

An Overview of Thermal Spray Processes

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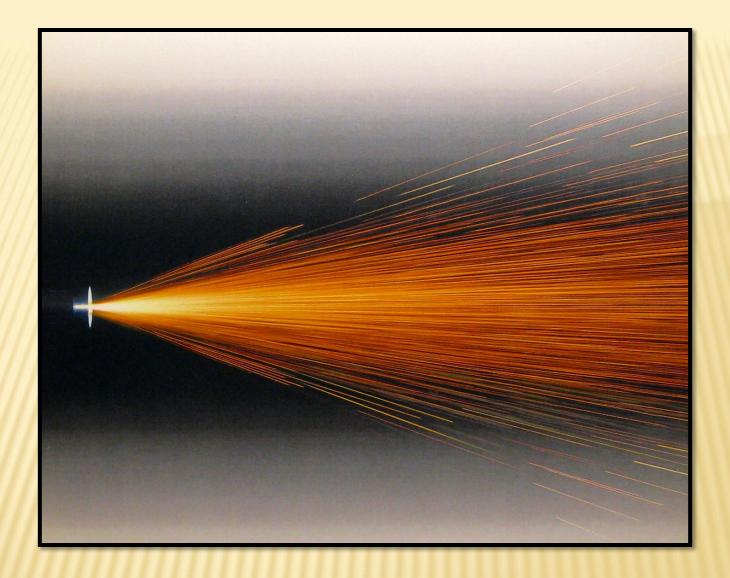
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It is unlike any other coating method !!

Essentially the functional principles are:

- A. Melt particles of metallic and/or ceramic materials
- B. Project particles onto a surface where they adhere and solidify to form a coating
- C. Utilize spray devices which generate a very high velocity gas jet and temperature adaptable to coating component surfaces



Visual Dynamics of Thermal Spray

Heat coloration and kinetic trajectories of molten particles

Interesting functional principles adapt

- [1] Spray System features and
- [2] Material Characteristics to

Produce coatings which

PROTECT

IMPROVE

RESTORE

Functional Requirements of parts to be coated.

This presentation will discuss:

- 1. Brief background of Thermal Spraying
- 2. Fundamentals of the Thermal Spray process
- 3. Coating characteristics and properties
- 4. Materials and thermal spray devices

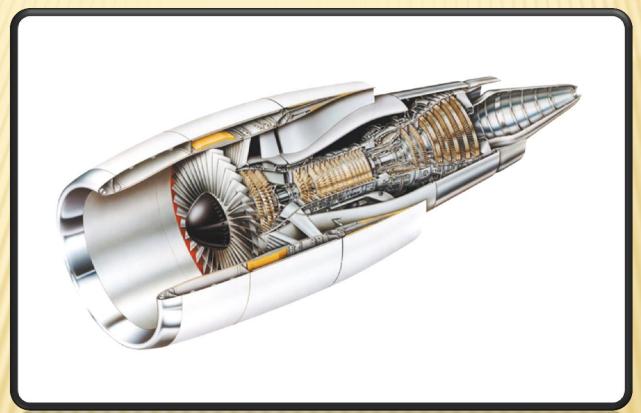
as it is adapted to Galvanizing Operations.

PART 1

Brief background of Thermal Spraying



Cincinnati Thermal Spray



General Electric CF6 Commercial Turbofan Engines

- FOUNDATION of CTS' expertise & diverse business -

Classified by Aerospace and other industries as a Special Process

Requires ISO 9001 quality system compliance for Equipment, Materials, Procedures, as well as

Certification of personnel and product.



INDUSTRY RECOGNITION

PART 2

Thermal Spray Fundamentals

OVERVIEW

Principles of Thermal Spraying

- I. Any ADAPTABLE MATERIAL may be Thermal Sprayed

 Includes: Metallic Ceramic or Polymeric materials
 - Includes: Metallic, Ceramic or Polymeric materials having useful physical & chemical properties and will:
 - Melt to form sprayable particulates in a hot gas jet
 - Adhere by impact onto a surface, forming a coating
 - Re-solidify with desired engineering properties
- II. <u>Any SURFACE MATERIAL may be Thermal Spray Coated</u> *Metallic, Ceramic, Polymer, Glass, Paper* that:
 - Has <u>line-of-sight access</u> to the spray stream
 - Can be <u>cleaned and textured</u> for adherence
 - Will not be degraded by the heat and stress

OVERVIEW

What are some Applications?

- <u>Aircraft jet engines</u> blades, vanes, combustors
- > Steel Mill galvanize, aluminize, furnace, bridle rolls
- Steel Caster copper narrows and broadfaces
- Power Generation Turbines Steam Turbine Systems
- <u>Automotive</u> shifter forks , valves, rings, cylinders
- <u>Aircraft Structures</u> flap actuators, landing gear
- > Ships container conditioner compressors
- <u>Medical Prostheses</u> surgical devices implants
- Paper Mills chippers tanks driers rolls -
- <u>Petro-Chemical Plants</u> pumps, compressors, valves

OVERVIEW

What are some Specialized Functions?

- Wear Resistance
- Corrosion Protection
- Erosion Resistance
- Restoration/Repair
- Molten Metal resistance

PART 3

Coating Characteristics & Properties

What are some Specialized Materials?

METALS

CERAMS

CERMETS

POLYMERS

Pure

Aluminum Copper Zinc

<u>Oxides</u>

Alumina
Chromia
Zirconia-Yttria

Carbides

WC-Co CrC-NiCr TiC-Ni

Plastics

Ekonol Teflon Polyethylene

Alloys

Cu-Ni-In
Ni-Cr Co-Mo
Plain C-steel
Stainless Steel

BLENDS/COMPOSITES

Ni-Graphite Al-Polyester

LUBES

MoS₂
Graphite
Oxides

SEALERS

Na-K Silicates
Boron nitride
Epoxy

STEEL STRIP GALVANIZING / ALUMINIZING

Potential benefit of Thermal Spray Coating for Galvanize Line Maintenance

- Molten galvanizing of steel alloy strip involves fundamental metallurgical diffusion reactions which form Fe-Zn and Fe-Al metalides
- > Vital reaction bonds the functional ZnAlSi alloy layer, initiates the robust galvanize coating.
- > At pot liquid temperature ~850°F, diffusion is fast and thin, during the 9-sec strip passage.

STEEL STRIP GALVANIZING / ALUMINIZING

Diffusion: a two-edged sword for productivity

Submerged fixtures, baskets, rolls, etc., are continuously reacted, forming thick, brittle Fe-Zn-Al metalide surface layers.

- > Structural metals dissolve, loading-unloading wear away this re-forming metalide layer.
- > Equipment must be replaced, affecting productivity.

STEEL STRIP GALVANIZING / ALUMINIZING

Equipment life can be effectively extended by Thermal Spray coatings

- Coatings are essentially inert to molten metal, retaining structural integrity for longer production campaigns.
- > Coatings are beneficial to structures for batch dipping and electrolytic galvanizing.



Part 2 Coating Principles

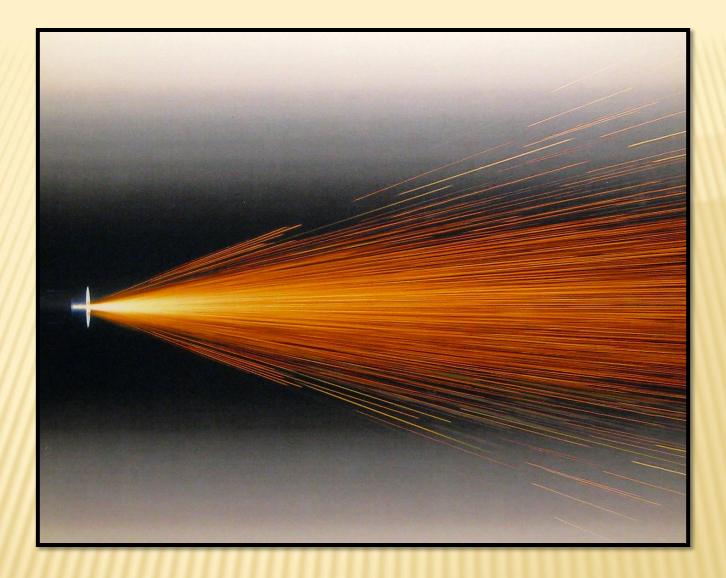
THE FUNCTIONAL FORCE: HEAT ENERGY

Process uses **Heat Energy** to melt coating material

Burning Fuel Electric Arc

Converts to **Kinetic Energy** to spray melted particles onto a surface

High Velocity Gas Expansion Jet Spray Devices



Visual Dynamics of Thermal Spray

Heat coloration and kinetic trajectories of molten particles

What are the Heat (Thermal) Sources?

Combustion Flame

Heat from Burning a Fuel Gas with Oxygen

Electric Arc

Heat Energy Transfer by Electrical Resistance

Flame HVOF

-- SPRAY SYSTEMS --

Wire Arc
Plasma

HEAT does Two Things:

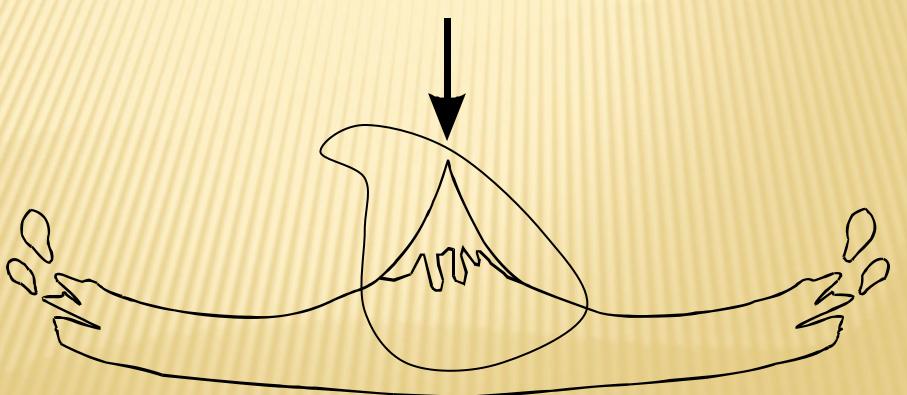
- 1. Expands Gas, producing High Velocity Jet Stream.
- 2. Softens & Melts the Material to be Sprayed.

Unique Coating Structure!!

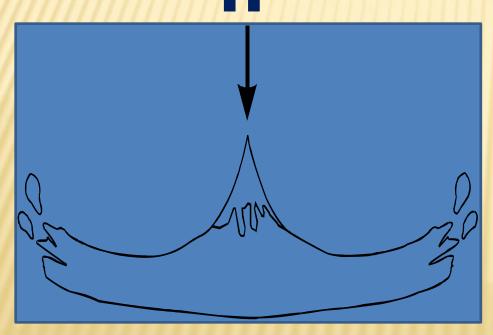
- Starting material usually powder. Particles 10 200µm.
 - Softened, melted, and projected by the hot gas jet.
 - Similar to paint spraying, but far more dynamic and complex.
 - Involves Micro and Macro phenomena
- Visualize particles as CLAY BALLS thrown at brick wall.
 - Rough brick is like grit blasted surface preparation of parts.
 - Clay balls flatten, stick to brick, and to each other.
 - Physical interlocking forms a Mechanical bond.
 - > No chemical / metallurgical fusion reaction < Physical and van der Waals atomic force adhesion

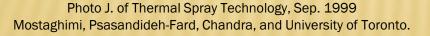
Profound technical word describes this particle impact:





SPLAT II

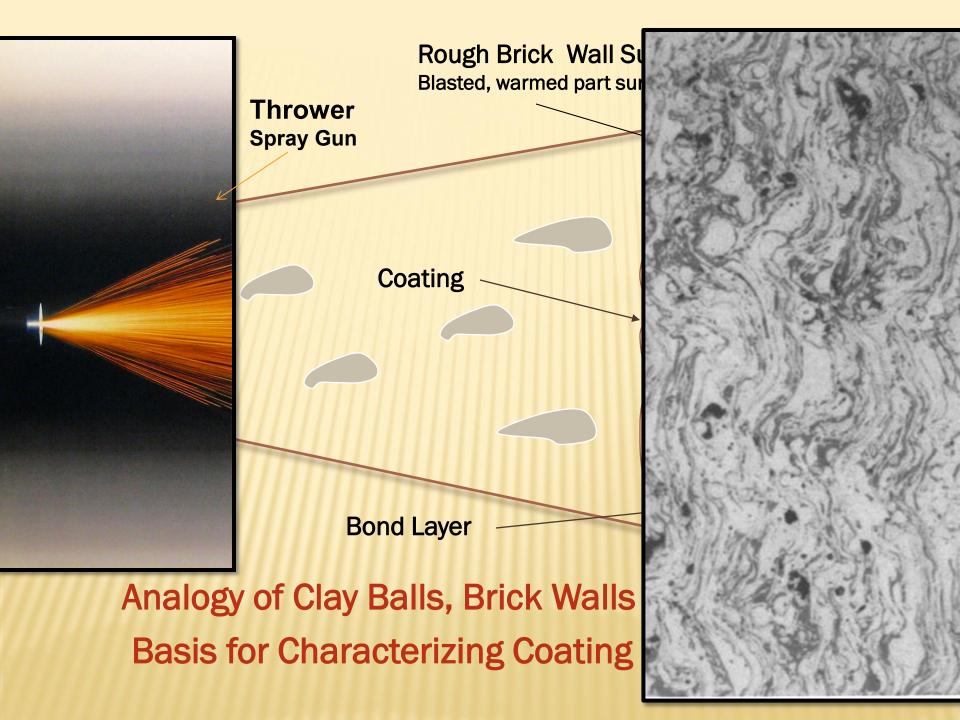














Thermal Spray Coating MICROSTRUCTURE

Quality System Certification



ISO

International

Standards

Organization

CERTIFICATE

TUV USA Inc.

Accredited under the Aerospace Registration Management Program

hereby certifies that

Cincinnati Thermal Spray, Inc. 5901 Creek Road Cincinnati, OH 45242

has established and applies a quality system for the

Coatings, Technology, Solutions for Aircraft Engine, Land Based Turbine, Automotive, Industrial Equipment, Medical, Steel and other Commercial Markets.

(Exclusion 7.3 Design and 7.5.1.4 Post Delivery Support)

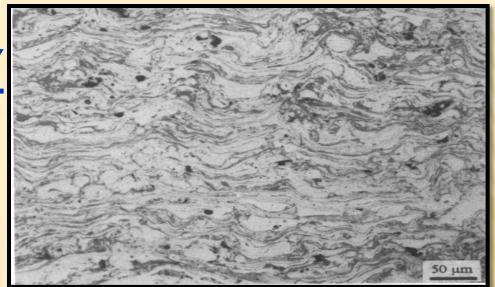
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COATING QUALITY

WHAT ARE COATING
CHARACTERISTICS
AND PROPERTIES?



Physical

- Thickness
- Porosity
- Layering
- Cracking
- Texture
- > Uniformity

Mechanical

- Adhesion
- Cohesion
- Hardness
- Erosivity
- Ductility
- Cyclic

Engineering

- Expansion
- Conductivity
 - > Thermal
 - > Electrical
- Modulous
- > Wear
- Chemical

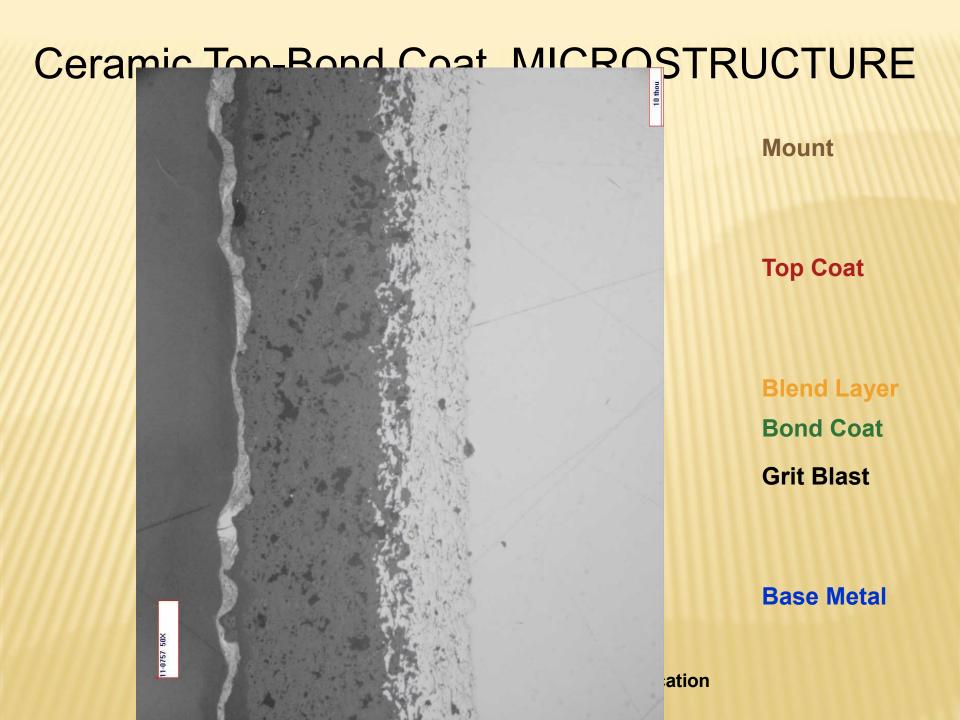
COATING CHARACTERISTICS

Top Coat Intermediate Blend Layers Bond Coat

Each having functional Structures
Physical & Mechanical Properties

THERMAL SPRAY COATING QUALITY METALLOGRAPHY

Microstruc ure 50 - 500x magnification Microstruc urte



MICROMETER THICKNESS



RELEVANT THICKNESS COMPARISONS

<u>/////////////////////////////////////</u>	Inch	Mils	mm_
Hair	0.001 - 0.002	1 - 2	0.025 - 0.050
Paper 0.003 - 0.004 3 - 4 0.077 - 0.100			
Playing Card	0.010 - 0.012	10 - 12	0.254 - 0.310
Credit Card	0.030 - 0.040	30 - 40	0.770 - 1.000
Book Cover	0.100	100	2.54

Conversion reference: 1 = 1000 = 25.4

Hardness - Softness



TENSILE BOND STRENGTH

Adhesion – Bonding of Coating to Surface

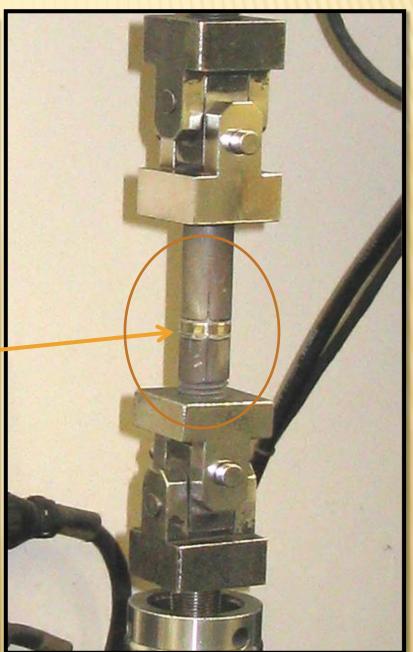
First layer of individual particles that actually splat onto, and stick to the part surface.

Cohesion – Inter-particle Bonding of Coating

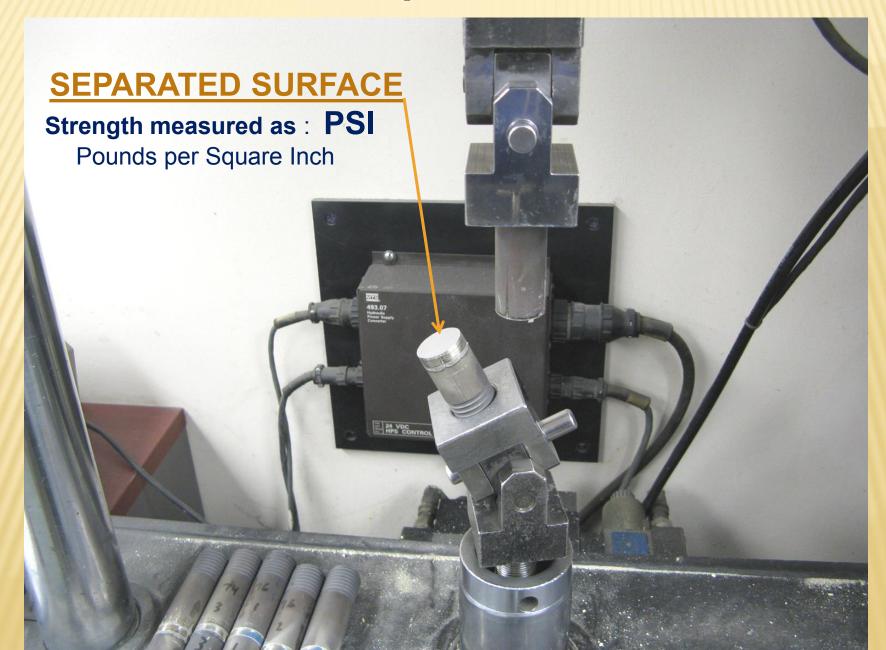
<u>All other particles</u> splat and attach to previous layers of the coating itself, as thickness builds.

Tensile Test Machine



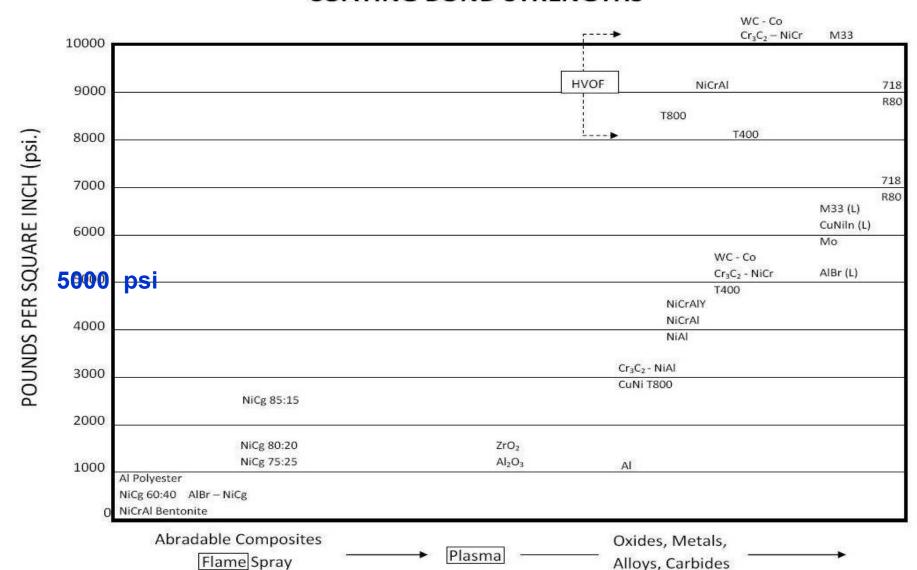


Pulled Tensile Specimen



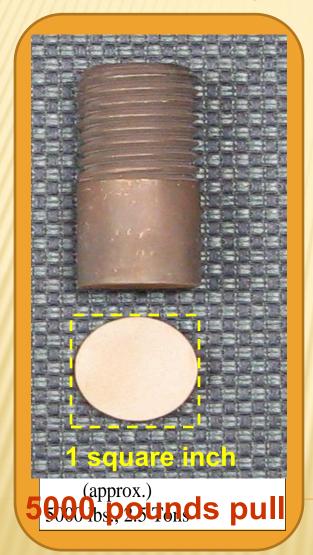


COATING BOND STRENGTHS



WHAT IS A RELEVANT BOND STRENGTH COMPARISON?

5000 PSI, POUNDS PER SQUARE INCH





Part 4

Thermal Spray Materials and Spray Application Devices

What are the **HEAT** Sources for Thermal Spraying?

Combustible Gas

Heat from Burning a

Fuel Gas with Oxygen

CHEMICAL

Flame

HVOF

Electrical Energy

Heat generation/transfer

by I²R Arc Resistance

PHYSICAL

SPRAY SYSTEMS

Wire Arc

Plasma

STOICHIOMETRY

Ideal max temperature & mass efficiency of combustion flame

ENTHALPY

BTU 'Heat Content' of a Reaction

What are the Basic Thermal Spray Systems?

FLAME

HVOF

WIRE ARC

PLASMA

Systems Have in Common:

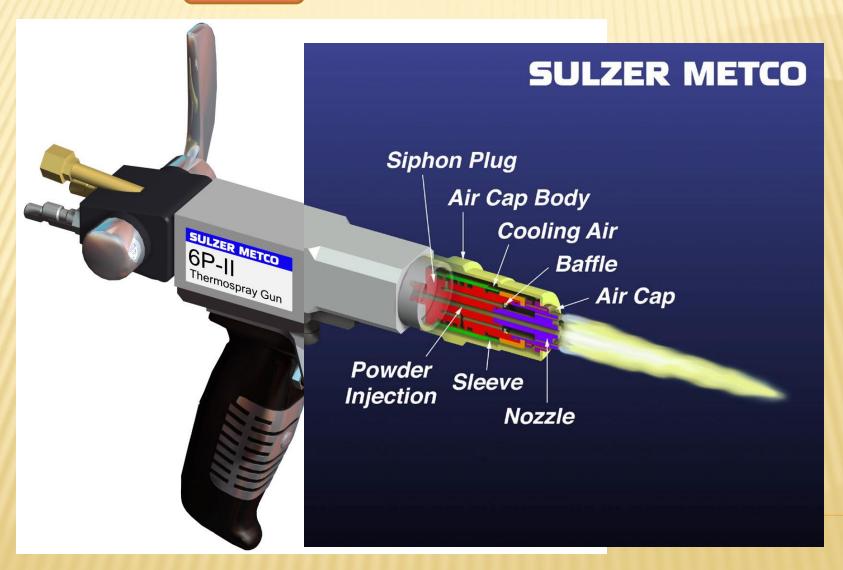
Internal Heat Energy Generation Device ('gun')
Nozzle to Form & Direct the Kinetic Gas Jet
Controls & Monitors for Power and Gas Flow
Powder or Wire Feed systems
Cooling Water & Compressed Air systems
Mechanized and Robotic Manipulation

Thermal Spray Systems

Combustion Flame ray

- System is a modified oxy-acetylene torch.
- × Burns highest temperature fuel gas, 5800°F.
- Nozzle design adds aerodynamic velocity to source pressure of gas and heat expansion.
- * Material powder, wire, or rod, feeds thru the gun into the nozzle, is melted and sprayed.

COMBUSTION FLAME SPRAY GUN



Combustion Flame Spray Gun

Why Acetylene?

Highest Flame Temperature Hydrocarbon Fuel Gas

Oxy-Fuel Combustion:	<u>°F</u>	<u>Formula</u>
Acetylene	5800	C ₂ H ₂
Propylene	5200	СзН6
Hydrogen	3990	H ₂
Methane	3810	CH4
Kerosene	3000	C12H2



Simple, modified oxy-acetylene torch methodology.

Adaptable oxy-acetylene 5800°F flame melts all practical materials in powder, wire or rod form.

Easily portable for on-site work, needs only bottle gas, air and basic electricity.

Economical, low cost gases and electric use.

Low velocity spray and deposition rates.

Plasma Spray Physics



4TH Physical State of Matter
colder hotter

SOLID→ LIQUID → GAS →PLASMA

diAtom MOLECULES are SEPARATED

ATOMS are DISSOCIATED

GAS is IONIZED with FREE ELECTRONS and UNSTABLE NUCLEUS

Plasma Spray

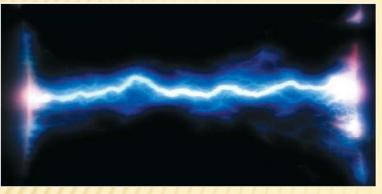
- ❖ HEAT is generated by ~ELECTRIC ARC~ inside gun.
 - NO COMBUSTION-It's PHYSICAL TRANSFER OF HEAT
- ❖ INERT GAS flows around ELECTRODE, exits thru NOZZLE.
- 70 VOLTs DC energizes an arc across the electrode-nozzle gap.
- 400 AMPs flow through the gas. Creates Resistance Heat.
 - <u>I²R Arc Current</u> heats gas stream to >10,000°F

 <u>Thermal Power</u> @ 400 A & 200 Ω = 32 MW

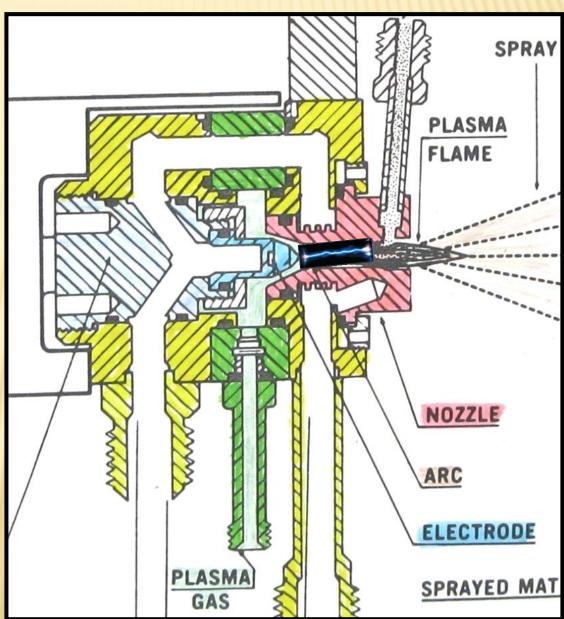
 Gas in the arc path IONIZES, forms the PLASMA state
- SUPER-HOT gas expands violently out the nozzle. PV=nRT
- HIGH VELOCITY gas jet transfers heat and kinetic energies to melt and spray the powder injected into exiting gas jet.

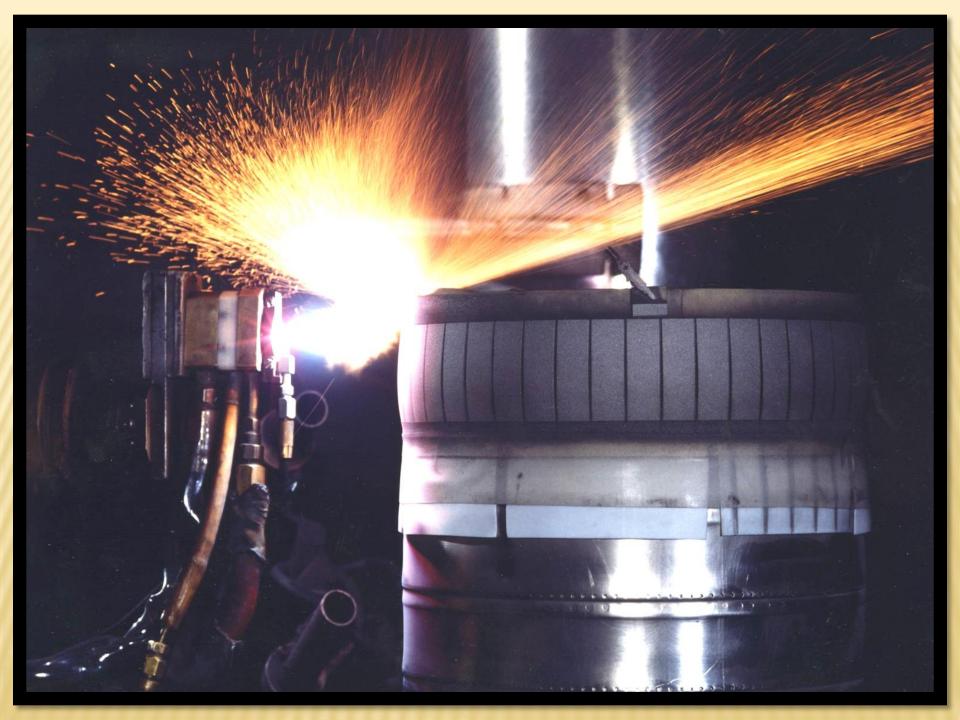


PLASMA GUN CROSS SECTION











- ☐ Plasma produces highest temperature/enthalpy gas jet.
- ☐ T capability to melt any useful engineering material.
- Quantitative Heat input and High velocity enable wide variation of desired coating properties.
- □ Process capable of high economical deposition rate.
- ☐ ARC HEAT results from electrical | R amps-ohms.

Wire Arc \$pray

- Electric arc shorting, melting twin wires.
- Spray atomized by compressed gas.
- Nozzle adds aerodynamic gas velocity.
- Sprays metals readily available as wire.
- Sprays cermet composite cored wires.

Electric Arc Short Circuit



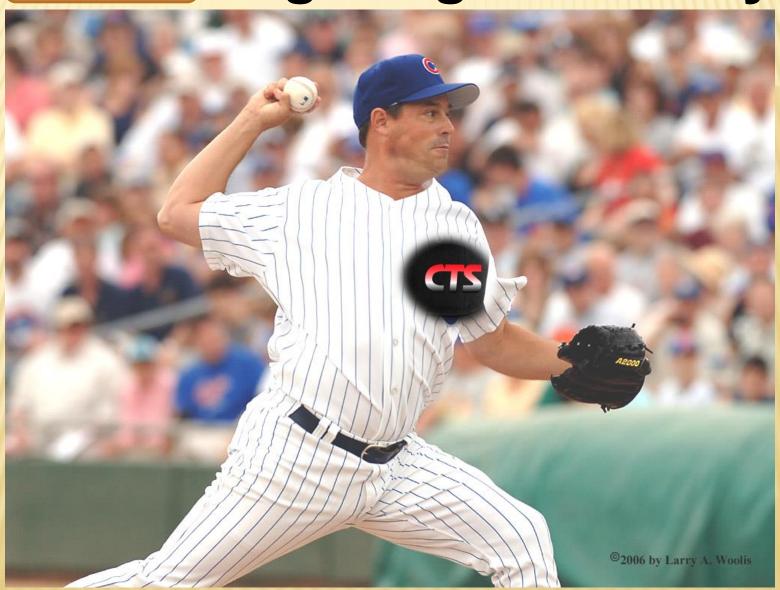
Twin Wire Arc Spray Gun



C. WHY WIRE ARC?

- Wire Less Expensive than sized powder.
- High Capacity melting energy, feed rate.
- Portable for Off-Site use.
- > Overall *Economy* for Limited Materials.

HVOF Big League Velocity



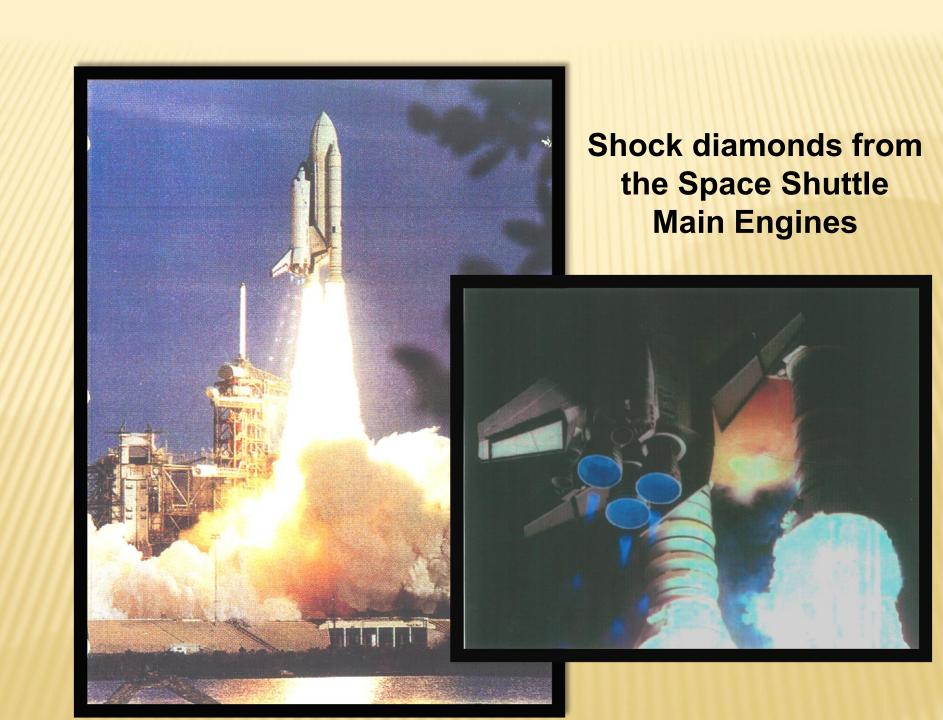
HVOF High Velocity Oxygen-Fuel

- * Rocket science for supersonic velocity.
- **❖** Combustion of H₂ or kerosene fuel.
- Oxygen for max flame temperature
- Chamber-nozzle design pressure for max kinetic gas jet propulsion of particles.
- Excellent coating adhesion and density.

Supersonic Shock Diamonds

HVOF JP-5000







Why HVOF ?

- Excellent coating characteristics.
- Supersonic particle splatting velocity.
- Strong adhesion.
- High density, low porosity.
- * Responds to stoichiometry.

Adjunct Processes for Coatings

Post-application processes can further enhance primary Thermal Spray coatings

- 1. Heat treatment for stress relief and diffusion.
- 2. Sealers as final top coats fill natural inter-splat porosity, adding further corrosion resistance.
- 3. Lubricants of the dry-film type are applied to improve wear resistance.
- 4. Spray & Fuse is a flame type Thermal Spray process used to apply coatings composited for melting point suppression, to promote post-spray diffusion solidification.
- 5. Plasma Transferred Arc adapts plasma arc spraying, wherein the anodic arc is struck to a work surface, melting the flowing powder and surface for a weld-like coating.

Thank you for the opportunity

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Our Service is Your Solution

Coatings, Technology, Solutions



INTRODUCTION

Cincinnati Thermal Spray, Inc. (CTS) is the preeminent provider of coatings, technology and solutions to protect and enhance products for a wide range of industrial uses.

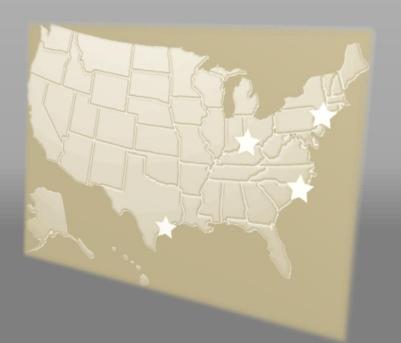
We can help you improve the performance of your components by selectively applying top-quality metal, ceramic and lubricating coatings, and offering component manufacturing.

- Established in 1978
- Offshoot of GE Aircraft Engine thermal spray operation
- Started with aerospace applications only
- Developed additional applications in a wide range of industries
- Among the nation's most respected and largest thermal spray companies

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS

Our facilities serve customers worldwide

- Cincinnati, OH
- Wilmington, NC
- Springfield, NJ
- Houston, TX



FACILITIES - MIDWEST

- Thermal Spray Equipment
 - + Plasma
 - × Metco 3M, 9M, 7M
 - Wire Arc
 - + Combustion Flame (Wire and Flame)
 - + HVOF
 - × JP 5000, JetKote
 - Production Painting
 - + Dry Film Lubrication
 - Metallographic Laboratory
 - + 19 Spray Booths
 - + 42, 000 Sq. Ft. Facility

Quality Certifications

- + AS9100
- + Nadcap (Coatings)
- + ISO 9001
- + FAA CKNR597K



PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

We specialize in component performance enhancement solutions in many industries, including

- Aerospace
- ►Land Based Gas Turbine ➤ Oil & Gas
- **>**Steel
- >Industrial Pump

- **>**Commercial
- >Military/Defense
- > Medical Device



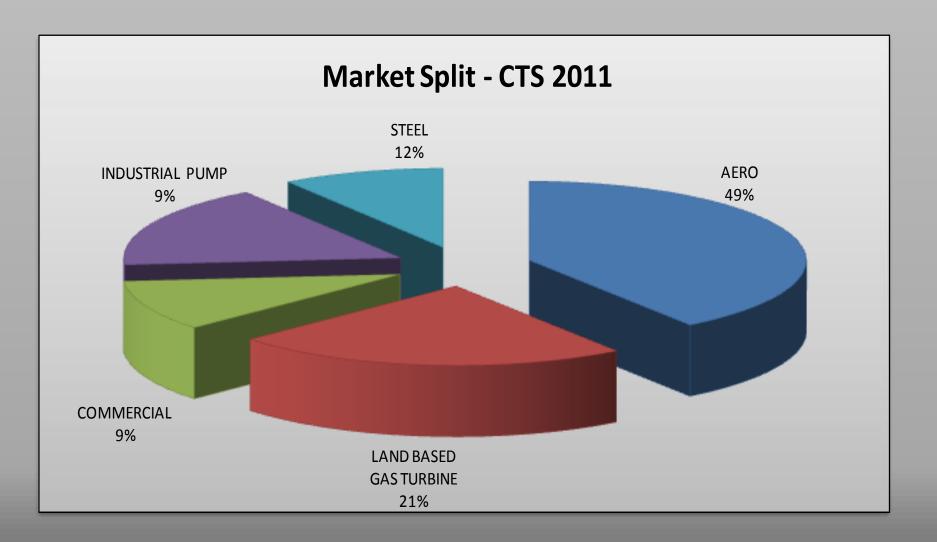












AEROSPACE-APPROVED COATINGS LIST

GE Transportation	F5OTF107	PWA 53-5 (SS)	RPS 643
DSQR inspection approved	P16TF5	PWA 53-15 (SS)	RPS 661
CCL evaluation lab approved	Resistance welding (tack only)	PWA 53-16 (SS & TI)	Teledyne Ryan
F5OTF11	Honeywell	PWA 53-18 (SS)	Thermal barrier coatings
F5OTF13	91547-P6405	PWA 53-33 (SS)	Build-up repairs
F5OTF14	EMS52432	PWA 53-37 (SS)	Paint and Dry Film Lubricants (GEAE)
F5OTF15	EMS52510	PWA 74-1 (SS)	A50TF9
F5OTF18	EMS52521	PWA 257-1 (SS)	A50TF15A
F5OTF22	EMS52533	PWA 261 (SS)	A50TF147 per F50TF33
F5OTF23	FP5045	PWA 265 (SS)	A50TF171
F5OTF24	LHP5111	Rolls-Royce	A50TF201
F5OTF25	LHP5113	Molydag Dry Film Lube	A50TF279
F5OTF32	PNCP52519	EPS 10411	A50TF305 per F50TF96
F5OTF45	PNCP52551	EPS 10414	A50TF306 per F50TF98
F5OTF50	Pratt & Whitney	EPS 10420	A8B35 sealer
F5OTF69	LCS approved	EPS 10425	F50TF118
F50TF71	Grinding of ID, OD, and Flats	EPS 10436	Lube-Lok 2006 to F65A-GP12
F50TF75	CPW 33-13 (SS)	EPS 10479	FAA Repair Station CKNR597K (Midwest)
F50TF77	CPW 33-16 (SS)	EPS 10482	Airframe:
F5OTF83	CPW 33-18 (SS)	EPS 10483	Boeing
F5OTF87	CPW 33-37 (SS)	EPS 10486	Lockheed/Martin
F5OTF92	CPW 33-48 (SS)	EPS 10540	Airbus
F5OTF94	CPW 33-80 (SS)	EPS 10550	Powerplant:
F5OTF95	PWA 53-1 (SS)	RPS 386	General Electric
F5OTF102	PWA 53-2 (SS)	RPS 392	Pratt & Whitney
		RPS 427	Rolls-Royce
		RPS 576	Honeywell
		RPS 592/8	FAA Repair Station CKND597K (East)
			Thermal spray and machining
			



Wear Coatings
Chrome plating
alternative coating
applied to bearing
journal.

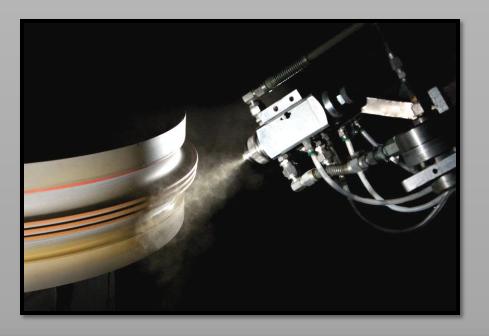


Thermal Protection
Yttria Stabilized
Zirconia thermal
barrier coating
applied to inner
combustor ring.

Fan Disk Copper Nickel Indium plasma spray coating applied to pressure faces on CF6 Fan Disk.



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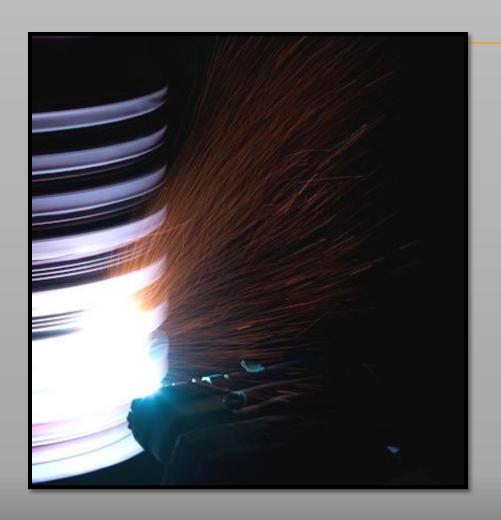
Compressor Midseal, AlSeal™ coating applied to prevent sulfidation within aircraft engine.

Gas turbine compressor blade, power generation Compressor blades in tooling rack



Dome Assembly
Thermal barrier
coating applied to
Combustor Dome
Assembly.



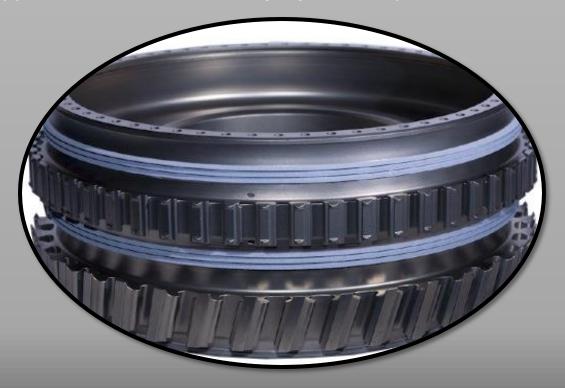




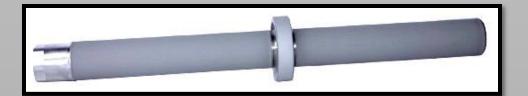
CFM 56, stage 4-9 spool
Aluminum Oxide wear
coating applied to seals.

CFM 56, stage 1-2 spool

Aluminum Oxide wear coating applied to seals. Dry film lubricant applied within dovetail slots for fret wear protection.







Aircraft and commercial actuators for control systems

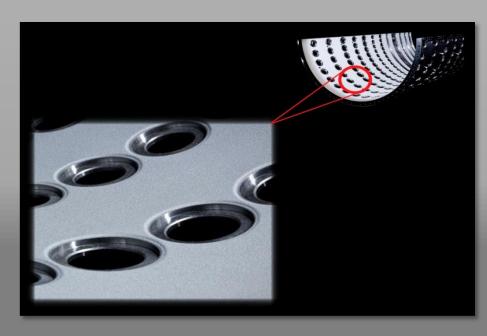
Apply thermal sprayed coatings as a Chrome plating alternative for impact wear protection in service on airframes and other actuation systems.

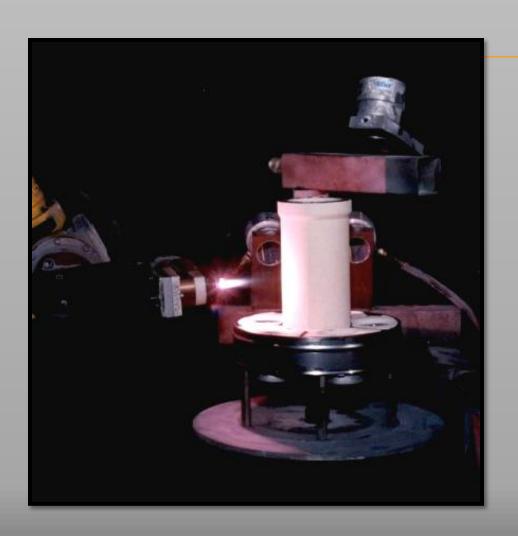


Quality

Depending on your components and the coating solution, we employ the latest technologies in inspection equipment, including:

- Gauging and measuring equipment
- >Hardness testers
- Laboratories for conventional testing
 - >Tensile bond strength
 - > Microhardness
 - > Macrohardness
 - Metallographic evaluation to standards
 - Erosion Testing
 - >Furnace Cycle Testing





Fixed processes

Thermal barrier coating applied utilizing fixed air stands as part of controlled plasma spray process. CTS easily transfers engineered processes across facilities.

Masking techniques

CTS utilizes various masking techniques to protect cooling holes during coating applications. U/V liquid masking and hard tooling masking can be engineered to maintain airflow on a a case by case basis.





LAND BASED TURBINES APPROVED COATINGS LIST

GE Energy

P16A-AG6

P16B-AG3

P16B-AG8

P16B-AG9

P16B-AG11

P16B-AG20

P16B-AG33

P6A-AG1 Paint

P6A-AG6 Paint

P11C-AG11 Shot Peen

P16-AL-0200

Siemens

83269A4

83336AA

83336AB

Alstom Power

HZLM 601 501

HZLM 603 610

Solar Turbines

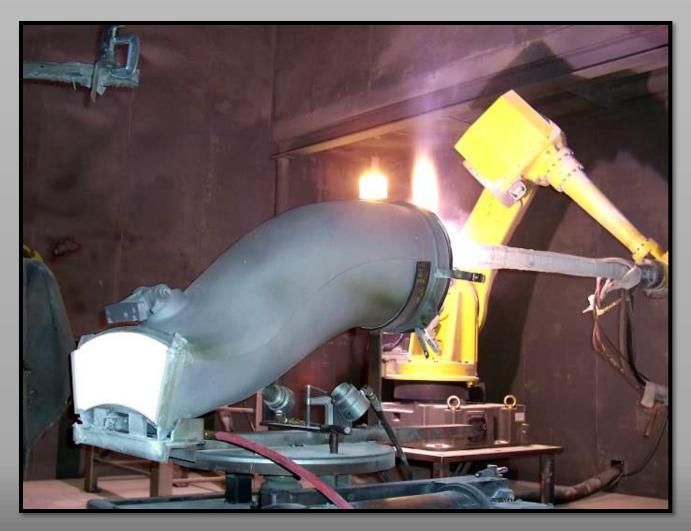
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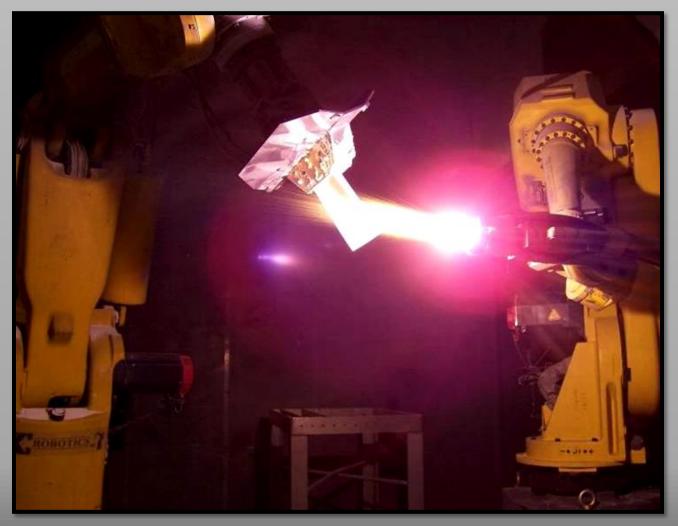


Combustion assembly

Ceramic coating for thermal barrier protection in power generation applications. Assembly of combustion hardware details after coating.



Transition Spray Process



Frame 7 Bucket Plasma TBC



HVOF Coat and Grind Fuel Nozzle

Aluminum and Zinc coatings





Sacrificial coatings to protect against oxidation from atmospheric corrosion. Extends mild steel service life, exceeding 10 years in service.

Our Service is Your Solution

Coatings used in Corrosion Applications

- Sealed coatings for environmental corrosion protection
 - -all exposed exterior components
- Aluminum, Zinc, Zinc/Aluminum, Stainless Steel
- Coatings provide long term corrosion protection in severe applications such as exposure to marine environments or in chemical plants



Steel Industry

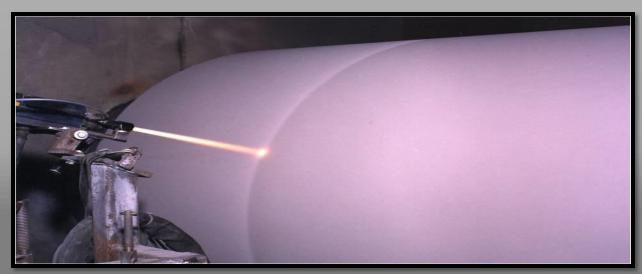
Applications

- Hot dip coating lines
 - Galvanize
 - Galvanneal
 - Aluminize
- Temper mills
- Pickling lines

- Steel making
 - Continuous caster
 - BOF
 - LMF
- Annealing lines
- Slitting lines
- Tin mills
- Tandem mills

Steel

- •5-7 days turn around time (TAT) for coat and polish
- •24-hour outage support
- •Customer-consigned rolls in finished goods for immediate shipment
- •2-3 weeks full service restoration
- •Surface finish at 5-10 minimum Ra increments
- Custom roll profiling (crowning)



Tungsten Carbide Wear Coating-Bridle Roll (prevents pickup, replaces rubber)



Continuous Caster Mold Broadface



Paper roller tubes

Wear coating applied and polished, providing extended service life within harsh wear environments.

On-Site Services





On-Site Coating Services

CTS can take any of our thermal spray processes onsite to apply coatings to components that are too big to move or where scheduling will not permit delay.





On-Site Coating Services
We mobilize very quickly and arrive at your site prepared to apply any of our thermal spray coatings to your components.

Pump Industry

Manufactures Pump Components

CNC & Manual Machining and Grinding

Sleeves Wear rings

Shafts Bushings

Integrated Thermal Spray

HVOF Plasma

Spray and Fuse Wire Spray



Tungsten carbide coated pump impeller



NCrB coated sleeves



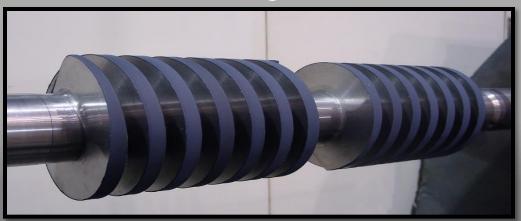
Tungsten Carbide, Chrome Oxide, and HVOF Stellite coated sleeves



Throttle bearing sleeves



Chrome Oxide coated Plungers and Shaft



Screw Pump Rotor – Alumina Titania

THANK YOU!

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We've got you covered every step of the way.

