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Contamination Control Solutions Air Filtration & Surface Preparation

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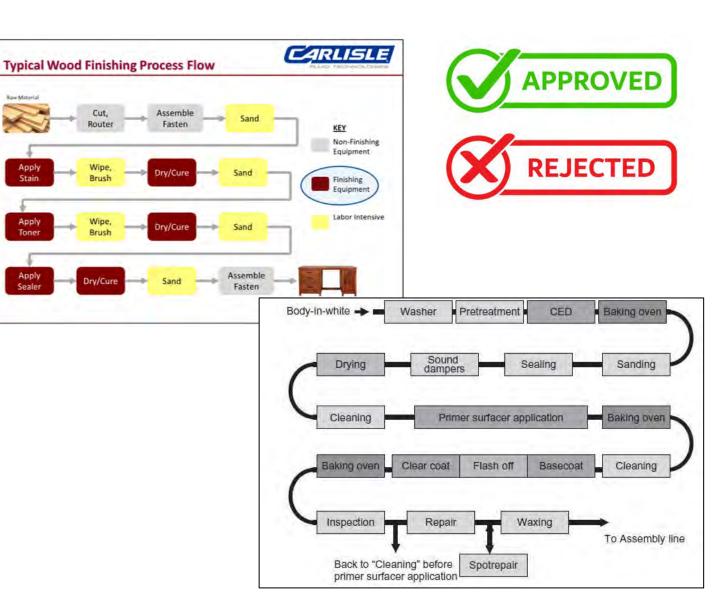


Contamination Control Solutions



Presentation Overview:

- Objectives
- General Overall Finishing Process
- Substrate Preparation
- Compressed Air
- Paint Kitchen / Spray Applicator
- Booth / Oven
- Operator
- Basic Check List



Objectives

- Coatings / finishes are applied for
 - Appearance
 - Protection
- Finish standards are set by product type, market sold and desired performance characteristics.
 - OEM auto manufactures, Motorcycle, Caskets
 - Wooden furniture, cabinets, instruments
 - Infrastructure: Bridges, Dumpsters
 - Corrosion resistance (Looks good at 10 feet away)





Objectives

- Usually if you can <u>Reduce reworks</u>
- and Insure repeatability
- you can <u>Increase productivity</u>
- which leads to Reduce waste disposal
- The savings is seen in reduction of shop materials, coatings, labor hours, energy, etc.
- Increase your bottom line !







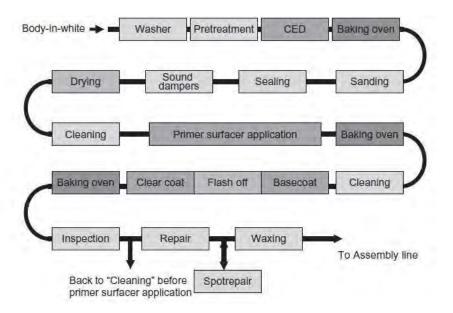




General Overall Finishing Process

- Prep prepare the substrate for coating
- Dry fans, towel, wipes, evaporation, drying tunnel
- Prime is the substrate clean to accept the primer ?
- Dry or cure air movement, heat lamps, dry-off ovens
- Topcoat (s) is the topcoat adhering to the primer ?
- Touch-up is the touch up intensifying the defects ?
- Final dry / cure ovens
- Inspection / packaging / shipping are non-cured products causing issues

Note: Each process above can compound or contribute to contamination issues





Substrate Preparation - Metal

- Metal Prep: remove surface rust, oils, degrease or recondition
- Final Grinding, adding components, installing plugs, etc.
- Be mindful of welds, cavities
- Basic power washers & stream cleaners
- Multi-Stage Pretreatment Washers, ensure:
 - PH / chemical concentrations, contaminates, clogged nozzles
- Submerge: Hot tank 200 degrees in Chemicals / High pressure power washer to clean / Acid tank – treads rust / HP Clean again / Apply coating against Flash rusting / Air dry
- Common shop materials used tack rags, wipes, towels, etc.



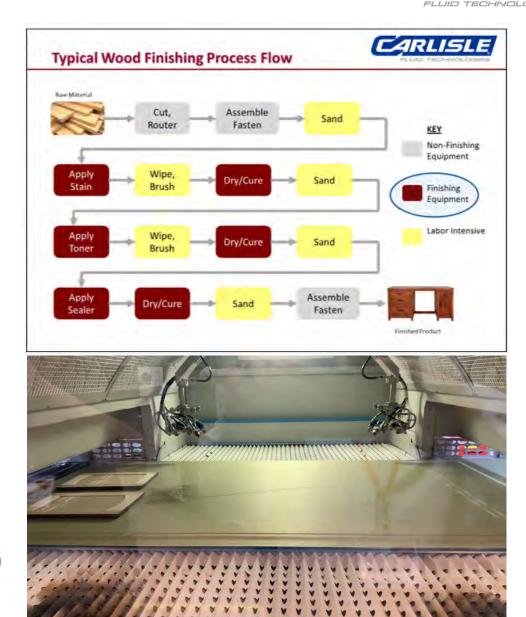




Substrate Preparation - Wood

- Substrates: the key is to understand the substrates properties and characteristics. In this case, there are many types of woods and laminates. Be aware of moisture content, grain, absorption, other factors.
- Wood preparation: sanding with the grain, (starting around 120 grit, ending around 220) to remove flaws. Wipe with tack cloth
- Staining: evenly apply the stain, dry
- Finishing: finish with a clear for protection
- The process can be more involved for higher end applications





- A few items to consider before selecting a compressor. What equipment will be running off the compressor?
- Compressor Size

- Knowing your compressor's limitations on air volume @ identified pressure ratings can influence equipment selection
- Pneumatic tools such as drills, sanders, and wrenches certainly need higher air pressures (70-90psi) to operate properly but they usually only consume 5-15 cfm to function
- Spray guns function at much lower pressures (20-35 psi) but can consume 10-25 cfm depending on the gun.
- Most shops do not have air constraints as they have large horsepower piston or screw compressor units
- Note: We always recommend air filtration units to remove dirt, oil, & moisture from compressed air supplying the applicator as these contaminates can influence finish quality





30-40 cfm @ 50 psi



Change/Clean Filters Regularly

- Inspect and replace filter, desiccant systematically (weekly or monthly)
 - $_{\odot}$ Filters add to your pressure drop challenge
 - Stop piping being contaminated, which may be cause of new leaks in pipes or damaged equipment
- Do not overlook air compressor filters and compressor room filters.
- Moisture and dirt in the air lines will cause defects in the paint application







Check Piping / Prevent New Leaks

- Regularly check for new leaks
- Clean, dry pipes indicates good quality air and no corrosion issues
- Dust in the pipe is caused by particles in the compressed air. If compressed air is not filtered, or if the filter is clogged, pressure drops will occur and the risk of end product contamination will increase.
- Sludge in the pipe is bad news and must be fixed immediately. Dust and sludge in a compressed air piping system will cause corrosion very quickly and will greatly increase the number of leaks. Dried and filtered compressed air keeps piping clean.







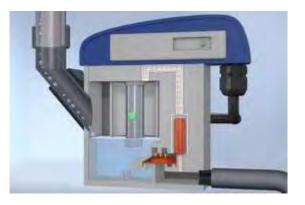
Check Auto Drains

- Make sure auto drains are not stuck open

 Compressed air is continually leaking from your system
- Drains on timers should be adjusted periodically to ensure they open as intended
 - If the compressor is inactive when it opens, the motor will have to start up for a short period of time (excess energy, wear and tear)
- Or replace timer drains with zero-loss drains (no air leakage) to stop wasting compressed air



Timer Based Electronic drain



Zero Loss Condensate Drain

- Understand your coatings & solvents characteristics / material data sheets
- Common coatings: epoxy, polyurethane, acrylic, stain, etc.
- Be aware of viscosity / temperature / evaporation
- Fluid pump filters / strainers
- Circulating vs. non-circulating settling?
- Heaters
- Lubrication use on pumps and agitators
- Pumps- air, electric, hydraulic

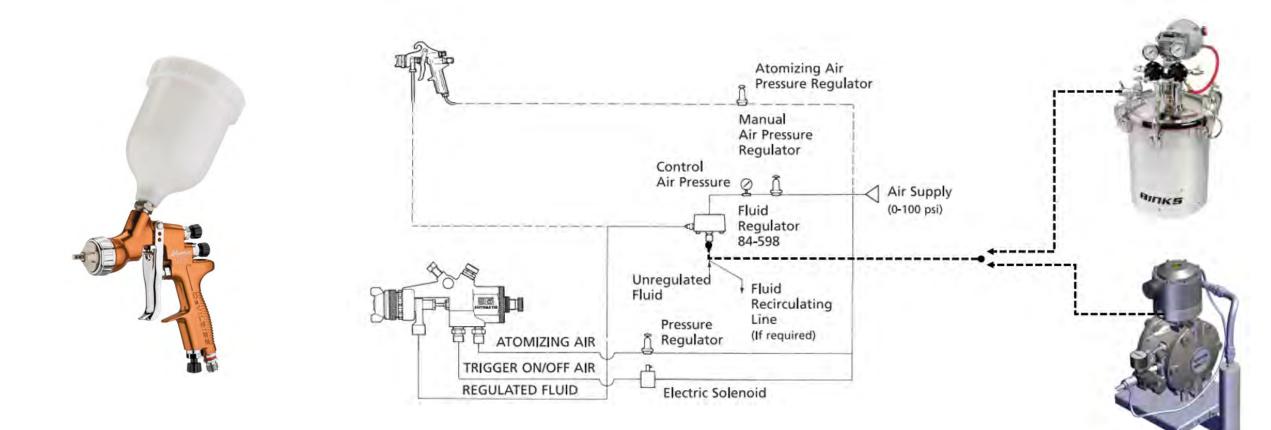




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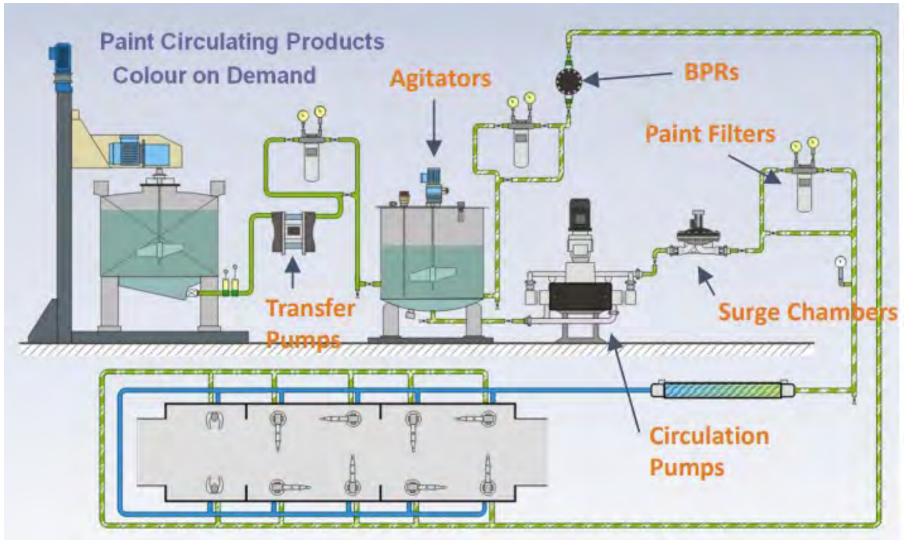


Basic Spray System



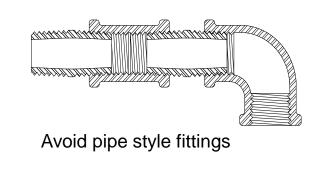


Advanced Spray System

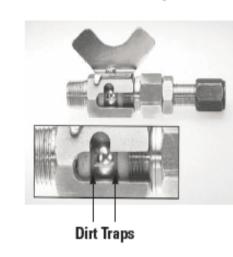


Fluid Fittings

- ✓ Use Nylon or stainless-steel fittings.
- ✓ Use fittings without internal restriction
- ✓ Do not use pipe fittings
 - \checkmark Rough interior surfaces cause contamination (dirt) and resistance.
 - \checkmark Prone to rusting and scaling.

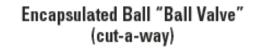


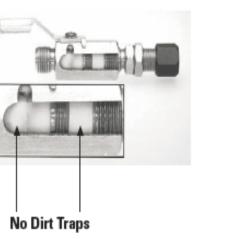
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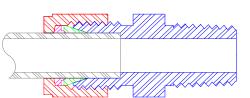
Conventional Ball Valve

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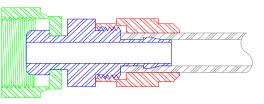








No internal restrictions

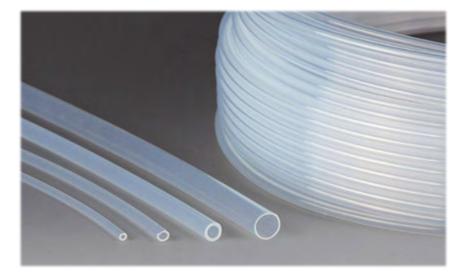


Internal restrictions



Fluid Tubing

- \checkmark Teflon tubing is recommended
- ✓ FEP or PFA (PFA is a high temp version of FEP)
 - Clear, easy to see level of cleanliness
 - Smooth with low coefficient of friction
 - High DI-electric strength (electrostatics)
- ✓ Minimize length and inside diameter "ID" of tubing
 - 1/8" (.125) = 2.41 ml / 300 mm (0.08 oz)
 - 1/4" (.250) = 9.65 ml / 300 mm (0.33 oz)
 - 3/8" (.375) = 21.72 ml / 300 mm (0.73 oz)
 - 1/2" (.500) = 38.60 ml / 300 mm (1.30 oz)
 - Evaluate flow restriction





Examples of high-quality products. Most stainless-steel fluid passageways –smooth bore designs















Color Select System



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Gun Flush Boxes

- Automatically flush handguns
- Avoid messes and simplify cleanup
- Increase production speed



Integrated Color Change

- Plural Component Metering Systems
- Support color change / gun flush boxes
- Intuitive controls



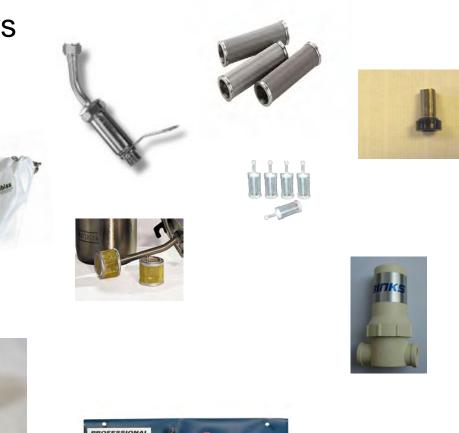
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- Final fluid filters In line filters, screens, strainers. elements, gun strainers
- Final air filters gun mounted filters
- Reusable / disposable



- Gun or Applicator covers
- Hose covers / sleeves





General maintenance



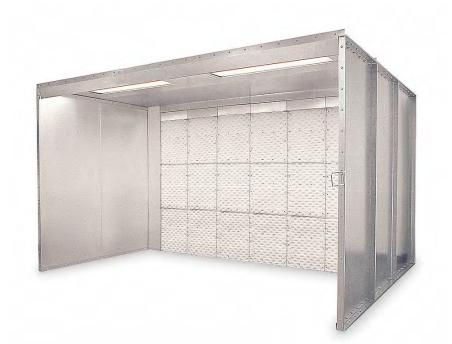


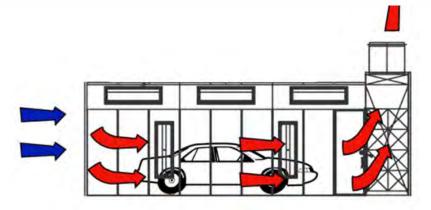




Spray Booth / Environment

- The environment or location where you are spraying also plays a major role
 - Is the spray booth your applying material in above 75°F (24°C)? Is it below 60°F (15°C)?
 - Does the humidity of your booth fluctuate throughout the day, month or year?
- Booth temperature & humidity can have as much of an impact on your spray pattern as changing your nozzle size or air pressure
- Knowing your spray booth environment, whether its static or dynamic throughout the year, can help you prepare when selecting the right spray gun and accessory equipment needed
- Air movement is a good thing, air movement is a bad thing





- Spray Booth –OSHA & NFPA ratings
- Cross draft open faced with exhaust filters
- Cross draft enclosed with exhaust & intake
- Downdraft enclosed with exhaust & intake
- Spray and bake paint & cure in same booth
- Cross draft & downdraft water wash booths water curtain, PH & sludge
- Powder booths cartridge filters, cyclone
- Wall & floor coverings / floor tacky mattings / manometer
- Inspect gaskets, caulking and lighting in booths
- Air make-up units inspect filters, adjustments, cleaning, dirt accumulation check twice a year

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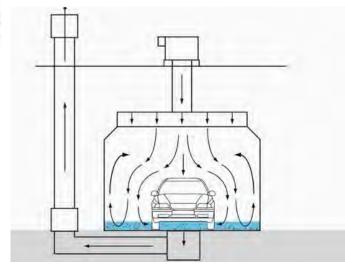








Example clean baseline reading

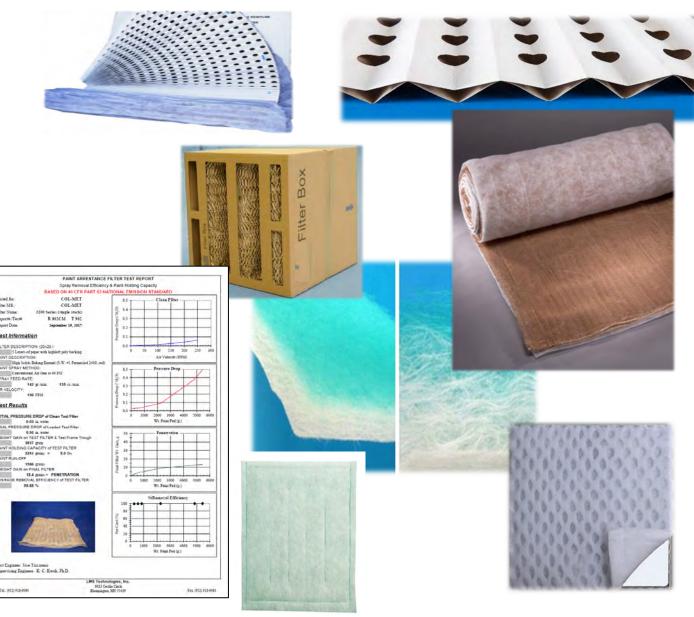




Spray Booth Filters

- There are a wide range of materials: polyester, fiberglass, paper, plastic, cardboard and more
- Available n a wide range of shapes and sizes: blankets, pads, custom
- Filters must have third party test validation with minimum 98% capture efficiency to meet EPA NESHAP standards.







Oven / Heat Lamps

- Oven types batch, conveyorized, flatline, dry, cure, burn-off
 - Dirty ovens can deposit containments.
- Be aware of No cold spots on the floor or No hot spots at ceiling. Ample air movement is required to eliminate heat stagnation.
- Heat Lamps good working order and keep clean.



- Provide coveralls, gloves, spray socks, masks, hair nets, disposable shoe covers, etc. Dirty or worn products can add to additional contamination
- Insure the proper personal protective equipment (PPE) is available – air feed or cartridge respirators, steel toe shoes, safety glasses, hearing protection, etc.

• The operator should be fully trained on the process, equipment, coatings, clean-up and basic maintenance.











Operator



• Shop supplies - usually quality supplies like tack rags & wipes pay for themselves in the long run. Make sure they are stocked and accessible.



Basic Check list

- Visual inspection of equipment
- Clear work instructions
- Quality control at each station
- Operator empowerment
- Documentation / reporting
- General vs. scheduled maintenance
- Stock back-up pump, applicator. switch equipment out.
- Review stocking levels on repair kits, filters, wear parts, coatings, solvents, shop supplies, etc.
- Verify right equipment & supplies for the job
- Full system audit

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Check with OSHA, EPA & local codes









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