

## **PCA P4**

# **Inspection and Acceptance of Surfaces Prior to Painting and Decorating**

## **1. Scope**

- 1.1 The purpose of this Standard is to establish responsibility for inspection and approval of surfaces prior to painting and decorating.
- 1.2 This Standard is intended for use on construction projects where the Painting Contractor applies paints, coatings or wallcoverings over an existing surface or surface assembled, constructed or prepared by others not under the Painting Contractor's control.

## **2. Significance and Use**

- 2.1 The contracting entity is the final judge in all matters relating to the quality of appearance and acceptance of surfaces.
- 2.2 Quality of appearance is a subjective term governed by the contracting entity and established by specification and reference standards. It is controlled by sample review and approval along with jobsite inspections and approvals.
- 2.3 The Painting Contractor is not licensed, qualified, or obligated to render any final professional opinion regarding the quality of appearance of work performed by others out of its control.

## **3. Definitions and Trade Terms**

- 3.1 Definitions and Trade Terms see P9.

## **4. Reference Documents and Standards**

- 4.1 Reference Documents and Standards see P9.

## **5. Standard Specification**

- 5.1 Acceptance of Surfaces
  - 5.1.1 The Painting Contractor is required to inspect surfaces to be finished only to determine, by reasonable and visible evidence, that the finish will satisfactorily adhere to surfaces provided by others and will perform as specified.

- 5.1.2 The contracting entity has the responsibility to determine that a surface is complete and that the quality of appearance is such that it is ready for finish painting or wallcovering.
- 5.1.3 When the previous trade has completed its work and notification to proceed has been given, such action will be construed as tacit evidence that all work has been inspected, and that it is warrantable, completed, and ready for finishing.
- 5.1.4 If quality of appearance of a surface, prior to finishing, is judged marginal or unacceptable by others conducting essential inspection, such alleged defective work must be corrected prior to priming and finishing so that all surfaces are made complete and ready for finishing.

## 6. Comments

- 6.1 The intent of this document is to ensure a higher level of quality and understanding by the parties.
- 6.2 Quality of appearance is achieved through quality control. Inspecting work in progress and taking necessary action at the appropriate time to make required corrections is imperative to ensure quality of appearance. This Standard encourages periodic inspections and corrective actions.
- 6.3 This Standard clarifies areas of responsibility. Improved communication reduces misunderstandings.
- 6.4 This Standard is a nationally recognized consensus document for the painting and coating industry's work practices.

## 7. Disclaimer of Liability

- 7.1 PCA does not warrant or assume any legal liability or responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of any of the information contained herein.