

THERMAL SPRAY FOR INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS

Thermal spraying processes

Equipment, parts, and rollers often face significant challenges due to abrasive, corrosive, and erosive wear. In many cases, these worn components can be effectively restored or better protected through thermal spraying. Thermal spray is a process that applies a coating to a surface by projecting fine particles in a molten or semi-molten state at high velocity.

At Hannecard, we offer a wide range of advanced thermal spray techniques such as **HVOF**, **HVAF**, **flame spray**, **electric arc spray**, **plasma spray**, and **cold spray**. This enables us to deliver custom solutions to meet the unique requirements of various applications across multiple industries.

With over 100 different thermal spray materials available, including metals, alloys, carbides, and ceramics, our coatings do more than just repair damaged parts, they also provide wear protection, reducing maintenance and extending component lifespan. Used rollers and parts can be restored to their original design, or even surpass their previous performance.

Our thermal spray solutions address all wear-related challenges, from fretting and erosion to abrasion, impact, adhesion, and cavitation, ensuring long-lasting protection for your industrial components.



Below is an overview of our spraying processes:

Below is a diagram of our thermal spray processes, related to their particle velocities and temperatures:



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~	PROCESS	PROCESS PROPERTIES	KEY CHARACTERISTICS	COATINGS
	Flame spray	 Feed material: powder an wire form Energy source: combustion of fuel and oxygen Process gases: propane, propylene, acetylene Process temperature: < 2 500°C Particle velocity: < 200 m/s 	 Microporus Very dense and low-porosity layers Medium bond strength Smooth after machining Optimal microhardness Good corrosion resistance 	 Metals Superalloys based on iron, nickel, and cobalt (Stellite, Triballoy, Inconel, etc.) Bond coats for corrosion protection
	Electric arc spray	 Feed material: electrically conductive wires or cored wires Energy source: electric gas discharge (arc) Process temperature: 4 000°C Particle velocity: < 300 m/s 	 Microporous lamellar structure High oxidation rate in the coating Good adhesion and layer density Simple and easy-to-execute process Versatile and reliable High production capacity Cost-effective thermal spray process 	 Various stainless steel alloys Nickel-based alloys Aluminum Zinc Copper and copper alloys
	Plasma spray	 Feed material: powder form Energy source: arc discharge between anode and electrode Process gases: argon, hydrogen, nitrogen, helium Process temperature: up to approximately 15 000°C Particle velocity: up to approximately 600 m/s 	 Fine microstructure Low porosity Good corrosion resistance High process flexibility Good tensile strength Versatile with a wide range of material options High production capacity 	 Ceramic materials (oxides) Cermets, carbides (hard metals) Metals and metal alloys
	HVOF	 Feed material: powder form Energy source: combustion of fuel and oxygen Process gases: propane, propylene, hydrogen, natural gas, kerosene, etc. Process temperature: < 3 000°C Particle velocity: <1000 m/s 	 Fine microstructure Very dense and low-porosity layers High bond strength Extremely smooth after machining Optimal microhardness Very good corrosion resistance Excellent suitability for carbide coatings Low oxidation degree 	 Cermets, carbides (tungsten carbide, chrome carbide) Metal (super) alloys based on iron, nickel, and cobalt (Stellite, Triballoy, Inconel, etc.) Hard chrome replacements (HCR) Bond coats for corrosion protection
	HVAF	 Feed material: powder form Energy source: combustion of fuel and oxygen Process gases: propane, propylene, hydrogen, natural gas, kerosene, etc. Process temperature: <1300°C Particle velocity: <1200 m/s 	 Fine microstructure Very dense and very low-porosity layers High bond strength Extremely smooth after machining Optimal microhardness Very good corrosion resistance Excellent suitability for carbide coatings Low oxidation degree 	 Cermets, Carbides (tungsten carbide, chrome carbide) Metal (super) alloys based on iron, nickel, and cobalt (Stellite, Triballoy, Inconel, etc.) Hard chrome replacements (HCR) Bond coats for corrosion protection
	Cold spray	 Feed material: powder form Energy source: expanded gas up to 60 bar and 1200°C Process gases: nitrogen, compressed air, or helium Process temperature: < 1200°C Particle velocity: <1500 m/s 	 Fine microstructure Extremely dense layers Nearly zero porosity High bond strength Ideal for ductile and reactive materials Extremely smooth after machining Very low oxidation rate 	 Ductile materials: zinc, aluminum, tin, nickel, copper, silver, titanium, etc.) Ductile alloys: NiCr, Cu-Al, nickel alloys, MCrAIY's, etc. High-end materials: niobium, tantalum