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Gary Kehrier (ASI-SD) presents Kim Hampton (Dunn Edwards) with President's Award and Chapter Certificate of Merit.



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Fernando Sesma (CEMCO) & Bryan Stanley (TSIB)



CEMCO: Martha Mairena, Joseph Sigala, and Pamela Antillon



Omega folks: Curtis Claude, Christine Camponovo, Dan Lansaw, & TJ Huber



Installation of Board Members present: Annette Wren, Kim Hampton, Bryan Stanley, Susan Giampietro & Gary Kehrier

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Dana Thornburg (Omega) and Gary Kehrier (ASI-SD) with the Sam Drucker Memorial Award Plaque.



Steve Bellingham (Allegion) and Ryan Crowe (GCP)



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## TECHNICAL ISSUE

By Tony Hobbs,  
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### IF STEEL IS GOING TO BE COATED, A ZINC RICH PRIMER IS A BETTER OPTION THAN GALVANIZING.

The best possible corrosion protection on steel is to have it coated with zinc. Both galvanizing metal and shop-applied zinc-rich primers are processes that provide superior corrosion protection for steel. Both provide an amount of zinc needed to promote electrical conductivity to provide corrosion protection.

However, when it comes to applying high performance coatings to galvanized steel, the process becomes very difficult.

Tnemec, in accordance with the American Galvanizers Association, would like to highlight some of the complexities when painting galvanized steel with paints and high-performance coatings:

#### YOU MUST KNOW THE AGE OF THE GALVANIZING

Knowing the age of the galvanized steel prior to painting is important because age determines what type of surface preparation is required. Zinc oxide and hydroxide hinder the paint's ability to adhere to unaged galvanizing. However, over the course of six to 24 months the zinc surface weathers and forms a thin, dense film of mostly zinc carbonate called the zinc patina. Once the patina has fully formed, the particulates no longer interfere with paint adhesion. Galvanized coatings can generally be grouped into three categories: newly galvanized, partially weathered, and fully weathered. The length of time a galvanized coating takes to reach each age level depends on environmental conditions, such as humidity, temperature, wind, etc.

#### INSPECT THE GALVANIZED STEEL

**Chromate Testing:** Sometimes galvanized steel is dipped in a chromate bath immediately after galvanizing. The chromates can greatly interfere with paint adhesion and must be removed prior to painting. Although, some chromated galvanized surfaces have a dull, flat gray finish, it can be difficult to visually detect the use of chromates. If there is uncertainty on whether the steel was chromate quenched, then the galvanized surface needs to be tested for the presence of chromates. This testing is fairly simple and is described in ASTM B 201. If chromates are found, the galvanized steel can either be allowed to weather for approximately two years before painting or the chromates can be cleaned off using one of the cleaning methods described in the next step.

**Surface Imperfections:** Regardless of the age of the galvanized coating, it should not have significant bumps, sharp icicles, high spots, or extremely rough edges. This is important because protrusions