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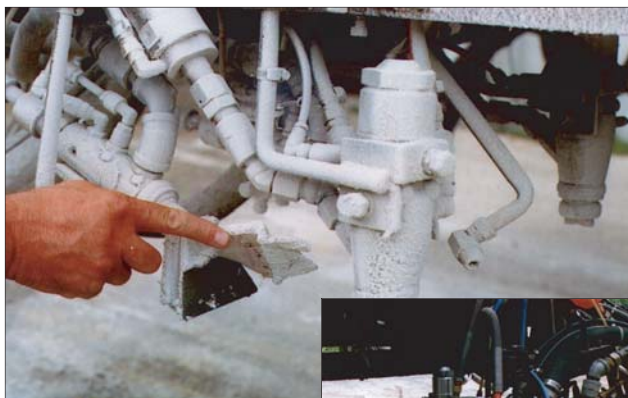
Case Study: 0007-08

State of Maine DOT

Location: Augusta, ME USA

Industry: Construction

Product: KLEEN KOTE



Background:

Located in Augusta Maine, the Department of Transportation doesn't just repair roads; their extensive group of departments handles the design, development, construction and maintenance of the roads and bridges throughout the state. The Traffic and Engineering Department is responsible for the painting and striping of all local roads, highways and interstates and it can be an extensive project that runs over a course of eight months in any given year. In 2001 alone, the department stripped 18,397 miles with 250,000 gallons of yellow and white paint and 8 million pounds of glass beads to make the paint reflective on the roads. The department's marking and striping vehicles are in constant use. The department was previously spending a large amount of labor and money to clean the equipment at the end of the day in preparation for the next. Any build up on the spray guns could lead to greater problems for the operator, making the painting process more difficult and even longer.

Use:

In 1997 Maine DOT used KLEEN KOTE on their marking and striping vehicles including the spray system to prevent the paint from sticking to the vehicle and equipment. In the 8 month period, KLEEN KOTE allowed the spray gun operator to remove the built up paint very easily and quickly, and only uses a toothbrush to help him/her clean any cracks and crevices as needed. Each day the operator cleans the equipment, re-sprays the equipment with KLEEN KOTE and prepares the equipment for the next day. KLEEN KOTE can be sprayed on wet or dry equipment, the night before it is used and will not rinse off in atmospheric/weather changes, making it a versatile protectant for the equipment. KLEEN KOTE is also biodegradable, making it safe for the environment and the user.

Results:

- Reduced Labor and Money – the built up paint was removed so easily, only a toothbrush to reach the cracks and crevices was needed. No special equipment or solvents needed to clean, just water!
- Environmentally and User Friendly – biodegradable (no silicones, solvents or phosphates), V.O.C. compliant and water-based.
- Economical & Easy to Use – Shipped in concentrated form to mix on-site as needed and sprayed directly on the entire piece of equipment. A unique water-based fully adjustable product!
- Durable Protectant – Able to withstand the entire project, whether halted by weather; KLEEN KOTE will not rinse off in rain. Its rust inhibiting properties also help keep equipment looking and functioning like new.

The Traffic and Engineering Department has used KLEEN KOTE and Progressive Solutions for over 11 years and running. KLEEN KOTE has withstood the mileage of the State of Maine DOT and has facilitated in lowering their departmental labor and equipment costs significantly. For more pictures of this project and others, visit our website at: www.4progressive.com.