

MPI painting standards

Master Painters Institute

MPI guidance covers architectural coatings: how the substrate is prepared, which system goes over it, how many mils are required, and the temperature and humidity limits inside which the work may proceed.

What it covers

- Substrate preparation and moisture limits
- Coating system selection by surface
- Film thickness and coverage
- Ambient conditions during application

What a field inspection looks at

- Substrate photographed prepared, before the prime coat hides it.
- Wet or dry film readings photographed at the gauge.
- Ambient temperature and humidity captured at the time of application.

Adoption varies by jurisdiction. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction enforces before you run a walk against it.