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VICTREX® PEEK COATING TECHNOLOGY

VICOTE® FLAME SPRAY 702/705 COATINGS Quick 10 Step Guide For Optimum Results

1 The recommended flame spray equipment for VICOTE Coatings is the Alamo Supply Co. Ltd. PG550™ with the polymer nozzle fitted.

The substrate should be thoroughly de-greased with a suitable solvent to remove any contaminants. Thermal baking is also suitable for steel substrates.

Grit blast the substrate to give a surface profile of ~20% of the total coating DFT (Dry Film Thickness). A final solvent wash of the substrate is advisable.

If the VICOTE powder has been stored in an area of high humidity then it should be dried in a shallow tray before use; 150°C (302°F) for 3 hours or 120°C (248°F) overnight is recommended. Normally however the powder does not require drying for this process.

5 When drying VICOTE powder in an oven, ensure that the powder is covered with aluminium foil to prevent cross contamination which could lead to defects in the final coating.

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The flame spray equipment that is to come into contact with the VICOTE powder must be thoroughly stripped and cleaned to remove all vestiges of previously used non VICOTE powders. The gun and nozzle should be completely stripped down and ideally washed with a mild detergent and then dried thoroughly. If this step is not undertaken the finished coating may contain surface defects.

7 For coating aluminium, pre-heating of the substrate up to 230°C (446°F) is required to get the optimum adhesion and flow out without impairing the mechanical properties of the aluminium. For steel substrates a higher pre-heat temperature up to 370°C (700°F) can be utilised if required to get improved flow out of the VICOTE Coating.

Optimum gas settings for VICOTE Coatings are as follows:

- Nitrogen Carrier Gas 55 to 60 psi
- Oxygen 40 psi
- Propane 20 psi
- Gun Air 40 psi
- Powder Air 20 psi

Start spraying around the edges of the part to be coated and then fill in the areas in between – this helps to keep the substrate hot if the part is a thin section. The VICOTE Coating should have a "wet" appearance as it coated onto the metal substrate.

10 Coating with the gun nozzle held at $90^{\circ} - 60^{\circ}$ angle to the substrate gives the optimum results with the lowest porosity. The gun nozzle should be held at a distance of $\sim 150 - 200$ mm (6 – 8 inches) from the substrate.

For further technical assistance please contact your local Victrex office or Technical Centre.

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