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Thank you for keeping Carbit in the mix for all your industrial paint needs. See below for tips, services and critical information to help your paint line process.



Historical Perspective on the Coronavirus Challenge

My father had no idea when he founded Carbit Paint in 1925, that their innovative sanitation coating, a CARbon BITumastic paint applied to metal, would help keep them in business, and the Chicago Stockyards operational, when the Great Depression hit in 1929. The next year, his brother George turned down a job offer when he graduated from college and joined him as partner. Together with their few customers still in business, they made it through.

Ten years later, Carbit partnered with its customers when they switched their production to war materiel. Carbit's coatings painted the planes, tanks, and trucks bound for overseas as the nation geared up for World War II. U.S. manufacturing first armed our allies through Lend-Lease and later turned the tide against the Axis powers in Europe and Japan in the Pacific.

After the U.S. won the war, we shared in the nation's growth as the fifties brought peace and prosperity. But the sixties and late seventies saw runaway inflation, price controls, 15% interest rates, raw material allocation, and higher unemployment rates. The next two decades started with a recession, continued with increased federal regulations, global competition, and manufacturing relocations. The century had just ended when 9/11 attacked our largest city and changed our way of life. The coronavirus has changed our life again. But we are coping with it and you are too. Our history tells us that we will get through this challenge together, and we will get back to work assisting our customers. It is what we do and so do you!

David L. Westerman, "Sr."
Former Owner of Carbit Paint



Having Trouble Keeping Painters Busy? Carbit Can Help

These slow periods are wonderful for families, but keeping painters occupied can be challenging. Whether it be “deep cleaning” spray guns, spray booth maintenance, or air flow calibration, chances are there is work to be done. If you need help, we are happy to communicate directly with your employees via ZOOM conference, Skype, Face-Time, etc., and remember. . . I speak Spanish.

If you would prefer to manage paint line maintenance yourself, here is an idea:

Spray Gun “Deep Cleaning”

This is the first thing I would do. You probably have either a gun flush box or you wipe down the nozzle and air cap at the end of every day, but I am suggesting digging deeper. Gather every spray gun that you have, even backups and old guns. All that is required is the multi-wrench that came with each gun, some solvent or warm water (depending on the paint you use), and gun oil. Remove the needles, springs, trigger assemblies, valves and fittings, and do a thorough cleaning. You Tube is filled with videos giving step-by-step instructions on how to clean most spray guns. Below are links for two common models:

Graco Air Pro: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCDbyg_maVQ

Binks Trophy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2EkHcuGXb8>

If need be, I am more than happy to give a personal, virtual demonstration. Are you missing the wrench mentioned above, or any other equipment? Let me know, and I will get it to you.

Please let me know if you need ideas for other maintenance projects, and we can discuss your specific situation.

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Carbit is open for business to support our customers. As we value the well being and health of our employees, we have adapted our operations to a limited essential crew in our factory while sales and engineering are fully functional remotely. If you are in need of technical support, we will continue to do our best to get anything you need to you as quickly as possible.



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