

GSB News



Dear members of the GSB,

everyone is getting in the mood for the Christmas season. The joy of the holidays is increasing, even if this year it will be a different festivity to what we are used to.

To make sure you are prepared for the last business weeks of the year, we have compiled all the important information for you.

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Inspections in Times of Corona

We would like to thank you very much for your cooperation in times of corona-related restrictions. We are absolutely overwhelmed by the dedication with which all those involved in the self-directed inspections went to work!

The two unannounced inspections of the coaters per year are an important quality characteristic of our members. Furthermore, we were told by the inspected companies that they consider the solution of the in-house audits to be optimal under the given circumstances, but that they appreciate the exchange with the inspectors and look forward to the regular audit procedure. It is therefore very important to us to return to regular testing procedures as quickly as possible, even for companies where no presence testing is currently possible.

Here is the most important in a nutshell:

Currently, the audits in the GER AT CH region can be carried out as usual as presence audits.

The inspectors announce themselves shortly before the inspection in order to clarify a limited inspection capability - for example, due to corona-related closing.

For companies outside the GER AT CH region, this is also largely the case. If, in rare cases, presence inspections are not possible, the inspection is carried out via video conference. Only in extreme emergencies a self examination can be performed.

For all companies it applies that we are in constant exchange with the testing institutes. The

institutes are always well informed about the hygiene and travel regulations in the regions for which they are responsible.

If there should be any changes to the current situation, we will inform you immediately.

New section on the homepage: Information for architects and planners!

The homepage of the GSB is one category richer. Under the heading "Information for Architects and Building Planners", professionals from both fields can access information on all aspects of coating: [LINK](#)

This section also contains a download area. The first whitepaper can already be downloaded under "additional information". This whitepaper provides a simple explanation of the basics of coating and quality assurance for window and facade components.

Direct link to the whitepaper: [LINK](#)

If your customers have basic questions about coating, this whitepaper is for them. Of course it can be shared and forwarded.



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Information for Architects and Building Planners

Windows and facades. These are two areas in which architects and building planners invest a lot of time, as they determine the "face" of all buildings. For companies, this is often the means of choice for presenting the corporate design to the outside world, quite often with eye-catching colors. As a result, they are even in the area of contact between architecture and marketing.

Aluminium, steel and galvanized steel are very popular in these areas of use. In most cases, these materials are coated by using coating systems or liquid paint.

But regardless of whether you decide to use powder coatings or use liquid paint, there are many aspects to consider. These go far beyond the choice of color. All parameters of the environment, conditions to which the building or a component is exposed must also be considered.

We want to help you with this, because we at GSB are committed to the quality assurance of such coatings and thereby to the long preservation of buildings. In this section of our homepage you will find all information relevant to architects and planners on the subject of coatings. The time that you will receive a report, especially tailored to your planned project at the end of the planning process.

For us, this goes hand in hand with certifiable sustainability. Because only if a coating permanently meets high ecological, visual and technical standards an investment in the construction sector is both sustainable and profitable.

In all our activities concerning the quality assurance of coatings, environmental protection and responsible use of resources are at the top of the agenda.

GSB quality: Only if the entire supply chain is GSB-conform is

the coating GSB-conform.

What actually is GSB quality? When does a coating become GSB-conform?

In the recent past, these questions have often been asked to the headquarters.

Fortunately, they can be answered quite simply: pre-treatment, coating material and coater must be GSB-approved.

The first step is the pre-treatment. Only if GSB-approved pre-treatment processes and/or GSB-approved pretreatment chemicals are used, then the pretreatment has been carried out in accordance with the quality regulations.

It continues with the coating materials. Also here only GSB-approved coating materials can be used for GSB-compliant coatings. If a coating not approved by GSB is used in a customer order, the customer must be informed (documentation in FPC - see QR).

Last but not least, only a GSB-approved coater can perform a GSB-compliant coating.

GSB quality control thus extends over the entire process chain.

It is therefore not possible, for example, for a coating company that is not GSB-certified to use GSB-certified coating powder and advertise with a GSB-compliant coating.

If you as a GSB member notice that a GSB-compliant coating is being advertised by non-GSB-certified companies or that a GSB-compliant coating is being advertised although not the entire process chain was GSB-compliant then please contact the GSB headquarters - if possible with solid evidence. In such cases, we will take appropriate steps.



Rest Potential Analysis (RPA)

Imagine being able to check the quality of a pre-treatment within a few hours without having to wait long for corrosion tests.

With the rest potential analysis this wish comes true. At present, some GSB coaters are testing this process extensively.

The working group of first-time users meets regularly to discuss applicability and experiences in daily business.

The aim is to further develop the process and to work out guidelines for the use in daily business.

It is also planned to discuss the rest potential analysis within the popular GSB training courses.



Meeting at the beginning of the year at TK Oberfläche in Bielefeld. Everyone is patiently waiting for the end of the pandemic and the possibility of further meetings!

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We are looking forward to your topic suggestions, questions and comments regarding the GSB-NEWS!

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