

CHAPTER - 6

PAINTING

1.0 SCOPE

This section defines the technical requirements for surface preparation, selection and application of paints on equipment, vessels, machinery, piping, ducts etc. However, manufacturers shall follow their standard procedures for painting their equipment. The bidder shall submit a detailed painting procedure for approval of owner/ owner's representative after the award of contract.

The following surface and material shall require painting:

- a. All un-insulated carbon steel and alloy steel equipment like columns, vessels, storage tanks, pumps, heat exchangers etc.
- b. All un-insulated carbon steel and low alloy piping, fitting and valves (including painting of identification marks).
- c. All pipe structural steel supports, walkways, platforms, handrails, ladders etc.

The following surfaces and materials shall not require painting :

- a. Non-ferrous materials
- b. Austentic stainless steel
- c. Plastic and / or plastic coated materials
- d. Insulated surface of equipment and pipes except color coating wherever required.
- e. Painted equipment like blowers, pumps, valves etc. with finishing coats in good condition and with matching color code.

2.0 CODES AND STANDARDS

Painting of equipment shall be carried out as per the specifications indicated below and shall conform to the relevant IS specification for the material and workmanship.

The following Indian Standards may be referred to for carrying out the painting job :

IS:5	:	Colours for ready mixed paints and enamels
IS:1303	:	Glossary of terms relating to paints
IS:2379	:	Colour code for identification of pipelines
IS:1477	:	Code of practice for painting of ferrous metals in buildings (Parts I & II)
IS:2524	:	Code of practice for painting of non-ferrous metals in buildings (Parts I & II)
IS:2395	:	Code of practice for painting of concrete, masonry and plaster surfaces (Parts I & II)



IS:2338	:	Code of practice for finishing of wood and wood based materials (Parts I & II)
IS:158	:	Ready mixed paint, brushing, bituminous, black, lead free, acid, alkali, water and heat resisting.
IS:2074	:	Ready mixed paint, air drying, red Oxide Zinc Chrome, priming
IS:104	:	Ready mixed paint, brushing, Zinc Chrome, priming
IS:2932	:	Enamel Synthetic exterior (a) Undercoating (b) finishing
IS:4682	:	Code of practice for lining of vessels & equipment
SIS 559000	:	Swedish standard for blasting
ISO 8504-2	:	Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products. Surface preparation methods Part 2 Abrasive blast cleaning
ISO 8501-1	:	Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products. Visual assessment of surface cleanliness. Part 1 : Rust grades and preparation grades of uncoated steel substrates and of steel substrates after overall removal of previous coatings.
SIS 05 5800	:	Surface preparation by acid pickling
SSPC SP08	:	Surface preparation by acid pickling
IS 2629	:	Recommended practice for hot dip galvanizing of iron and steel
ASTM A780	:	Standard practice for repair of damaged galvanized coatings
SSPC	:	Steel structures painting council
NACE	:	National association of Corrosion Engineers
DIN	:	Deutsehes Institute for Normung
BS	:	British Standard
ASTM	:	American Society for Testing material
AWWA	:	American Water works association

3.0 SURFACE PREPARATION

The surface shall be prepared in a manner suitable for coatings. Chemical derusters or rust converters shall not be applied. Acid cleaning is subject to approval of Purchaser/ Purchaser's representative.

3.1 BLASTING

The surface of the part/ component shall be blasted before the coating material is applied.

Compressed air supply for blast cleaning shall be free of water and oil. Air compressors shall not be allowed to deliver air above 1100C. Blasting activity shall be performed at temperatures 30C above dew point and substrata temperature between 50C & 500C and relative humidity not exceeding 85% shall be maintained during painting. Necessary safety precautions for equipment and operator shall be adhered to and shall comply with applicable laws, regulations, ordinances etc., of the local authority, state or the nation pertains to the work.



Abrasive used for blast cleaning carbon steel and alloy steel shall be as per ISO 8504-2 and SSPC painting manual. Suggested abrasives are chilled iron grit, shot steel, malleable iron grit and shots of non metallic abrasive (aluminum oxide, copper slag, garnet etc.).

The grade of blasting shall be performed in line with the approved painting scheme.

The nature, quality and grain size of abrasives and the parameter of their use are to be chosen to obtain the required surface profile depth and cleanliness.

Surfaces prepared for coating shall be coated the same day and before any visible rusting occurs (the time elapsed between blast cleaning and commencement of painting shall under no circumstances exceed 4 hours, but in any case must commence before signs of degradation occur).

The grades of surface finish

	ISO 8501-1	SIS 055900	SSPC	NACE
White metal	Sa3	Sa3	SP5	1
Near White metal	Sa 2½	Sa 2½	SP10	2
Commercial Blast	Sa2	Sa2	SP6	3
Brush off blast	Sa1	Sa1	SP7	4

Unless otherwise specified in the documents, the surface shall satisfy the following requirements after blasting

(a) Blasting according to SIS 055900, Grade Sa 2½

Primer paint shall be Zinc Silicate of approved brand. Dry film thickness of each primer coat shall be 15-25 µm.

3.2 Manual Rust Removal

Manual rust removal shall be allowed for welded zones and for touching up installed components.

3.3 Cleaning

Removal of impurity

	Impurity	Removal
a)	Dust, Loose deposits	Vacuum cleaning, brushing
b)	Adhesive deposits	Power brushing
c)	Oils, greasy impurities	Wet Blasting, Use of Detergent Additives by agreement
d)	Salt deposits	Rinsing
e)	Markings (eg felt up pen)	Organic solvents to manufacturer's specifications eg Trichloro trifluoro ethane and solvents containing acetone (renew solvent and rag frequently)

3.4 Acid Pickling

Prior to galvanizing the surface preparation shall be done by acid pickling as per SSPC-SP-08.



4.0 PROCESSING

4.1 General Application Conditions

The primer shall be applied to properly prepared surfaces only. The specifications of the coating material manufacturers shall be observed. The minimum temperature shall be + 5°C and the relative humidity shall not exceed 80%. The temperature of the work piece shall be at least 3°C above dew point.

4.2 Application Procedure

The primer shall be applied by means of brush or by spary. The top coats shall be applied by means of brush, roller or spray.

At points where coating application is interrupted, the individual layers shall be adequately stepped to ensure proper layer sequence when coating operations are resumed.

4.3 Touching Up

Before each layer is applied, previous coating shall be touched up where necessary by way of rust removal and cleaning according coating manufacturers specification. The final top shall be reapplies completely.

4.4 Uncoated Surfaces

Moving parts of machines (e.g stems, shafts, sliding and locating bearings), nameplates, instruments and sealing surface shall not be coated. Welds shall be left free of coating upto a distance of 30 mm on each side of the weld edge until erection and weld examinations, if any, have been completed.

4.5 Bond Strength

The pill off stress determined using the pull off test method for adhesion shall not be less than 1.5 N/mm², according to ISO 4624.

5.0 SURFACE CONDITIONS OF COATING SURFACES

The coating surface shall have a uniform film thickness, shade and gloss and shall be free from inclusions, sags and wrinkles.

6.0 COATING SYSTEMS

6.1 General Requirements for Coating Systems

Coating materials according to SSPC, BS 5493 or DIN 55 928 shall be used. Intermediate coats are to be pigmented with micaceous iron oxide. The materials shall be matched with each other so that they are compatible. Coatings deviating this



specification shall be subject to approval. Standards of surface preparation and painting shall give a time to first maintenance of 10 years.

The colour and gloss of top coats shall be in accordance with sub clause suggested colour codes for painting (Sub Clause 6.8)

6.2 Standard Coating System (External Coatings)

(a) Steel Surfaces

- (i) All steel structures shall receive two primer coats and two sandwich coat of MIO Epoxy paint and one finish coat of painting. First coat of primer shall be given in shop after fabrication before dispatch to erection site after surface preparation as described below. The second coat of primer shall be applied after erection and final alignment of the erected structures. Two intermediate coats and one finished coat shall also be applied after erection.
- (ii) Steel surface which is to be painted shall be cleaned of dust and grease and the heavier layers of rust shall be removed by chipping prior to actual surface preparation. The surface shall be abrasive blasted as explained in clause 3.1 to Sa 2½ finish as per SIS05-5900. Primer paint shall be Zinc Silicate of approved brand. Dry film thickness of each primer shall be 60 microns.
- (iii) Two intermediate MIO Epoxy paint, and one top polyurethane coating of approved brand shall be applied. Dry film thickness of each intermediate coat shall be 90 microns and top polyurethane coating shall be 30 microns. The under coat and finish coat shall be of different tint to distinguish the same from finish paint. The total dry film thickness shall be 330 microns. All paints shall be of approved brand and shade as per owner's requirement.
- (iv) Joints to be site welded shall have weldable primer applied within 100 mm of welding zone. Similarly where friction grip fasteners are to be used removable anti corrosive coating shall be provided. On completion of the joint the surfaces shall receive the paint as specified.
- (v) Surfaces inaccessible after assembly shall receive two coats of primer prior to assembly. Surfaces inaccessible after erection including top surfaces of floor beams, supporting gratings or chequered plate shall receive one additional coat of finish paint over the above number of coats specified before erection. Portion of steel member embedded/ to be encased in concrete shall not be painted.

(b) Gratings and Step Threads

(i) Surface Preparation

Gratings and step threads shall be cleared by acid pickling as per SSPC-SP-08

(ii) Hot Dip galvanizing

The hot dip galvanizing shall be done as per IS 2629. The average mass of coating shall be 610 gm/m².



(iii) Post Treatment

Immediately after galvanizing post treatment such as chromating shall be applied to retard white rust attack.

(iv) Touch up mechanical damages

The repair of damages coatings shall be done as per the recommended practice ASTM A780.

6.3 Painting of Indoor components such as valves, pumps, motors, electrical parts, tanks etc.**At Works****Surface Preparation**

Blasting according to SIS 055900 grade Sa 2½. Depending on production flow, a weldable, inorganic ethyl zinc silicate shop primer of minimum dry film thickness 25 µm may be used.

Prime Coat

Two (2) layers of Zinc phosphate epoxy, total dry film thickness 75µm.

At Site

Thorough cleaning to remove oil, grease, dirt and any other contaminants. Derusting of all mechanical damages according to SIS 055900 Grade ST3. Touch up with dry film thickness 50 µm.

Finish Coat

Application of two (2) finishing coats of chlorinated rubber paint in approved shades at 30-40 microns DFT each coat in approved shades.

Remarks

Equipment coated with a standard application system can be accepted if the quality of this application system is corresponding with the quality of the above mentioned system.

6.4 Painting of Outdoor equipment (external surfaces) such as piping, valves, pumps, motors, electrical parts, tanks etc.

Weather exposure, weather resistance, temperature upto 120°C as per clause 6.1 & 6.3. However

Surface Preparation

Blasting according to SIS 055900 grade Sa 2½. Depending on production flow, a weldable, inorganic ethyl zinc silicate shop primer of minimum dry film thickness 15-25 µm may be used.

Prime Coat

Two (2) layers of Zinc phosphate epoxy, total dry film thickness 75µm.

Intermediate Coat

One (1) layer 2 pack high build epoxy polyamide MIO, DFT 100µm.

Finish Coat

Application of two (2) finishing coats of chlorinated rubber paint in approved shades at 50 microns DFT each coat in approved shades.

6.5 Special Coating

(a) Parts exposed to temperatures above 120°C, upto 200°C, not insulated

(i) At Works

Surface Preparation

Blasting according to SIS 055900 grade Sa 2½ and ISO 8501-1:1958. Depending on production flow, a weldable, inorganic ethyl zinc silicate shop primer of minimum dry film thickness 15-25 µm may be used.

Prime Coat

Inorganic ethyl Zinc silicate, total dry film thickness 75µm.

(ii) At Site

Pretreatment

Dersuting of all mechanical damages, according to ISO 8501-1:1989, grade St 3 touch up with 1 pack inorganic ethyl zinc silicate, dry film thickness 50µm.

Intermediate Coat

1 pack silicon acrylic dry film thickness 35 µm.

Final Coat

1 pack silicon acrylic, dry film thickness as 35µm.
Total system dry film thickness 145µm.
Final coat according to colour code.



(b) Parts exposed to temperatures above 200⁰C, upto 400⁰C, not insulated**(i) At Works****Surface Preparation**

Blasting according to ISO 8501-1:1958 grade Sa-2½. Depending on production flow, a weldable, inorganic ethyl zinc silicate shop primer of minimum dry film thickness 15-25 µm may be used.

Prime Coat

Inorganic ethyl Zinc silicate, total dry film thickness 75µm.

(ii) At Site**Pretreatment**

Derusting of all mechanical damages, according to standard Sa 2½ to ISO 8501-1:1988. Touch up with coating system according to manufacturer's recommendations.

(c) Insulated parts continuously exposed to condensing water or parts exposed to temperatures

For parts that are provided with insulation on site.

(i) Insulated parts exposed to condensing water

At Works

Surface Preparation

Blasting according to Sa 2½ to ISO 8501-1:1988. Depending on production flow, a weldable, inorganic ethyl zinc silicate shop primer of minimum dry film thickness 15-25 µm shall be used.

Prime Coat

Inorganic ethyl Zinc silicate, total dry film thickness 75µm

(ii) Insulated parts exposed to temperatures

Parts exposed to temperatures upto < 400⁰C

Surface Preparation

Blasting according to Sa 2½ to ISO 8501-1:1988. Depending on production flow, a weldable, inorganic ethyl zinc silicate shop primer of minimum dry film thickness 15-25 µm shall be used.



Parts exposed to temperature above 400°C at works (Steam pipes, pressure tubes and parts for the HRSG, such as heating surfaces, heaters and superheaters, reheaters etc)

Temporary Primer

Varnish

(d) Intermittent exposure due to condensing water/ chemicals (Indoors)

(i) At Works

Surface Preparation

Blasting according to Sa 2½ and ISO 8501-1:1988. Depending on production flow, a weldable, inorganic ethyl zinc silicate shop primer of minimum dry film thickness 15-25 µm may be used.

Prime Coat

Two layers of Zinc phosphate primer, total dry film thickness 75µm.

(ii) At Site

Pretreatment

Dersuting of all mechanical damages, according to standard Sa3 to ISO 8501-1:1988, touch up with 2 pack high build epoxy with volume solid content of more than 85%, 75µm.

Intermediate Coat

2 pack high build epoxy, dry film thickness 80 µm.

Finish Coat

2 pack silicon acrylic, dry film thickness of 50µm.

Total system dry film thickness 205µm.

When exposed o weathering, weather resistance finish coat shall be applied.

(e) Water Exposure

(i) At Site/ Works

Pretreatment

Removal of all welding pearls.



Blasting according to Sa 3 to ISO 8501-1:1988

Coat

4 coats 2 pack coal tar epoxy, dry film thickness 125 μm each.

Total system dry film thickness 500 μm

Touch up after erection as required.

6.6 Painting of Pipes

6.6.1 Buried Piping

Internal surfaces

- (i) Surface cleaning by sand blasting.
- (ii) Two (2) coats of epoxy primer coats. The minimum DFT of each coat shall be 35 microns.
- (iii) Finish coat-Two (2) coats of high build epoxy paint. The minimum DFT of each coat shall be 35 microns.

The total dry film thickness of 150 microns.

Note : All steel pipes carrying sea water shall be internally coated with corrocoat/ polyurea coating having thickness 1500 DFT.

Tests to be carried out after application : Bond/ Adhesion test, Holiday test

External surfaces

- (i) Surface cleaning by Sand Blasting.
- (ii) Coal tar primer compatible with coal tar enamel grade. The number of coats shall be two with a DFT of 35 microns each.
- (iii) Coal tar enamel shall be applied. A single spiral inner wrap of glass fibre tissues shall be applied overlapping at least 25 mm ensuring impregnation of glass fibre tissues in the first coat. The second coat of enamel and second outer wrap of glass fibre felt, Type – I to IS: 7193-1974 will be applied in the same way confirming to Table – 10 of IS – 10221 – 1982.

The total thickness of the coating will not be less than 4.0 mm

- (iv) Alternatively Wrapping with coal tar based anticorrosion tape conforming to IS 15337: 2003 is also acceptable in lieu of s.no. (iii) above. Wrapping thickness shall be 4.0 mm.



Tests to be carried out after application : Bond/ Adhesion test, Holiday test

6.6.2 Overground Piping

Internal surfaces

- (i) Surface cleaning by sand blasting.
- (ii) Two (2) coats of epoxy primer coats. The minimum DFT of each coat shall be 35 microns.
- (iii) Finish coat-Two (2) coats of high build epoxy paint. The minimum DFT of each coat shall be 35 microns.

The total dry film thickness of 150 microns.

Note : All steel pipes carrying sea water shall be internally coated with corrocoat/ polyurea coating having thickness 1500 DFT.

External surfaces

- (i) Surface cleaning by Sand Blasting.
- (ii) Two (2) coats of epoxy primer coats. The minimum DFT of each coat shall be 35 microns.
- (iii) Finish coat-Two (2) coats of high build epoxy paint. The minimum DFT of each coat shall be 35 microns.

6.7 Internal Coatings

6.7.1 Tanks (Internal surfaces) as specified in relevant sections of specification

Industrial deionised, demineralised and potable water upto 60°C pH range 4.5-9.5

Blasting according to Sa 2½ and ISO 8501-1:1988.

Prime Coat

Two layers of Zinc phosphate epoxy primer, total dry film thickness >75µm.

Pretreatment

Dersuting of all mechanical damages, according to standard Sa3 to ISO 8501-1:1988, touch up with 2 pack high build epoxy with volume solid content of more than 85%, 75µm.

Intermediate Coat

2 pack high build epoxy, dry film thickness 80 µm.



Finish Coat

2 pack silicon acrylic, dry film thickness of 150µm per coat.

In case of service or potable water tanks, the coating material selected shall not taint the water. The paint system shall conform to regulations issued by Food & drug administration/ National Public Health service/ AWWA/ OSHA and comply with applicable laws, regulations, ordinances etc. of the local authority, state or the nation pertains to work.

QA/ QC Procedure including pinhole inspection, shall be submitted for approval by Owner/ Owner's representative.

6.6.2 Rubber Lining of Pipes, Valves and Tanks for DM Water**Pretreatment**

Blasting according to Sa 2½ and ISO 8501-1:1988

Rubber Lining

Hard rubber 5 mm for DM water applications as IS – 4682

6.7 Painting for Electrical items

- 6.7.1 All the steel work shall be thoroughly cleaned of rust, scale, oil, grease, dirt and swarf by pickling, emulsion cleaning etc. The sheet steel shall be phosphate/ oven dried and then painted with two coats of zinc rich primer paint. After application of the primer, two coats of finishing epoxy paint shall be applied. The colour of the finishing coats inside shall be glossy white and exterior of the treated sheet steel shall be shade 631 of IS-5/ RAL 7032 for all switchboard/ MCC/ Distribution boards, control panels etc.
- 6.7.2 All electrical equipment shall be given tropical and fungicidal treatment and outdoor equipment shall be provided with rain hood to prevent entry of rain water into the equipment.
- 6.7.3 Painting of I & C equipment : Epoxy coating required for all I & C equipment.

6.8 SUGGESTED COLOUR CODES FOR PAINTING

SL. NO.	ITEM/SERVICE	COLOUR	IS-5	COLOUR (BAND)	IS-5
1.	Structures, platforms, galleries, ladders and handrails	Dark Admiralty Grey	632	-	-
2.	Boiler casing, ducting	Nut Brown	413	-	-



SL. NO.	ITEM/SERVICE	COLOUR	IS-5	COLOUR (BAND)	IS-5
3.	Crane				
3.1	Crane structure	Golden Yellow	356	Black	-
3.2	Trolley & hook	Crimson	540	-	-
4.	Fans, pumps, motors, compressors	Light Grey	631	-	-
5.	Tanks (without insulation and cladding)				
5.1	Outdoor	Aluminium	-	-	-
5.2	Indoor	Light grey	631	-	-
6.	Vessels & all other proprietary equipment (without insulation & cladding)	Light grey	631	-	-
7.	Switchgear	Light grey (Powder coated)		-	-
8.	Control & relay panels	Light grey (Powder coated)	631/7078 of IS 1650	-	-
9.	Turbines	Light Grey	631	-	-
10.	Generators & Exciter	Light Grey	631	-	-
11.	Transformers	Aluminum	-	-	-
12.	Machinery guards	Signal red	537	-	-
13.	Piping (without insulation and cladding)				
13.1	Water System				
a	Boiler feed	Sea Green	217	-	-



SL. NO.	ITEM/SERVICE	COLOUR	IS-5	COLOUR (BAND)	IS-5
b	Condensate	Sea Green	217	Light Brown	410
c	DM Water	Sea Green	217	Light Orange	557
d	Soft Water	Sea Green	217	French Blue	166
e	Bearing Cooling Water	Sea Green	217	French Blue	166
f	Potable & filtered Water	Sea Green	217	French Blue	166
g	Service and clarified water	Sea Green	217	French Blue	166
h	Cooling water	Sea Green	217	French Blue	166
l	Sea Water	Sea Green	217	White	-
14.	Ash Transmitting Vessels and pipe lines	Aluminium	-	-	
15.	Air System				
15.1	Station air	Sky blue	101	-	-
15.2	Control air	Sky blue	101	White	-
16.	Oil system				
16.1	Fuel oil	Light brown	410	French	166
16.2	Light oil (HSD)	Light Brown	410	Brilliant green	221
16.3	Lubricating oil	Light brown	410	Light grey	631
16.4	Transformer oil	Light brown	410	Light orange	557
17.	Gas System				
17.1	Carbon dioxide	Canary yellow	309	Light grey	631
17.2	Hydrogen	Canary yellow	309	Signal red	537
18.	Fire services	Fire red	536	-	-
19.	Effluent pipes	Black	-	-	-
20.	Vacuum pipes	Sky blue	101	Black	-

Notes :

1. This colour code basically refers to IS:2379 for piping with necessary modifications



2. Where band colour is specified, same shall be provided at 30 meter intervals on long uninterrupted lines and also adjacent to valves and junctions.

Bidder shall furnish his painting specification to suit corrosive atmosphere of coastal area along with the bid. The specification shall in general be in line with the above requirements.

