

Attn.: **SBS Smith Brothers Stores Ltd.**
To Whom It May Concern

Subject: **Painting ISOTUBI Numepress Stainless-Steel Pipework.**

- ISOTUBI stainless steel pipework does not normally require painting for corrosion protection, as stainless steel is generally used for its inherent corrosion resistance and decorative finish.
- Where priming and/or painting is requested for aesthetic, identification or project specific reasons, such work is outside the control of ISOTUBI once the product has been installed.
- For that reason, ISOTUBI cannot approve, certify, recommend or authorise any specific paint brand, primer brand, manufacturer or supplier for post-installation use.
- The final selection of the coating system remains the responsibility of the paint manufacturer, applicator, installer and/or project designer.
- However, ISOTUBI does not recommend paint systems containing metallic zinc for stainless steel applications.
- ISOTUBI therefore cannot accept any claim related to post-installation priming and/or painting failure, including adhesion failure, blistering, peeling, cracking, discoloration or coating incompatibility, as a pipework product defect or warranty claim.
- “For the avoidance of doubt, ISOTUBI’s normal manufacturer’s warranty remains limited to defects attributable solely to material or manufacturing quality of the ISOTUBI product itself, and does not extend to any effect, damage, performance issue or claim arising from surface preparation, primer, paint, coating selection, coating application or coating compatibility.”
- One clear instruction that ISOTUBI can give is that all fittings must be fully pressed onto the pipework and the installation must be pressure tested before any primer and/or paint is applied.
- However, we merely provide the following general comments for information purposes only, and not as a recommendation, approval or instruction for any specific coating system.

Any coating system considered for use on stainless steel should be specifically confirmed by its manufacturer as suitable for stainless steel substrates and for the intended service conditions.

Correct surface preparation is essential before any coating is applied. Stainless steel surfaces must be properly cleaned, degreased and suitably prepared to promote adhesion.

Surface preparation and coating application must be carried out in such a way that no damage is caused to the functional areas of the press connection, sealing elements or other system components.

- ISOTUBI installation instructions must always be respected.
- In all cases, the coating manufacturer’s instructions regarding surface preparation, compatibility and service conditions must be followed.

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