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Great drying power

Effective and economical: increasing numbers of bodyshops are relying on the IRT PowerCure dryer. Spies Hecker has trialled it.

“Recently the range of IR (infrared) drying systems on the market has increased,” says Frank Barduna, Spies Hecker head of technical service international. Over a year ago the paint manufacturer began a series of tests on the IRT PowerCure dryer. “Our extensive trials used our range of products over a long period of time. We wanted to assess its function precisely as well as the effect it might have on the quality of the final result,” he continues.

Operating parameters must be right

“IR drying is a sensible alternative to convective drying if operating parameters are maintained,” Barduna points out. “It is important that all basic materials are dried using IR technology and that film thicknesses are adhered to exactly. It is also essential to select the right programme for the every substrate and colour, so that the surface temperatures are in the optimal range.”

Which products work with the IRT PowerCure?

Spies Hecker has a product system that is particularly suited to IR drying. “During our tests, the new Permasolid HS Performance Filler 5320 turned out to be especially suitable,” Barduna says. “Our proven Raderal IR Premium Putty 2035 can be used for substrate preparation when dealing with minor damage. Optimum corrosion protection of metal substrates is assured by the Priomat Wash Primer 4075.”

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The Spies Hecker Permahyd Hi-TEC 480 waterborne basecoat system is also ideal for IRT PowerCure drying. And a good choice for the finish is Permaslid HS Optimum Plus Clearcoat 8650.

Growing interest

Spies Hecker knows there is a growing demand in the market for alternatives to traditional drying, in particular where economical solutions are concerned. The IRT PowerCure is operated via a touch panel and has been built for integration into the spray booth, making it ideal to meet these demands. A spokesperson from Herkules Hebetchnik, who distributes the drying system, says, “the computer-supported drying process saves time and energy. The IRT PowerCure shortens drying times, which translates into increased throughput and shorter downtime. If using the recommended Spies Hecker paints, the result is faster, high-quality curing.”

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