

## Degrees of Cleanliness of Blast-Cleaned Surfaces*

*Images shown are previously uncoated surfaces, viewed without magnification

## BRUSH-OFF

Tightly adherent mill scale and rust may remain on the surface. Mill scale and rust are considered adherent if they cannot be removed with a dull putty knife.

## SSPC-SP 7

NACE No. 4
SA-1

## COMMERCIAL

Evenly dispersed very light shadows,
streaks and discolorations caused by stains of rust and mill scale may remain on no more that $33 \%$ of the surface.

## SSPC-SP 6

NACE No. 3
SA-2

## NEAR-WHITE METAL

Evenly dispersed very light shadows,
streaks and discolorations caused by stains of rust and mill scale may remain on $5 \%$ of the surface.

SSPC-SP 10
NACE No. 2
SA-2-1/2

## WHITE METAL

Free of all visible oil, grease, dirt, dust, mill scale and rust.

## SSPC-SP 5 <br> NACE No. 1 <br> SA-3

For the complete official guide to surface cleanliness, refer to SSPC-Vis-1: Guide and reference photographs for dry abrasive blast cleaning; SSPC Publication 02-12, www.sspc.org

|  | Nozzle Orifice | PRESSURE AT THE NOZZLE (PSI) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Air (cfm) Abrasive Use Compressor HP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 | 125 | 140 |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } 2 \\ & \left(1 / 8^{\prime \prime}\right) \end{aligned}$ | 11 | 13 | 15 | 17 | 18.5 | 20 | 25 | 28 | Air (cfm) |
|  |  | . 67 | . 77 | . 88 | 1.01 | 1.12 | 1.23 | 1.52 | 1.70 | Abrasive (cuft/hr.) |
|  |  | 67 | 77 | 88 | 101 | 112 | 123 | 152 | 170 | Abrasive (lbs./hr.) |
|  |  | 2.5 | 3 | 3.5 | 4 | 4.5 | 5 | 5.5 | 6.2 | Compressor hp |
| $\geq$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { No. } 3 \\ (3 / 16 ") \end{gathered}$ | 26 | 30 | 33 | 38 | 41 | 45 | 55 | 62 | Air (cfm) |
| ¢ |  | 1.50 | 1.71 | 1.96 | 2.16 | 2.38 | 2.64 | 3.19 | 3.57 | Abrasive (cuft/hr.) |
| T0 |  | 150 | 171 | 196 | 216 | 238 | 264 | 319 | 357 | Abrasive (lbs./hr.) |
| ¢ |  | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 13 | Compressor hp |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 을 } \\ & \stackrel{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } 4 \\ & \left(1 / 4^{\prime \prime}\right) \end{aligned}$ | 47 | 54 | 61 | 68 | 74 | 81 | 98 | 110 | Air (cfm) |
|  |  | 2.68 | 3.12 | 3.54 | 4.08 | 4.48 | 4.94 | 6.08 | 6.81 | Abrasive (cuft/hr.) |
|  |  | 268 | 312 | 354 | 408 | 448 | 494 | 608 | 681 | Abrasive (lbs./hr.) |
|  |  | 11 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 22 | 25 | Compressor hp |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { No. } 5 \\ (5 / 16 ") \end{gathered}$ | 77 | 89 | 101 | 113 | 126 | 137 | 168 | 188 | Air (cfm) |
|  |  | 4.68 | 5.34 | 6.04 | 6.72 | 7.40 | 8.12 | 9.82 | 11.0 | Abrasive (cuft/hr.) |
| © |  | 468 | 534 | 604 | 672 | 740 | 812 | 982 | 1100 | Abrasive (lbs./hr.) |
| $\mathscr{0}$ |  | 18 | 20 | 23 | 26 | 28 | 31 | 37 | 41 | Compressor hp |
|  | No. 6 (3/8") | 108 | 126 | 143 | 161 | 173 | 196 | 237 | 265 | Air (cfm) |
| 을 |  | 6.68 | 7.64 | 8.64 | 9.60 | 10.52 | 11.52 | 13.93 | 15.60 | Abrasive (cuft/hr.) |
| E |  | 668 | 764 | 864 | 960 | 1052 | 1152 | 1393 | 1560 | Abrasive (lbs./hr.) |
| O |  | 24 | 28 | 32 | 36 | 39 | 44 | 52 | 58 | Compressor hp |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { No. } 7 \\ (7 / 16 ") \end{gathered}$ | 147 | 170 | 194 | 217 | 240 | 254 | 314 | 352 | Air (cfm) |
|  |  | 8.96 | 10.32 | 11.76 | 13.12 | 14.48 | 15.84 | 19.31 | 21.63 | Abrasive (cuft/hr.) |
|  |  | 896 | 1032 | 1176 | 1312 | 1448 | 1584 | 1931 | 2163 | Abrasive (lbs./hr.) |
|  |  | 33 | 38 | 44 | 49 | 54 | 57 | 69 | 77 | Compressor hp |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } 8 \\ & \left(1 / 2^{\prime \prime}\right) \end{aligned}$ | 195 | 224 | 252 | 280 | 309 | 338 | 409 | 458 | Air (cfm) |
|  |  | 11.60 | 13.36 | 15.12 | 16.80 | 18.56 | 20.24 | 24.59 | 27.54 | Abrasive (cuft/hr.) |
|  |  | 1160 | 1336 | 1512 | 1680 | 1856 | 2024 | 2459 | 2754 | Abrasive (lbs./hr.) |
|  |  | 44 | 50 | 56 | 63 | 69 | 75 | 90 | 101 | Compressor hp |

Pressure Loss in Air Hose

| Pressure Loss in Air Hose |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I.D. | Pressure Loss | Production Loss |
| $3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ | 11.1 psi | $16.6 \%$ |
| $1 "$ | 2.4 psi | $3.6 \%$ |
| $1-1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.7 psi | $1.0 \%$ |
| $1-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.2 psi | $0.3 \%$ |

Based on 150 cfm @ 100 psi through 50 feet of compressor air hose.
For maximum efficiency, provide large air lines from the compressor to the blast machine. Place the compressor as near as possible to the blast operation. Use the largest air hose available.

## Impact of Nozzle Wear on Air Consumption

| Nozzle | Orifice Size | Increase in Air <br> Consumption |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. 4 | $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}(6.5 \mathrm{~mm})$ |  |
| No. 5 | $5 / 16^{\prime \prime}(8.0 \mathrm{~mm})$ | $60 \%$ or more than No. 4 |
| No. 6 | $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}(9.5 \mathrm{~mm})$ | $38 \%$ more than No. 5 |
| No. 7 | $7 / 16^{\prime \prime}(11.0 \mathrm{~mm})$ | $36 \%$ more than No. 6 |
| No. 8 | $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}(12.5 \mathrm{~mm})$ | $33 \%$ more than No. 7 |

## System Air Volume Requirements @ 100 psi

| Nozzle | Orifice Size | Volume of Air | Plus Helmet | Plus 50\% (Reserve) | Min. Air Requirement |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. 4 | $\begin{gathered} 1 / 4^{\prime \prime} \\ (6.5 \mathrm{~mm}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 81 \\ & 2.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20 \\ & 0.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \\ & 1.4 \end{aligned}$ | 151 cfm $4.2 \mathrm{~m}^{3} / \mathrm{min}$ |
| No. 5 | $\begin{gathered} 5 / 16 " \\ (8.0 \mathrm{~mm}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 137 \\ & 3.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20 \\ & 0.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 79 \\ & 2.2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 236 \mathrm{cfm} \\ 6.6 \mathrm{~m}^{3} / \mathrm{min} \end{gathered}$ |
| No. 6 | $\begin{gathered} 3 / 8^{\prime \prime} \\ (9.5 \mathrm{~mm}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 196 \\ & 5.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20 \\ & 0.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 108 \\ & 3.0 \end{aligned}$ | 324 cfm $9.0 \mathrm{~m}^{3} / \mathrm{min}$ |
| No. 7 | $\begin{gathered} 7 / 16 " \\ \text { (11.0mm) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 254 \\ & 7.2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20 \\ & 0.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 137 \\ & 3.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 411 \mathrm{cfm} \\ 11.6 \mathrm{~m}^{3} / \mathrm{min} \end{gathered}$ |
| No. 8 | $\begin{gathered} 1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \\ (12.5 \mathrm{~mm}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 338 \\ & 9.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20 \\ & 0.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 179 \\ & 5.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 537 \mathrm{cfm} \\ 16.1 \mathrm{~m}^{3} / \mathrm{min} \end{gathered}$ |

## Minimum Compressor Air Line Sizes

| Nozzle | Nozzle Orifice Size | Min. Air Line I.D. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. 3 | $3 / 16^{\prime \prime}(5.0 \mathrm{~mm})$ | $1^{\prime \prime}(25.0 \mathrm{~mm})$ |
| No. 4 | $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}(6.5 \mathrm{~mm})$ | $1^{\prime \prime}(25.0 \mathrm{~mm})$ |
| No. 5 | $5 / 16^{\prime \prime}(8.0 \mathrm{~mm})$ | $1-1 / 4^{\prime \prime}(32.0 \mathrm{~mm})$ |
| No. 6 | $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}(9.5 \mathrm{~mm})$ | $1-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}(38.0 \mathrm{~mm})$ |
| No. 7 | $7 / 16^{\prime \prime}(11.0 \mathrm{~mm})$ | $2^{\prime \prime}(50.0 \mathrm{~mm})$ |
| No. 8 | $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}(12.5 \mathrm{~mm})$ | $2^{\prime \prime}(50.0 \mathrm{~mm})$ |
| No. 10 | $5 / 8^{\prime \prime}(16.0 \mathrm{~mm})$ | $2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}(64.0 \mathrm{~mm})$ |
| No. 12 | $3 / 4^{\prime \prime}(19.0 \mathrm{~mm})$ | $3^{\prime \prime}(76.0 \mathrm{~mm})$ |


| Material | Mesh Size | Shape | Density lbs/ft ${ }^{3}$ | Mohs | Friablility | \# of Cycles | Source | Typical Applications |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Silica Sand* | 6-270 | - | 100 | 5.0-6.0 | High | 1 | Natural | Outdoor blast cleaning |
| Min. Slag | 8-80 | - | 85-112 | 7.0-7.5 | High | 1-2 | By-product | Outdoor blast cleaning |
| Garnet | 8-300 | * | 130-145 | 7.0 | Medium | 2-2.5 | Natural | Cleaning, finishing, deburring, etching |
| Steel Grit | 10-325 | - | 230 | 8.0 | Low | 200+ | Manufactured | Removing heavy scale |
| Garnet Shot | 8-200 | $\bullet$ | 280 | 8.0 | Low | 200+ | Manufactured | Cleaning, peening |
| Aluminum Oxide | 12-325 | - | 125 | 9.0 | Medium | 6-8 | Manufactured | Cleaning, finishing, deburring, etching |
| Silicon Carbide | 12-325 | * | 110 | 9.5 | Medium | 5-6 | Manufactured | Surface prep on extremely hard substrates |
| Glass Bead | 10-400 | $\bullet$ | 85-90 | 5.5-6.0 | Medium | 8-10 | Manufactured | Cleaning, finishing |
| Plastic | 12-80 | - | 45-60 | $3.0-4.0$ | Low/Medium | 8-10 | Manufactured | Paint stripping, deflashing, cleaning |
| Bicarbonate of Soda | 60-170 | * | 60 | 2.5 | High | 1 | Manufactured | Cleaning, paint removal |
| XL Corn Hybrid Polymer | 16-60 | * | 45 | 3.0 | Low | 14-17 | Manufactured | Composite paint removal, adhesive deflash |
| Corn Cob | 8-40 | * | 35-45 | 2.0-4.5 | Medium | 4-5 | By-product | Removing paint from delicate surfaces |

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\bullet \text { Angular } \mid \bullet=\text { Spherical }{ }^{*} \text { *Consult OSHA regulations before using silica sand as a blasting abrasive. }
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