

Environmental Initiatives

Tnemec is committed to providing quality products and services to customers, as well as maintaining and surpassing the current environmental, safety and health standards for the coatings industry.

Tnemec continues to be proactive regarding the impact of protective coatings. Tnemec's durable, high-performance coatings enhance environmental integrity by reducing the frequency of recoat operations, thus reducing air pollution and society's dependence on natural resources.

With the growing demand for product transparency and green initiatives driving change within the construction community, Tnemec would like to highlight some key steps the company is taking to stay in the forefront of this environmental movement.

ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS PRODUCTS

Tnemec manufactures an array of low VOC coatings – including less than 100 grams per liter VOC zinc-rich primers, epoxies, polyurethanes, and fluoropolymers – that maintain their performance and comply with both local air district VOC requirements and environmental programs, such as the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Rating System. The company often assists customers in using the latest coating technologies aimed at reducing environmental impact, providing education on applicable regulatory requirements and making specific product recommendations to help maximize a project's sustainability.

SHIPPING/PACKAGING MATERIALS

Tnemec is actively looking for opportunities to purchase sustainable packaging materials that easily contribute to waste management programs. The company's pallets used to store and ship product are reusable and packaging materials are recyclable.

SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS

Tnemec works with suppliers to source the most environmentally preferable materials for our coatings. When possible, the company makes every effort to find opportunities to work with vendors and suppliers to help minimize environmental impacts. Tnemec has reduced the amount of solvent in our formulations, thereby reducing harmful atmospheric emissions, and also continues to look for ways to incorporate sustainable raw materials such as hydrogenated castor oil into coating formulations, without compromising the quality, durability, and performance customers count on.

PRODUCT SUPPORT AND DISTRIBUTION

With some of the most knowledgeable staff in the industry, Tnemec has 95+ coatings consultants, with years of experience in the field. For coatings selection, specification, surface preparation or application assistance, local Tnemec coatings consultants are available across the U.S. and Canada. No other coatings supplier has a nationwide network of representatives as educated as Tnemec's.

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PRODUCT SUPPORT AND DISTRIBUTION (cont.)

With manufacturing in both Kansas City, Mo., and Baltimore, Md., Tnemec keeps more than 400,000 gallons of coatings in its inventory to feed strategically placed distribution centers across the U.S. Clients can be assured that coatings will be quality-checked, onsite and on time, when they are needed. Simply contact your local coatings consultant to place an order at any time.

PRODUCT TRANSPARENCY

The American Coatings Association (ACA) created an Industry Standard Product Category Rule (PCR) for Architectural Coatings. Tnemec is in the process of gaining a better understanding of the processes involved with Life-Cycle Analyses and the creation of Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs).

Tnemec is actively working to incorporate the detailed product information required in a Health Product Declaration into a document for distribution. Due to the large number of raw materials Tnemec utilizes in finished products, this is a lengthy process which takes time to develop. The HPD Collaborative launched an updated platform —Version 2.2. Tnemec currently has published HPDs for a select grouping of products; please contact your local Tnemec representative for further information.

INVOLVEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION

In addition to engagement with our customers, our suppliers, employees, local communities and governments, Tnemec participates in meetings and committees as a member of various organizations, including the United States Green Building Council (USGBC), and also exhibits at 'green' product shows such as the Greenbuild International Conference & Expo.

We understand you have choices with product selection and want you to know that Tnemec values responsible building practices and is actively engaged in providing solutions that will help promote sustainable design to our customers.

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