



COMBATING THE GRAFFITI MENACE

Even though it can be seen as a form of street art, for many communities graffiti vandalism is a huge problem, causing significant visual and financial damage as well as time consuming efforts of removal.

As a response to this Cortec launched the best anti-graffiti application available on the market - MCI Wall Defense, a clear, silicone elastomer based anti-graffiti coating that can be applied to exterior concrete, masonry or metal surfaces.

MCI Wall Defense is designed to be used over various types of surfaces that are coated or uncoated. Any tagging can be immediately removed by rinsing off with a cold water pressure cleaning. The company claims that the permanent coating does not need to be reapplied after graffiti removal like alternative sacrificial systems.

NEW RANGE OF TESTERS

Elcometer has launched a new range of pull-off adhesion testers. The Elcometer 506 are lightweight, portable and easy-to-use adhesion gauges available in analogue or digital versions and are suitable for measuring the pull-off adhesion of coatings up to 50MPa (7250psi) either on-site, or in the laboratory.

The design of the Elcometer 506 ensures that a uniform force can be easily applied throughout the range by smoothly rotating the gauge's crank handle, ensuring repeatable results to an accuracy of 31%.

The Elcometer 506 quick connect coupling allows the simple attachment of 14.2mm, 20mm or 50mm diameter dollies which, together with a wide range of accessories, allows coating adhesion testing on flat, curved, thick and thin substrates - including metal, wood, concrete and other fibrous materials.

NEW TRAINING COURSE

A new dedicated training programme has been developed for supervisors of protective coatings operatives and projects.

Corrodere Coatings & Corrosion Control Training has developed the specialist course to help coatings supervisors gain a thorough understanding of their roles and responsibilities.

The comprehensive two day programme has been endorsed by the Institute of Corrosion under the Industrial Coating Applicators Scheme (ICATS) and Lloyds Register.

The two-day classroom-based course looks at surface preparation, coatings technology, specifications, inspection techniques, equipment and other technical issues. Health and safety, COSHH and environmental legislation are also covered.

The course is available for those coatings personnel who have completed the ICATS course or other approved training programme. Coatings applicators, foremen and supervisors without any formal qualifications can apply for the course provided they have over two years surface preparation and coatings application experience.

As part of the programme, interactive presentations, group workshops and both theoretical and practical assessments are conducted. On completion, a comprehensive Coating Supervisor's Training Manual is given to all participants.

All Corrodere training programmes are developed and delivered by protective

coatings experts to provide up to date and relevant content in line with the modern demands of the surface preparation and coatings industry.

The Coatings and Supervisors Course is conducted on a regular basis at different venues throughout the UK. Tailor made courses for individual organisations can also be provided and overseas events can also be arranged.

2013 course dates and further details are available at www.coatingsupervisor.com

NEW APP FOR PALFINGER

After relaunching its web pages, Palfinger has launched its first mobile application. The dealer and service partner search, which is already available online, is now accessible via mobile phone. From now on, customers can search for Palfinger dealers and service partners in their areas. The app automatically detects the user's location and shows the distances to the individual sales and service support points. There is also the option to display a map view via Google Maps. The search results not only provide the user with all contact information for the dealer or service partner, but can also be saved directly to the smartphone.

In addition to the mobile dealer and service partner search, the app also offers an FAQ section for tail lifts. This provides answers to questions about ordering spare parts, the online shop and warranty.

The app can be downloaded free of charge from the Apple App Store for iPhones and from the Google Play Store for Androids.

The Elcometer 506 test head (actuator) has been designed to be small, ergonomic and lightweight – ideal for single handed testing of coating adhesion even in awkward or confined spaces. Safe testing on vertical surfaces has also been considered. Using the magnetic clamp accessory the actuator is held securely - preventing accidental damage to the surrounding areas.

PPG MILESTONE

PPG Protective and Marine Coatings (PPG) has reached a milestone in helping its customers manage their coatings onboard ship, installing its Sigmacare Plus system on 1,000 vessels.

PPG claims it was the first to offer an online shipboard maintenance tool for its paints and coatings and has continued to refine the product since launch in 2011. The latest release of Sigmacare Plus also features 'offline' functionality to accommodate vessels with

limited internet access at sea.

In addition, onboard maintenance charts are now available in 12 languages. The next language to be added is Mandarin, due for release later in 2013.

Sigmacare Plus was specifically designed to simplify onboard coatings management for individual vessels and large fleets. It lets owners, vessel managers and crew members organise coatings management, eliminating the complications

associated with onboard maintenance.

Users have a complete list of PPG products and where they are available world-wide. The system allows for the inclusion of new building specifications and drydocking reports to streamline product delivery and service. Users can easily create tailored maintenance charts for specific vessels which can be printed and used as an easy-to-follow point of reference in the vessel's paint locker.




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