



# PAINT MATTERS



## MPI Updates December 2021

The 2nd MPI Standards Community meeting took place on December 14, 2021, as part of the AMPP Coatings+ event. If you are interested in taking part in the future MPI Standards Community meetings, please reach out to us.

The 2nd MPI Architectural and Commercial Coatings Summit will be taking place on October 31 & November 1, 2022 in Tampa Florida, as part of a weeklong event help by AMPP.

## 2021 - MPI Year in review

Despite the setbacks brought on by the continuing pandemic, the MPI team was able to launch new products and services, plus hold two new events in 2021. Below is a summary of these achievements:

MPI Launched the new **MPI 142 Standard** for High Performance Interior Latex, in Gloss level 1, and the commercial coating systems that incorporate this standard.

August 2021 saw MPI host the first ever **MPI Architectural and Commercial Coatings Summit**, which delivered a technical program uniting different areas from across the architectural and commercial coatings industry. There were presentations on numerous issues facing the coatings industry today, including the state of the industry, strategic industry shifts, the role of standards in coatings, coating selection design tools (NIBA), Industry partnerships led by IUPAT and the very latest on the MPI 500 Series.

Directly following the Summit, MPI held our inaugural meeting of the MPI Standards Committee, now called the **MPI Standards Community**. This initial meeting explained how industry professionals could be a part of shaping and improving MPI Standards for the industry. The second meeting took place on December 14, 2021, as part of the AMPP Coatings+ event. Plus, development of a MPI Standards Community hub is in progress, which will serve as a place for all members of the Standards Community to access important information and interact with their chosen Communities of Interest in 2022.

**There were extensive CRM system updates, which served to facilitate changes to our Manufacturer Portal, allowing more reporting and scheduling opportunities for the manufacturers.**

**Two of the MPI Publications were updated and moved to print on demand, this will allow MPI to better keep the content up to date and industry relevant.**

## **Looking forward to 2022**

**Exciting things are already planned for MPI in 2022, starting with the launch of the RSM Decision Tree™ (DT). Currently only the Architectural/New Build Decision Tree™ tool is available, and we have been diligently working to set up the Repainting version of this industry specification tool. It features updated choices, an 'export to spec' option, and an improved user experience. Following the launch of the RSM DT, we will also be updating the current ASM DT and packaging these two tools together, providing a unique new way to specify coatings projects.**

**MPI will be leading the revision of the current AMPP (SSPC) QP9 Commercial Painting Contractor Certification Program. Currently we are compiling a list of relevant industry partners to work with us on updating this program, making it more industry relevant and a useful tool in promoting quality assurance on coatings projects.**

**New Inspector Levels will be announced in 2022, with the aim to make becoming an MPI Certified Architectural Coatings Inspector more accessible to all levels of Industry professionals.**

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**The remaining MPI Publications, including the MPI Specification Manuals, will be updated and included in the new print on demand delivery method in 2022, again ensuring that the most up to date and industry relevant information is available to our customers.**

**We are looking forward to a very busy and active 2022 and working with you all on these endeavors. We are always open to any feedback and/or suggestions that you may have to help us elevate the industry.**

## **Professional Tip**

*To measure gloss reflectance, a single beam of light is deflected off the surface, at a prescribed angle, into a receptor. This gauges the intensity of that light in gloss units. The testing equipment is standardized by the use of specially produced, polished, glass or ceramic tiles. The higher the number of units, the shinier the surface. ASTM method D 523 outlines the procedures for performing the test.*