



# NEWS ALERT

## Top Three Tips from Cortec's Coatings Expert



Cortec's Micro-Corrosion Inhibiting Coatings™ are a great way to protect metal surfaces from corrosion. Yet, no matter how good the coating, disregarding best practices in the selection and application of the product can lead to a less than successful result.

With this in mind, we are pleased to share the top three coatings tips from our Cortec® coatings expert, Rick Shannon. Rick, who now manages the Cortec® Technical Services department, previously served as Cortec's Coatings Chemist for 10 years and brought with him an extensive background in coatings chemistry when he joined Cortec®. Here is what he had to say:

**Tip #1: Surface preparation.** This is the number one factor that makes the difference between a great coating job and a poor coating job.

**Tip #2: Choose the right coating for the job.** If it is a highly corrosive environment, choose a coating for that type of environment. If the substrate will be exposed to UV light, choose a coating designed for exterior applications.

**Tip #3: Follow the manufacturer's recommendation for the coating you have chosen.** If they recommend a shot blast profile and 5 mils (125 µm) of coating, do not skip the shot blasting to save time and money.

Following these three tips will help you get the best results out of your Cortec® Micro-Corrosion Inhibiting Coatings™. If you need further guidance on surface prep, manufacturers' recommendations, and selecting the right coating, do not hesitate to contact Rick for expert technical support!

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