

Removal of failing alkyd enamel paint in a robotics manufacturing plant

Problem: Approximately 2300m² (25,000 ft²) of a failing alkyd enamel coating, 250 to 300 microns (10-12 mils) thick, needed removal from metal

decking, ceiling, and support structures in a Detroit robotics manufacturing plant. The presence of sensitive robotic machinery, electronic circuits and electrical conduit required a dry, low dust, low rebound surface preparation technology. The contractor, a surface preparation and painting company specializing in automotive manufacturing facilities, was hired to remove the peeling alkyd coating without risking damage to the robotic machinery.

Solution: Using **Sponge-Jet's Sponge Blasting System**, the contractor was able to blast close to robotic manufacturing equipment. The low dust process efficiently removed the enamel coating without high cost containment structures. The contractor enjoyed 100% satisfaction from the facility supervisor, and looked forward to a continuing relationship.

Goals:

- Cost competitive
- Dry process
- Low dust process
- Minimal collateral damage
- Reduced containment costs

Alternatives considered:

- Hand tooling
- High pressure water
- CO₂ pellet blasting

Contractor's choice:

Sponge-Jet's Sponge Blasting System™ Silver Sponge Media™

"I was very impressed with
the Sponge-Jet technician
on his level of commitment
toward our efficient use
of the Sponge Blasting
System...he remained at
the job site until we were
completely self sufficient."

Product Manager

DRODUCT

Sponge-Jet® Silver Sponge Media™ featuring MICROCONTAINMENT™ technology

APPLICATIONS

Heavy abrasion, industrial coatings removal

PROFILE

ABRASIVE

CLEANING BATE

75micron (3mil)

Aluminum Oxide

6-17m²/hr(1-3ft²/min)

AVERAGE RECYCLES

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