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Sandblast and hot-dip galvanised steel

Maintenance

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The control should include a visual inspection of the surface and registration of the following points:

- 1: Blisters in the paint
- 2: Damage in the paint
- 3: Corrosive attacks, if any

Based on the control, the maintenance need and the time of the next control will be determined.

Depending on the degree of corrosion the structures are exposed to, the need to repaint the entire structure should also be assessed after 8 - 10 years.

It is important that the structures are not installed/used in an environment with a stronger corrosion load, and that the materials are cleaned at least once a year for algae deposits etc. to maintain the optimal effect to the surface treatment.

Spot repairs

Maintenance paint is implemented as spot repairs when the degree of rust has increased to Ri 1-Ri 3 (see ISO 4628-3:1982). Scrape flaking paint and damaged areas. The areas are then shot blasted or steel brushed, including a few centimetres on to the undamaged area. Paint with the system's primer and topcoat to the original film thickness. If you prefer an even surface for reasons of appearance, a final topcoat can be applied to the entire surface. However, this requires that the entire intact surface must be cleaned of oil, grease and dirt and then matted before painting.

Please note that repair areas will always be visible, but they will smooth out over time. If repairs are not carried out correctly, they can become the weak link in the paint system, which is why great care must be taken both with the cleaning and the application of the paint in order to achieve a good result in terms of corrosion and cosmetically.

Repaint

Maintenance paint is implemented as a complete repaint when the degree of rust of the entire surface has increased to Ri 4-Ri 5. Sandblast the entire surface to a degree of Sa 2½. The repaint is implemented as a new paint. The zinc layer can be repaired with Temazink 99 after sandblasting, if any, to clean steel.

Comments

See the technical data sheets for the individual products.

We hope this information is sufficient. Otherwise we are available with additional information.