

SSPC

THE SOCIETY FOR PROTECTIVE COATINGS



the coatings society

SSPC IS THE COATINGS SOCIETY

SSPC is the only non-profit association that focuses on the 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, 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 guesswork 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 gives you direct access to 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.

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

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

PROGRAMS FOR PROFESSIONALS

SSPC training runs the gamut from new worker to seasoned professional, providing excellent education to all levels of the coatings industry. The Protective Coatings Specialist (PCS) certification is the ultimate industry pedigree, indicating a thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of the protective coatings industry. Craft workers with experience in surface preparation and coatings application of complex industrial and marine structures can become certified as Coating Application Specialists (CAS). Many of the courses to prepare for these important certifications can be taken online, saving time and travel. Online courses begin on the 15th of every month and allow 6 weeks to complete. They offer the same curriculum as onsite training and each student receives a digital course book. SSPC is an Authorized IACET Training Provider. IACET Authorized Providers are the only organizations approved to offer IACET Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR COMPANIES

SSPC's certification quality programs, like QP 1, offer a proven way for facility owners to find the most qualified contractors and inspection companies for their coating and lining projects.

THE JOURNAL OF PROTECTIVE COATINGS AND LININGS (JPCL)

Every month you receive news, trends, and developments affecting the protective coatings industry in the magazine recognized worldwide – the *JPCL, the Journal of Protective Coatings and Linings*, the official voice of SSPC.

TECHNICALLY SOUND STANDARDS

SSPC developed the standards by which nearly all industrial surface preparation and coating work is performed in the industry today. SSPC's standards are developed following the ANSI Essential Requirements which ensures that SSPC standards receive the broadest acceptance and use in the protective coatings industry domestically, as well as in other countries around the world. SSPC also actively participates on ISO committees to ensure that SSPC members have input into international standards.

THE SSPC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The SSPC Annual Conference featuring GreenCOAT is the coating industry's only industrial, marine, protective and commercial coatings conference, bringing all the various segments together under one roof. It is a singular source for the 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 through participation in SSPC Chapters. 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.

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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