

# Tips for Inspection

Having an independent coatings inspector involved on a coating project ensures a level playing field for bidding, and limits the chances of confusion that could lead to a misunderstanding or mistakes in the project.

Independent inspection further reduces liability concerns for the owners, contractors and even the product manufacturer.



Inspection Equipment

A consultant brings a consistent process to a project which includes:

1. Assessing and documenting the surface conditions of the structure.
2. Noting of any surface damage that will need to be repaired before painting.
3. Determining the existing coating condition and issues that may impact repainting process.
4. Writing a project specific specification which documents the preparation procedure for the various substrates including the requirements for cleaning and priming of each surface.
5. Specifying the coating system to be used which includes the number of coats to be applied.
6. Assisting in the bidding process as required by the owners.

7. Monitoring the job processes and reporting on observations, once the project starts, to ensure the surfaces are properly prepared and the new paint is applied well under the correct conditions.
8. Reporting on progress and sending a final report to the building owner, property manager, and contractor.

## In Summary

To get the best on your next repaint project;

- Hire an independent and qualified paint inspector to write a project specific specification and provide inspection through all phases of the project.
- Secure bids from three qualified contractors who have industry credentials such as the MPI Accredited Contractor program and are willing to provide references for past work.
- Request the contractor to issue a two-year performance bond for labor and materials.

By hiring reputable tradesmen with clearly articulated specifications and further ensuring they are administered by the independent third party expert, you can be assured that your next paint project will go very well.

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