

#### Mastics

- Coal Tar, Bitumen, Rubberized
- For Irregular Fitting, Valves and Flanges
- Brush Applied
- Drying Time

# Liquid Epoxies

Two Part & Single Coat Systems
Above & Below Grade
Surface Tolerant Epoxies
Brush,Pad or Spray Applied
Compatible with FBE coated pipe

#### Keys to a Successful Application:

- Proper surface preparation
- Understanding temperatures & cure rates
- Proper equipment
- Trained applicators
- Quality control / quality assurance

#### Liquid Epoxy Application Procedures

- Surface Preparation: Grit Blast to Near White Finish SSPC SP10/NACE 2
- Preheat if surface temp is < 50° F or ambient temp is</li>
   < 5° of DEW Point. (optional to accelerate cure)</li>
- Two Part Systems = mix Part A (base) with Part B (hardener) to a CONSISTANT Color No Marbling
- Brush, Roller or Spray to Required Thickness (25 30 mil)
- Check mil thickness with WET Film Gauge
- Pot Life 5–7 Minutes of Working Time
- Allow~ 60–90 min for Tack Free coating
- Cure Time ~ 4-6 hours before Handling & Backfill
- Recheck coating thickness prior to backfill with DRY Film Gauge and Holiday Inspector

#### **Surface Preparation**

- SSPC, SP-10 or NACE 2
- Grit/Sand Blast to Establish 2.0 4.0 Anchor Profile
- Mechanical Tools Available to Establish Anchor Profile
- Use Test Strips & Micrometer to Check Anchor Profile







#### Measuring Surface Profile with Replica Tape



#### SURFACE PREPARATION – ABRASIVE BLAST

- Near-White Metal (SSPC-SP10, NACE 2, Sa 2 ½) or better.
- Blast profile should be 2–4 mils



Near-White Surface Prep

Testex Tape w/ micrometer

#### Preheating Weld Joint & Adjacent Coatings

- Cold Weather Applications
- Dry Surface Area
- Achieve Faster Cure Times



#### Mixing a Two Part System



Mix parts A & B together to achieve uniform

Pour onto top of pipe.

Brush or roll from top to bottom.
### MIXING 2-PART EPOXIES Do Not Allow "Road-Side" Chemistry!

- Cure heavy will react too quickly and become brittle once it has kicked over
- Cure light may never react fully and will not protect the pipeline
- Do not use thinners

## **Applying Liquid Epoxies**

- Apply by Brush, Roller or Plural Spray
- Apply to 25–30 mils
- For HDD apply to 35-40 mil
- Verify coating thickness with WET Film Gauge
- Allow Required Cure Time Before Handling or Backfill



## QUALITY CONTROL

- SSPC VIS-1 surface prep comparison chart
- Testex for blast profile
- Wet Film Gauge
- Dry Film Gauge
- Durometer
  - Backfill after Shore D value of 75
- Holiday Detection
   NACE RP0490-2001

#### QUALITY CONTROL PosiTector DPM



Relative Humidity
Air Temperature
Substrate Temperature
Air / Steel Temp. Differential
Dew Point Temperature

### QUALITY CONTROL Measuring Surface Profile



## QUALITY CONTROL

– Measure & Record Blast Profile



### QUALITY CONTROL Measuring Wet Film Thickness



#### QUALITY CONTROL PosiTector – Measuring DFT



### **QUALITY CONTROL**

**Durometer – Measuring Shore D Hardness** 



75 Shore D

### Inspection, Handling & Backfill

### Inspection

- Visual & Touch
  - Disbondment
  - Holiday's
  - Air Pockets
  - Wrinkles
  - Loose or Damaged Coating
  - Cracking, Alligatoring, Blistering (Liquid Coatings)

Electrical Holiday Detector (Jeeping)

### NACE Specification for Jeeping

#### Polyethylene Coatings

- PRITEC<sup>®</sup>
- Cold Applied Tapes
- Heat Shrink Sleeves
- Range 8000 12000 V
- Formula:
  - $V = 1250 \times \sqrt{(T, in Mils)}$

EXAMPLE: PRITEC® 10/40 = 50 Mil thick V = 1250 x  $\sqrt{(50)}$  or (7.071) = 8,838 Volts

Legend: V = Test Voltage T = Thickness  $\sqrt{} = Square Root$ 1 Mil = .001 inches

#### • FBE/Liquid Epoxies

- FBE Coated Pipe
- Liquid Epoxies
- Range 1600 3000 V
  Formula:

 $V = 525 \times \sqrt{(T, in Mils)}$ 

Example: FBE = 16 Mil thick V = 525 x  $\sqrt{(16)}$  or (4) = 2,100 Volts

## Handling

- Allow proper time for Coating to set up
- Use Approved Slings and Harnesses
- Stored, Transported and Handled Properly
- Repair ALL damages related to Handling

### Backfill

- Time Dependant on Coating Selection
   Field coating the pipe is usually the last thing done before the ditch/trench is backfilled.
- Backfill Should be Free of Any;
  - Large Rocks
  - Stones
  - Foreign Objects/Materials
  - The pipeline coating should also be protected from all rigid earth conditions, where coating penetration would cause corrosion to the pipeline

### Rockshield



# Thank You!