

Webinar on Challenges and Solutions for Improved Durability of Materials

Shell & Tube Heat Exchanger Coatings

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Donelli Alexo in Brief

- Donelli Alexo, part of the Donelli Group (established in 1911), is dedicated to meeting the most demanding anticorrosion, fireproofing and insulation needs of energy, petrochemical and chemical facilities onshore and offshore;
- Most coating applications are carried out in two state-of-the-art painting facilities:
 - Cuggiono facility, located 20 [km] North of Milan on the A4 Milan-Turin highway, nearby Malpensa International Airport. The facility's total area consists of more than 20.000 [m²], of which 8.000 [m²] are closed shops (1.500 [m²] completed in 2016 www.donelli.it/360).;
 - Voghera facility, located 50 [km] South of Milan on the A7 Milan-Genoa and A21 Turin-Piacenza highways. The facility's total area consists of 5.000 [m²], of which 2.500 [m²] are closed shops. An high-quality corrosion protection is guaranteed by one blasting cabinet, two closed and heated spraying boots and two large ovens for heat-curing at temperatures up to 300 [°C] connected to a industry 4.0 managed post burner efficiently minimizing plant emissions;
- All applications are carried out in strict compliance with clients' specifications by a UNI EN ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certified company, with experienced and trained personnel, certified NACE/FROSIO inspectors and the most reliable inspection tools available in the industry. This ensures schedule fulfillment, and that projects meet environmental, qualitative and safety standards. ISO 45001 certification in progress;
- Since 2002 **Donelli Alexo is exclusive licensee for Italy of Sakaphen technologies** and solutions.





Donelli Alexo in Brief – Our Coating Facilities



Cuggiono plant – Drone view



Voghera plant – Satellite view



Cuggiono plant – 2016 add-on energy neutral thanks to a 57 kW PV system

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Voghera plant – Industry 4.0 management of plant since 2017



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Donelli Alexo - R&D Projects

- Donelli Alexo has been involved in numerous R&D projects, mostly driven by customer demands as well as employees' ideas to improve quality and environmental impact of our applications;
- Most significant project is S.W.O.C. on FBE application on bends and fittings. Although not funded, it has received the Seal of Excellence under SME Instrument phase 2 framework;
- Other projects have dealt with:
 - PTFE applications on items for pharma industry as well as rupture disks;
 - Icephobic coating systems for cold environments and refrigeration;
 - **TSA** improvement via MicroArc Oxidation with **Technion University**.
- Close cooperation with Säkaphen has various joint R&D projects on topics such as:
 - Tube-lining of small OD pipes;
 - Preventing Microbacteria Induced corrosion.

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	as the institution managing Horizon 2020,
	the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2014-2020
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	The project proposal 719807, SWOC
	a Smarter Way Of Coating
	Submitted under the Horizon 2020's SME instrument phase 2 call H2020-SMEInst-2014-2015 (H2020-SMEINST-2-2015) of 25 November 2015 in the area of Accelerating the uptake of nanotechnologies, advanced materials or advanced manufacturing and processing technologies by SMEs by Donelli Alexo S.r.l. Via funceon Somma, 64 2002 Cuggiono Holy
	following evaluation by an international panel of independent experts
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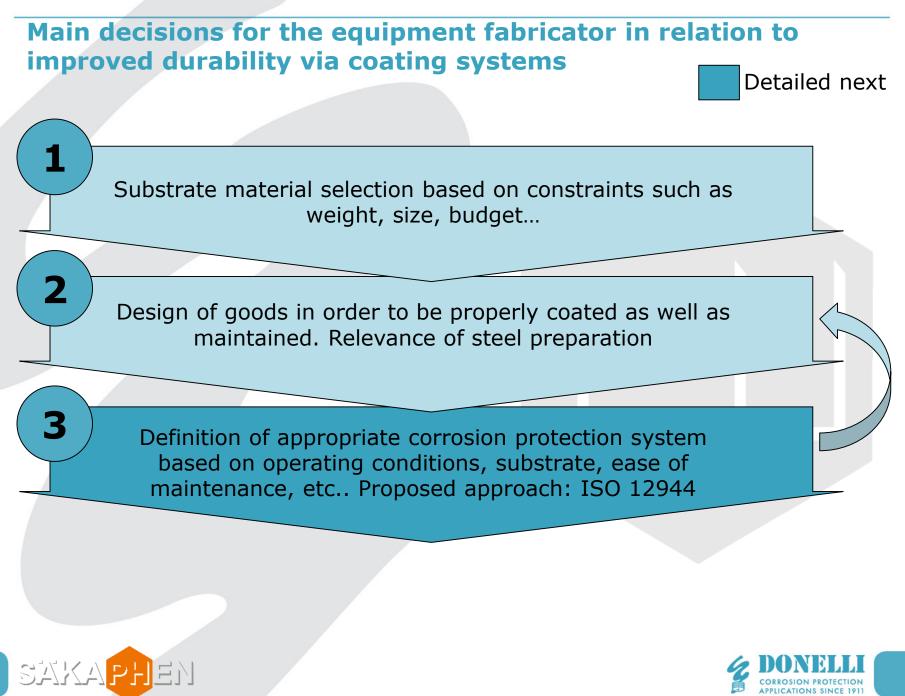


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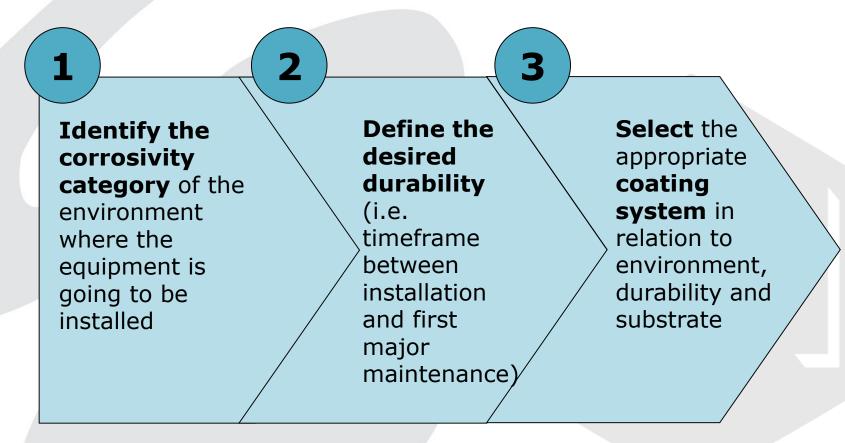
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ISO 12944 – A useful, 3 step approach



ISO 12944 standard has been significantly revised, the following presentation is based on this latest revision





1 ISO 12944: Identify the corrosivity category...

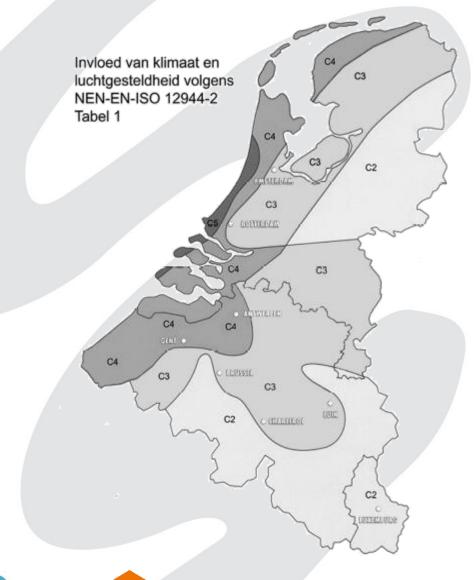
Corrosivity	Environmer	nt examples			
category	Exterior	Interior			
C1 very low	_	Heated buildings with a clean atmosphere such as offices, shops, schools, hotels			
C2 low		Buildings which are not heated, where condensation may occur e.g. storage facilities, sports halls.			
C3 medium	Industrial and urban atmospheres with a low sulphur oxide (IV) contamination level. Inshore areas of low salinity.	Production halls to facilities humidity and certain air contamination e.g. foodstuff plants, laundries, breweries, dairies.			
C4 high	Industrial areas and inshore areas of medium salinity.	Chemical plants, swimming pools, ship repair yards			
C5 very high	Industrial areas of high humidity and aggressive atmosphere and inshore areas of high salinity.	Buildings and areas of almost constant condensation and high contamination.			
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Newly introduced in 2018

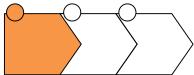
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...often it is a qualitative analysis whereas at times a map is also available



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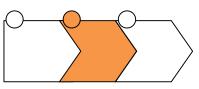
These information (if available) are a useful guideline, but do not exempt the specifier from a more accurate analysis. In fact, there exist macroclimate (as shown in the map), but also specific microclimates with possibly significantly different corrosivity categories from the surroundings (i.e. waste treatment plant, airport, etc...)

Source: Filiforme Corrosie Van Aluminum – Aluminum Centrum 01/07/2011





²ISO 12944: ...define the desired durability...

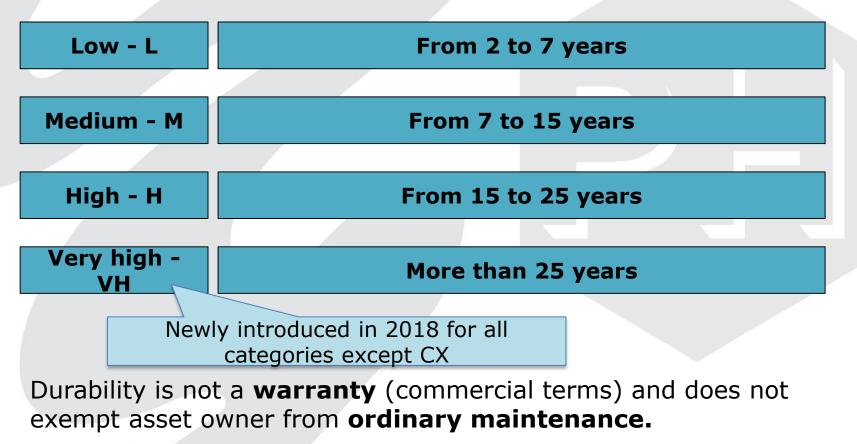


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Durability is expressed in terms of time intervals from the installation of the equipment to the first major extraordinary maintenance







ISO 12944: ...select the appropriate coating system – Example for carbon steel – C4, C5 category \bigcirc

Example of coating systems suitable for carbon steel (min. 3 [mm]). Surface preparation is blasting to SA 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ (i.e. near white metal) with synthetic or metallic abrasive.

	Product type	C4 (H)	C4 (VH)	С5 (Н)	C5 (VH)
Layer		NDFT [µm]	NDFT [µm]	NDFT [µm]	NDFT [µm]
Primer	Organic zinc	60	60	60	60
Inter- mediate	Epoxy intermediate	90	150	150	210
Finish	Acrylic polyurethane	50	50	50	50
Total NDFT [µm]		200	260	260	320



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ISO 12944: ...select the appropriate coating system – Example for carbon steel – CX category



Example of coating systems suitable for carbon steel (min. 3 [mm]) . Surface preparation is blasting to SA 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ (i.e. near white metal) with synthetic or metallic abrasive.

Type of environment	CX Offshore (H)		Splash & Tidal zones CX Offshore H		
Type of primer	Zinc	Other	Zinc	Other	
Primer NDFT [µm]	≥ 40	≥ 60	≥ 40	≥ 60	≥ 200
Minimum [nr] of coats	3	3	3	3	2
Total NDFT [µm]	≥ 280	≥ 350	≥ 450	≥ 450	≥ 600





Performance of a coating system suitable for C3 environment after 3 years in a C5 environment

















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SÄKAPHEN[®] is a 3rd generation family-owned company which stands for excellent quality and premium coating systems. SÄKAPHEN[®] distinguishes itself through its individual coating solutions for customer-specific requirements.







Säkaphen in Brief – Product Range

The product range comprises two groups of products:

 SÄKAPHEN[®] heat-cured coatings: one component thermally hardening coatings, which are cured in special polymerization ovens at temperatures up to 220°C. This technology is applied only in SÄKAPHEN[®]'s own plant as well as in Authorized Applicators' plants.



 SÄKAPHEN[®] cold-cured coatings: two or more component catalytically hardening coatings, which are applied in a multilayer process by spraying, rolling or troweling





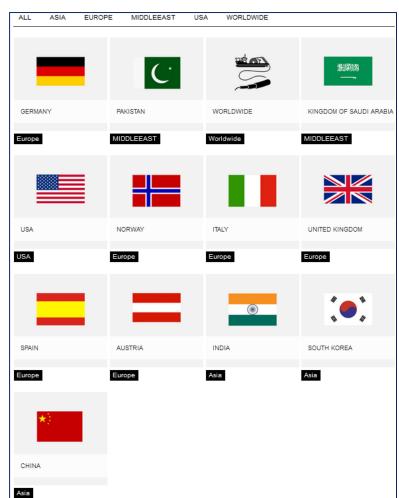


Säkaphen in Brief – Worldwide network

- SÄKAPHEN[®] works together with powerful partners, who offer expert advice, service and reliability when it comes to optimum corrosion protection;
- The Authorized Applicator are located around the world and are carefully selected by their skills and abilities;
- Donelli Alexo is a core partner for market development in Europe and Africa and a valued R&D partner. R&D projects with Donelli Alexo:
 - Tube Lining for small ID tubes
 - MIC reducing coating
- Other R&D:

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- Girth Weld Coating material
- MIC reducing coatings with active fillers
- Onsite coating solutions of marine coolers









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Fouling as source of reduced performance

- Fouling is the deposition of an unwanted layer of material on the heat transfer surface, it is usually caused by multiple factors:
 - Crystallization
 - Deposition of particles
 - Chemical reactions
 - Biological fouling
 - Corrosion
- The above described phenomenon can be found in particular in sea-water and riverwater operated HE but also in other units, e.g. where paraffin or crude oil are part of the process.







Fouling consequences and coating as a solution

- Fouling, incrustation and corrosion cause an increase in surface roughness and the formation of a layer of unwanted material on the exchange surface, leading to:
 - Over dimensioning of the HE to take into account **corrosion allowance**;
 - Selection of **chemical resistant alloys** (Hastelloy, stainless steel, super duplex), normally less heat conductive than carbon steel;
 - **Higher energy consumption** of pumps to overcome the reduced internal diameter & increased roughness;
 - **Frequent cleaning** procedures by UHPWJ resulting in increased downtime.
- SÄKAPHEN® technologies applied tube side and/or shell side results in smoother surfaces, hence limiting above described phenomena, and result in corrosion protection even in aggressive environment.
- Comparative **roughness** of various surfaces:
 - New HE: 25-50 [µm] (as structural steel)
 - Fouled/corroded HE: 150 [µm] (as cast iron)

Coated HE:

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5 [µm] (as plastic)





Real world case study and implications

- A section of a cooler unit in the steel mill was coated with coated with SÄKAPHEN® Si 17® TC (left picture). In direct comparison the uncoated tubes (right picture). Both pictures show the tubes after 14 month in service;
- It can be safely stated that the fouling reduction was higher than 15-20% and probably close to 90%.



SÄKAPHEN® Si 17® TC coated section



Uncoated section

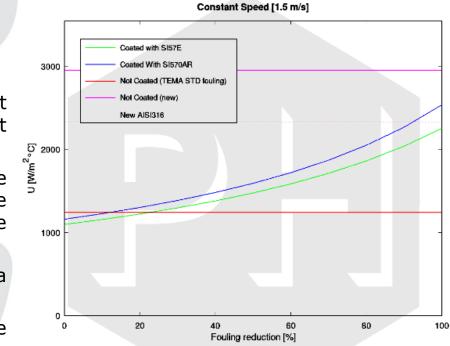






Influence of coating on heat transfer rate

- Different alloys have differ heat conductivity:
 - Λ ef Carbon steel = 35-45 W/mK
 - λ eff Stainless steel = 16 W/mK [*]
 - λ eff Super duplex = 15 W/mK [**]
 - Λ eff Hastelloy = 12 W/mK [***]
- Carbon steel is the ideal solution for heat exchangers, if properly protected against corrosion.
- SÄKAPHEN® technologies allow the use of carbon steel in aggressive environments and, even if coating have poor heat conductivity, the coated CS HE:
 - has a **better** heat transfer rate than a new bare SS HE;
 - has an initial loss in heat transfer rate than a new bare CS HE, rapidly eliminated by the beneficial reduction of fouling (see graph).



Heat exchange coefficient as function of fouling reduction

Sources: [*] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of thermal conductivities

> https://www.finetubes.co.uk/products/materials/duplex-stainless-steel-tubes/super-duplex-uns-s32750-wnr-1-4410 [**]

[***] https://www.engineeringtoolbox.com/thermal-conductivity-d 429.html





CO2 reduction – A preliminary assessment

- Assuming a HE with 490 [m²] of heat exchange area, the CO2 footprint throughout its production and its end of lie is the following:
 - Stainless steel HE:

- 73 [tons of CO2 equiv.]
- SÄKAPHEN® coated carbon steel HE:
- 26 [tons of CO2 equiv.]
- Reduction of CO2 emissions result also from the operation of a SÄKAPHEN® coated carbon steel HE thanks to the lower pressure drop. This can be estimated in emission reduction of 35% or 17 [tons CO2 equiv. per year];
- Above calculations are done also considering that:
 - Additional Capex for coating application is €25k, resulting in SS HE still with 40% higher CAPEX than CS HE;
 - Additional emission for coating application is 4.5 [tons of CO2 equiv.];

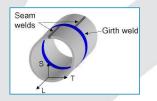




Ideas for future discussion with audience



More refined CO2 reduction analysis;



Girth weld coating material;



MIC reducing coatings with active fillers;



- Onsite coating solutions of marine coolers.

Donelli & Säkaphen are jointly looking forward for interest in carrying on further analysis on the above topics!





Thanks for the attention!

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