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### **FACTS&FIGURES**

Project: Solar Heat-Resistant Coating for Boarding Bridges

Location: Harry Reid Int'l Airport in Las Vegas

Scope: About 100 jet bridges

Status: 70 have been coated since 2017; remaining 44 will be treated as they come due for electronic refurbishment in next 2 years

Cost Per Bridge: Similar b standard paint

Product: SuperTherm", bySPI Coatings

Application Contractor: Southwest Specialty Coatings Inc., sister company of Car-Ray Painting

Timeline: Application takes 7-10 days per bridge; coating is applied when bridge is taken out of se,vice for electronic refurbishments

Key Benefits: Reduces cooling time & energy consumption; imp011es passenger comfort; reduces wear & tear on preconditioned air units: extends life of jet bridges

Associated SPI Coatings Products: Enamo Grip topcoat for sides of bridges; Enamo Grip 5000 topcoat for rotating rotunda segments: Rust Grip corrosion protection for components showing signs of rust

## Exterior Jet Bridge Coating Saves Energy, Increases Passenger Comfort at I-larry Reid Int'I av KRISTEN RINDFLEISCH

Harry Reid International (LAS) in Las Vegas regularly sees Ir... temperatures of more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit throughout the summer, requiring significant energy to cool its passenger boarding bridges. The Clark County Department of Aviation, which operates LAS, has opted to have a reflective ceramic coating applied to bridge exteriors to help keep the interiors more comfortable for passengers. The strategy will also save energy and prolong the life of the airport's preconditioned air units, as well as the jet bridges themselves.

When temperatures at the southwest desert airport soar, the external surface temperature of its metal boarding bridges

can exceed 200 degrees Fahrenheit, and most of that heat radiates into the boarding bridges. "We wanted not only more efficient preconditioned air units, which we're

looking into, but it was really more about how we could reduce the cooling curve, if you will, to get that temperature down to better ambient temperatures," says Doug McMahan, managing director for



Facilities and Maintenance with the Clark County Department of Aviation. "So, we wanted to look at something innovative."

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McMahan found just that through a construction management consultant who was discussing a coating product while working with other local public entities.

#### Testing and Results

Aviation Department personnel began general testing of Super Them's, a reflective ceramic coating manufactured by SPI Coatings, in 2017. For reference, the company offers two kinds of ceramic coatings generally applicable to jet bridges: HPC<sup>®</sup> Coating, which is a thick-film, insulating coating applied on the inside to block conductive heat transfer; and Super Therm<sup>®</sup>, a thin-film, reflective coating usually applied on the exterior to block and repel 95% of solar radiation heat.

SPI Coatings Vice President of Business Development and Technology Timothy Cappel explains that Super Therm<sup>®</sup> does not absorb heat from the sun. "That's the benefit," he remarks. "If it doesn't absorb the heat, then there is no heat transfer to the inside of the passenger walkways."



h 2018, LAS began testing the ceramic

coating on passenger boarding bridges that face southwest, because they receive the most radiant heat. Typically, a

preconditioned air unit starts cooling the jet bridge 20 to 30 minutes before a flight arrives. It does so by taking hot outside air and chilling ii with air between 28 and 34 degrees Fahrenheit. After the aircraft parks at the gate, it is connected with exterior hoses, and the cooling system is switched from bridge mode to aircraft mode so the aircraft can turn off its auxiliary power unit and stop burning fuel to cool the air on board.

To test the performance of Super Therm<sup>®</sup>, the project team recorded temperatures inside the bridges before starting the preconditioned air units, and also measured the time needed to cool them. McMahan reports that coated bridges were cooler to begin with-staying with a few degrees of ambient temperatures even as the day warmed up-and also cooled down faster. "The bridge was able to maintain a lower setpoint when we switched over to the aircraft mode," he adds.

#### Phased Implementation

After extensive testing for the better part of two years, the Clark County Department of Aviation decided to incorporate Super Therm<sup>®</sup> into the ongoing refurbishment of all JBT AeroTech boarding bridges at LAS. The coating manufacturer recruited Southwest Specialty Coatings for installation. And in 2019, the contractor began applying Super Therm<sup>®</sup> to jet bridges as they were pulled from service to receive updated electronic components and controls.



"We try to take advantage of when those bridges are going to be closed anyways," McMahan explains.

So far, crews have coated approximately 70 jet bridges; the remaining 44 will be coated over the next two years as they come due for other refurbishment.

McMahan notes that the cost is about the same as repainting bridges with a standard paint product. "It's obviously well worth that for the benefits we derive," he says.

The reflective ceramic coating helps drop the interior temperature of the jet bridges to within three or four degrees of the ambient air temperature, but that is still quite hot many days. "Usually on the inside of a metal shell like that, it can climb up to 130 or 140 degrees easily," says Justin Leavitt, operations manager at Southwest Specialty Coatings. h



general, travelers are unlikely to notice the temperature on a jet bridge unless it's extremely hot or cold. If passengers at LAS *don't* notice extreme heat, that indicates the coating is doing its job. "Even though they may be walking through and not even realize it, it's more comfortable," Leavitt notes.

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#### **Application Process**

Crews apply Super Them<sup>e</sup> onto the roof and exterior sides of the jet bridges and also onto the rotating rotunda segments. Enamo Grip, another product from SPI Coatings, is applied on the sides of the bridges as a topcoat, but the roofs do not need it, Cappel advises. Enamo Grip 5000 is used as a topcoat on the rotunda segments for added protection against the additional movement and wear. Rust Gripe, a corrosion protection coating from SPI Coatings, is applied to any rails or other components showing signs of rust.

Applying Super Therm<sup>e</sup> isn't as simple as spraying on a fresh coat of paint, McMahan notes. The physical composition and viscosity of the material are unique, requiring special equipment and techniques. Contractors consequently need to be trained and certified by SPI Coatings to ensure quality and guarantee integrity of the product throughout its 10-year general product limited warranty. "SPI Coatings was definitely the firm that just knocked to out of the park for us," McMahan remarks. "Their quality was phenomenal, and they stand behind their product."

Naturally, coordination has been crucial during the phased applications at LAS. "We have to communicate well, so the [boarding bridge] is down for as minimal time as possible," says Leavitt. "It's really just sequencing-making sure we schedule things correctly with the intricacies of getting in and out of the airport property."

Each boarding bridge takes about seven to 10 days to coat, and work is completed onsite at LAS. The only preparation for airport personnel is extending the bridge to its full length so technicians can work on the entire structure. Crews from Southwest Specialty Coatings set up a barrier to protect the area around the jet bridge as they work. There is virtually no impact on travelers or airport operations.

Barring extreme weather conditions or bonding problems during application, Super Therm<sup>9</sup> can last 25 to 30 years before it may need to be reapplied, says Cappel. When that time comes, a new layer can be applied directly over the previous coating.

#### **Efficiencies and Benefits**

Because it takes less time to cool coated bridges, the airport's preconditioned air units will consume less energy and presumably last longer because they are running for shorter periods of time. Moreover, the ceramic coating is expected to extend the life of the bridges because it is thicker than regular paint, eliminates expansion and contraction of the metal structure and provides a buffer to everyday wear and corrosion.

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#### **ENERGY AUDIT AND REPORT**

Attached are comparisons of our terminal electric bills for August and September 2008/2009. I was trying to get a feel for the potential gains made by the application of the Super Therm roof coating product that was completed in early August 2009. I calculated the Cooling Degree Days (CCD) for each month and compared the kWh used per COD for each month.

There was a 22% savings in August 2009, and a 8% savings in September 2009. The temperature change was +3.3°F over 2008 in August and +1.4°F over 2008 in September. According to ConEdison Energy, a 6°F change can relate to a 40% change in A/C cost. With the ambient temperature in 2009 being 3.3°F hotter, this could push the A/C cost up another 20% before SUPER THERM was applied.

Therefore, the savings reported could be 20% to the benefit more than reported.

Chris Wilt Airport Facilities Manager

## ADDITIONAL NOTES by J.E. Pritchett (SPI) concerning the results:

A very important point is that the 220/ savings for the airport was on the TOTAL energy bill (lighting, elevators, food facilities, etc). This simply means that the SUPER THERM made a 40% reduction in the A/C costs.

From the ENERGY UTILITIES companies, the A/C portion of a total energy bill is 55% which when calculated on the 22% savings of the total relates to the 40% savings in pure A/C costs. This is very substantial savings in the A/C cost savings. It also means that the *NC* tonnage can be reduced to save more money.

**Equipment savings:** Run time on the units is reduced which extends their life cycle and saves a tremendous amount of money on replacement or repair of equipment.

**Maintenance and repair savings:** Therefore, the cost savings is much more than just the 40% savings for A/C.





## **Tucson International Airport Terminal** Electric Usage

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## **SPI CASE HISTORY**

#### **SAVINGS:**

With the total utility savings of \$22,144 (22%) in August for the total facility and the A/C portion of the total utility being 55%, this relates to a 40% savings in A/C operational cost. The savings are beyond the A/C running cost, the units cycle more giving long life, less maintenance work and less tonnage to take care of the main terminal and wings.

#### ROI:

The total roof area of the terminal is 374,804 sq.ft., at a cost of \$2.10/sq.ft., for a total job cost of \$787,008.

NOTE: "Super Therm<sup>®</sup> works by reflecting and not absorbing solar heat. The results achieved in this [test/field report] are unique to the structure, geographic location, weather conditions, and time period of Super Therm<sup>®</sup>'s application. Results may vary depending on these factors."

With a cost reduction of \$22,144 / month, it results in a 36 month return. If the savings is averaged at less at \$15,000/month, the result is 52 months return.

No matter whether the return is calculated on 36 months or 52 months, this savings amount is now available to offset budget needs without the need to find new funding.

#### **RENTAL CAR WASH BAYS:**

The car wash bays were done first, and we had to remove the existing elastomeric coating which was not adhering, was not water proofing and was not insulating.



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#### MAIN TERMINAL ROOF COMPLEX: 374,804 sq.ft.

We coated the entire Tucson Airport complex of roofing in Tucson, Arizona.

The attached pictures show the beginning with the center roof coated and the remaining roofing sections.

There are also additional buildings off site that are scheduled to be coated as well.

The roofing is "cap sheet" which is tar paper and this requires SUPER BASE (HS) at 9 sq.m (100 sq.ft.) per gallon and then overcoated with SUPER THERM at 9 sq.m (100 sq.ft.) per gallon.

Other parts of the roofing is PVC or a plastic type material which is weathered but is in good condition and provides good adhesion to accept SUPER THERM easily at the 9 sq.m (100 sq.ft.) per gallon.

Preparation was the use of "Simple Green" concentrate cleaner and power wash.

The roof was power washed to wet down, the simple green cleaner was sprayed over the roof and large hard bristled push brooms were used to clean the surface and then the power washer was used to rinse this all off before it dried. The power washer was working behind the push brooms to assure nothing dried before it could be washed off. When the roof surface dried, the SUPER BASE (HS) adhered very strongly and tightly to the surface.







Car wash unit roofs are located efl to the right eft the main terminal as shown in white roojing





## Comparative Before and After Views of the Terminal





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## Areas of Activity on the Tucson Airport Project





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## SUPER THERM over Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport

At present, we are applying the terminal roof of Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport with Super Therm (some pictures in attached file), and will finish the project in the end of this month. We have tested the temperature in part of the roof,

but the difference between uncoated and coated ST is only about 10 °C. Then we also checked the thickness of ST, and all the thickness are more than 250 microns. According to your experience, would you please tell us what's the problem?

Answser: The uncoated portion of roof is hot and transferring this heat under the interior side of the coated roof. Until you have all the roof coated, the roof cannot cool down completely to give you the full effect.

Best Regards,

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Please see attached files which are the airport owner's Approval documents.

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