

Title: Coatings Applicator
Reports to: Production Manager
Location: Central City, NE

Description

The Coatings Applicator is responsible for surface preparation, mixing, application, inspection, and documentation of industrial coatings in accordance with project specifications, customer requirements, manufacturer technical data sheets, and applicable industry standards. This position plays a critical role in ensuring the quality, durability, and appearance of fabricated products while maintaining a safe and efficient work environment.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities *(other duties may be assigned)*

- Prepare surfaces for coating through cleaning, sanding, grinding, masking, and other approved surface preparation methods.
- Mix and apply industrial coatings in accordance with manufacturer technical data sheets, project specifications, and company procedures.
- Verify proper coating materials, batch numbers, and application requirements before beginning work.
- Measure, inspect, and document surface preparation conditions, including blast profiles and substrate readiness.
- Monitor and document environmental conditions, including temperature, humidity, and dew point, as required by project specifications.
- Measure and document wet film thickness (WFT) and dry film thickness (DFT).
- Inspect coatings throughout the application process to ensure adherence to quality standards and manufacturer recommendations.
- Maintain accurate coating records, inspection reports, batch numbers, lot numbers, and quality documentation.
- Assist in compiling and organizing final quality document packages for completed projects.
- Perform coating touch-ups and repairs as required before shipment.
- Coordinate with shipping personnel to ensure proper protection of coated products during handling and transportation.
- Document completed work with photographs and supporting records as required.
- Operate forklifts and material handling equipment safely and efficiently.
- Assist fabrication, assembly, shipping, and production departments as needed.
- Maintain a clean, organized, and safe work area.
- Follow all company safety policies, environmental requirements, and housekeeping standards.
- Participate in continuous improvement and quality initiatives.

Qualifications

Required Qualifications:

- High school diploma or GED preferred.
- Experience applying industrial coatings, paints, primers, or protective coatings in a manufacturing, fabrication, construction, or industrial environment preferred.



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- Ability to read and understand project specifications, work instructions, and manufacturer technical data sheets.
- Basic computer, documentation, and math skills.
- Strong attention to detail and commitment to quality.
- Good verbal communication and teamwork skills.
- Ability to safely operate hand tools and coating equipment.
- Mechanical aptitude and problem-solving ability.
- Ability to work independently and with minimal supervision.
- Willingness to work overtime, weekends, and flexible schedules as needed.
- Commitment to workplace safety and safe work practices.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience with industrial spray application equipment.
- Knowledge of coating inspection standards and quality control procedures.
- Experience measuring blast profiles, wet film thickness, and dry film thickness.
- Familiarity with NACE, AMPP, SSPC, or related industry standards.
- Forklift and operating experience.
- Experience working with structural steel, piping systems, pressure vessels, skids, or miscellaneous fabricated products.
- Coating inspection or applicator certifications.
- Experience working in a fabrication or manufacturing environment.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Understanding of industrial coating systems and application methods.
- Ability to properly mix and apply coatings according to specifications.
- Ability to read technical data sheets and follow detailed instructions.
- Strong documentation and recordkeeping skills.
- Ability to identify coating defects and quality issues.
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Ability to work safely in a fast-paced industrial environment.
- Strong teamwork and communication skills.
- Commitment to quality workmanship and customer satisfaction.

Physical Requirements:

- Ability to stand, walk, bend, kneel, climb, and reach throughout the workday.
- Ability to lift and carry up to 50 pounds.
- Ability to work in confined spaces, elevated work areas, and industrial environments when required.
- Ability to wear required personal protective equipment (PPE), including respirators, protective suits, safety glasses, gloves, hearing protection, and safety footwear.
- Ability to pass a physical human performance evaluation.



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Work Environment:

This position works primarily in a fabrication shop environment and may be exposed to paint, solvents, dust, noise, fumes, and varying temperatures. The employee must follow all safety, environmental, and quality procedures while working around fabrication, assembly, and material handling operations.

Excellent Perks and Benefits

- Family-focused company
- Professional growth opportunities
- Company-sponsored events
- Paid Time Off and Paid Holidays
- Generous 401k Match
- Medical, Dental, Vision and Life Insurance
- Health Savings Account

Strobel Fabrication is a full-service ASME certified steel fabrication facility with expertise in custom skid design and fabrication, pressure vessels, piping systems, support, and structural steel, transloading equipment and specialty coatings. Strobel can design and build for a wide range of industries including power generation, oil and gas production, renewable fuels, chemical, ethanol. Petrochemical and more.



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