

SSPC



The Society For
Protective Coatings

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SSPC IS THE COATINGS SOCIETY

SSPC is the only non-profit association that focuses solely on the protection and preservation of concrete, steel, and other industrial and marine structures through the use of high-performance coatings. We don't dilute our focus by getting involved in other corrosion control technologies. Coatings and linings are all we do. They're everything we do. **That's why SSPC is the coatings society.**

SSPC was founded in 1950 as the Steel Structures Painting Council. In 1997, the name of the association was changed to SSPC: The Society for Protective Coatings in order to better reflect our involvement in a wider variety of construction materials and the changing nature of coatings technology.

Today, SSPC remains the leading source of information on surface preparation, coating selection, coating application, environmental regulations, and health and safety issues that affect the protective coatings industry.



No matter what your involvement in coatings is, SSPC is committed to your success!

SSPC provides the tools you need to succeed with protective coatings and linings. Whether that means helping to maximize your investment in a specific coating project, providing you or your employees with high quality training, offering career advancement opportunities, putting you in touch with potential customers, or introducing you to the latest materials, equipment, and technologies, SSPC can help show you the way!

FACILITY OWNERS

SSPC Certification Quality Programs help take the guess work out of selecting industrial painting contractors and inspection companies. JPCL case histories and problem solving forums can show you what works, and what doesn't. SSPC Conference Peer Forums provide an opportunity to discuss maintenance strategies with others in your industry.

CONTRACTORS

SSPC contractor certification gives you access to exclusive job opportunities not available to other painting contractors. SSPC helps you sort out the standards and regulations governing the coatings industry. SSPC training can help enhance your employees' knowledge and skill, helping you make sure the job gets done right the very first time.

COATINGS AND EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS

SSPC give you direct access the coatings and linings market place. The SSPC Conference offers a way to launch new products, reach out to new business, enhance your company profile, and generate immediate sales. The JPCL offers reasonable advertising rates to suit your needs and your budget.

ENGINEERS AND CONSULTANTS

Whether coatings are all that you do, or just a part of what you do, SSPC has information resources to help you plan, manage, and specify technically-sound coatings projects. Resources include unlimited access to SSPC standards and exclusive "Members Only" web content. In addition, SSPC's Protective Coatings Specialist (PCS) certification is the ultimate pedigree for professionals who have spent their careers enhancing the industry.

INSPECTORS

SSPC has training and certification programs to benefit the careers of both the beginning and the advanced coatings inspector. Advanced programs lead to recognition of accumulated knowledge and experience, or to certification in specialized areas such as concrete coatings, bridge structures, and U.S. Navy vessels.

SSPC serves the coatings needs of many different industries and end-uses.

SSPC address the unique coating needs of all types of industrial end uses, including bridges and highways, water and wastewater, marine and shipbuilding, power generation and transmission, chemical processing, petroleum refining, railcar manufacturing and repair, food and beverage production, to name a few.

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SSPC offers a wide range of coatings-related products, programs, and services.

QUALITY TRAINING

Whether you're just starting out in coatings and want to create a strong foundation for your future career, or a seasoned professional looking to advance your knowledge and expertise, SSPC can get you where you want to be. From the fundamentals of protective coatings to managing protective coatings projects, from the basics of surface preparation and coating application to more advanced technologies, SSPC training covers a wide range of topics. Many of SSPC's training courses lead to professional certification and award continuing education units (CEUs) to qualified attendees.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

SSPC's certification quality programs offer a proven way for facility owners to find the most qualified contractors and inspection companies for their coating and lining projects. Individual certification awards recognition to people that have in-depth knowledge of the principles and practices of industrial coatings technology. Certification can be awarded to blasters, painters, inspectors, and other protective coatings specialists.

TECHNICALLY SOUND STANDARDS

SSPC developed the standards by which nearly all industrial surface preparation and coating work is performed in North America today. These include the widely-used Surface Preparation (SP) and Paint Application (PA) specifications. SSPC members have free, unlimited access to SSPC standards 24/7 through the SSPC MarketPlace.

WIDELY USED PUBLICATIONS

One of the ways SSPC provides its members and other customers with current, practical information is through a broad selection of books, standards, publications, and other products. From widely recognized standards, guides, and specifications--to fundamental texts on inspection, failure analysis, and coatings for concrete--to training materials for the industrial applicator, and more--you'll find it all in the new SSPC MarketPlace.

THE SSPC MARKETPLACE

The SSPC MarketPlace is designed to give members and customers what they expect from online shopping: single sign-on access, a robust and convenient shopping cart, special offers and discount pricing for SSPC Members, user-friendly account management, opt-in/opt-out marketing preferences, and a simple check out process. From membership renewals and standards, to book purchases and logo wear, everything you need from SSPC is right here!

THE SSPC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The SSPC Annual Conference is the only conference and trade show that brings together all segments of the paint and coatings industry under one roof. It is your one source for all the products, resources and critical information you need to grow your business, strengthen your position in the industry, and learn about the latest products and services.

SSPC LOCAL CHAPTER EVENTS

Get involved in coatings on a local level! SSPC Local Chapter events provide valuable networking opportunities in a casual business setting. Events range from dinner meetings, golf outings, and facility tours, to speakers, seminars, and training courses.

THE JOURNAL OF PROTECTIVE COATINGS AND LININGS (JPCL)

Every month, the JPCL brings you news, trends, and developments affecting the protective coatings industry, plus useful case histories, maintenance strategies, problem solving forums, and much, much more. The JPCL covers a wide range of coatings-related topics, such as the selection of coatings for specific service environments, surface preparation, coating application, quality control, cost-effectiveness in maintenance programs, safety concerns and environmental regulations.

SSPC MEMBERSHIP: REAL VALUE, REAL BENEFITS

At SSPC, we understand value. Like you, we work to protect the value of public and private facilities and structures. We uphold the value provided by the safe and effective use of protective coatings and linings. We appreciate the value of quality products, services, and workmanship.

This is why we strive to provide our members with benefits that hold real value. Benefits you can use. Benefits that can help you expand your knowledge, improve your skills, grow your business, and make better decisions.

SSPC membership is open to individuals as well as companies. Although company members enjoy a more extensive group of benefits, every SSPC member receives the same core benefits: a subscription to the JPCL, access to the SSPC MarketPlace and other "members only" web content, discounts on publication purchases, reduced rates on training and individual certification and networking opportunities.

Everything we do is designed to benefit the users and providers of protective coatings products and services, and membership allows you to take the most cost-effective advantage of everything we do. Contact SSPC to see which level of membership is right for you!



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