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# Get Ready to Paint Your Industrial Floors, Railings, and Stairs!

Are you getting ready to paint a new industrial facility for the first time or touch up an aging plant? Cortec<sup>®</sup> Corp. shares several coatings ideas for protecting concrete and metal surfaces inside your buildings.

### **Protecting Concrete Floors**

When painting concrete floors, it is important to have a coating that will stand up to both traffic and any chemicals that might be used in the facility. In



many cases, <u>MCI<sup>®</sup>-2026 Floor Coating</u> is an excellent choice as a 100% solids, 2-component novolac epoxy coating with a high degree of chemical and abrasion resistance. <u>The coating is rated</u> to hold up very well against a variety of acids, solvents, alkalis, salts, and even some miscellaneous food items such as peanut butter and fruit/vegetable juices. MCI<sup>®</sup>-2026 Floor Coating can be used in areas with strict VOC limits and meets all of the USDA/FDA guidelines for use in federally inspected facilities.

#### **Protecting Structural Steel**

Metal walkways, railings, and stairways inside industrial facilities often need some extra corrosion protection especially in a high moisture processing environment. Cortec<sup>®</sup> suggests the following direct to metal (DTM) corrosion inhibiting coatings:

• CorrVerter<sup>®</sup> Rust Converter Primer

<u>CorrVerter</u><sup>®</sup> is a low VOC water-based rust converting primer that can be used on previously rusted surfaces where sandblasting or grinding is not a good option. When properly applied, it passivates the surface rust and protects against further rusting. It dries black and can be coated with a water-based or solvent-based topcoat.



### • Water-Based 2K Epoxy Primer

<u>VpCI®-395</u> is an excellent primer for many metal surfaces, serving as a strong base for topcoats. As a two-component (2K) system, it offers the inherent durability advantages of cross-linking alongside the worker advantages of a water-based, low VOC coating. It can also be used as its own topcoat indoors, away from UV light.

• Solvent-Based One-Coat System

<u>VpCI®-396</u> is another primer option that may be preferred by workers who want to avoid the hassle of mixing a 2K system. It is a fast-drying solvent-based moisture cure urethane and can be matched to a variety of custom colors if desired for a topcoat.

• Water-Based Acrylic Topcoat

VpCI<sup>®</sup>-395 and VpCI<sup>®</sup>-396 can each be top-coated with <u>EcoShield<sup>®</sup> VpCI<sup>®</sup>-386</u>, one of Cortec's topperforming water-based acrylic Micro-Corrosion Inhibiting Coatings<sup>TM</sup> that can be applied clear or matched to many custom colors.

### **Choosing a Color Scheme**

While most factories are not rated for their beauty, choosing a paint color scheme for metal surfaces can still be important, creating a clean, uniform, or even cheerful environment. Sometimes safety colors are needed to identify a trip hazard or other danger area. In other cases, color-coding may be needed to identify different types of valves or piping. Often, Cortec<sup>®</sup> can adjust its protective coating tints accordingly with its color-matching services.



## Get Help from Cortec<sup>®</sup> Coatings

Next time you need to apply a fresh coat of paint to concrete or metal inside your plant, make your selection based on the features and benefits your facility and workers need most. Contact Cortec<sup>®</sup> for further help with coatings selection and color matching.

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