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**AMERICAN GALVANIZERS ASSOCIATION LAUNCHES ONLINE  
CORROSION COATINGS LIFE-CYCLE COST CALCULATOR**

CENTENNIAL, CO – The American Galvanizers Association is pleased to announce the launch of a new web-based software program that automatically calculates the life-cycle cost of many common coating systems in comparison to the cost of hot-dip galvanizing. The calculator hosted at [www.galvanizingcost.com](http://www.galvanizingcost.com) debuted on May 18, 2007.

For several decades, the galvanizing industry has been educating architects, engineers and specifiers to consider maintenance costs of the coating systems over the lifetime of their project. Until now, the calculation of those costs has been cumbersome and often completely avoided. The new Life-Cycle Cost Calculator, based on standard financial equations of net future value (NFV) and net present value (NPV), delivers a quick and detailed comparison of initial cost, total project cost, and the average equivalent annual cost (AEAC), all provided in a one-page printout.

The Life-Cycle Calculator allows the user to input variables such as environment where a project may be located, coating system type, shop or field application, cleaning grade, size of project, and estimated interest and inflation rates.

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Serving the needs of specifiers, architects, engineers, contractors, and fabricators throughout North America since 1935, the American Galvanizers Association (AGA) provides information on the most innovative applications and state-of-the-art technological developments in hot-dip galvanizing for corrosion protection. Created to educate and train in the specification and use of hot-dip galvanized steel, the AGA maintains a large technical library, distributes numerous industry publications, offers free educational seminars, and provides toll-free technical support to the specifying community.

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