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CASE STUDIES

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COATINGS REMOVED: MILLSCALE





COATING REMOVED: New Steel **CUSTOMER:** Alphatech Sdn Bhd

LOCATION: Banting, Selangor, Malaysia

DATE: April 5, 2023

SETUP: VertiDrive M7 with 2 SnakeBite #6 nozzles, 6.5 Blast Pot with TeraValve, Air Prep, Blue Wizard Extractor Fan using GMA SpeedBlast Garnet

RESULTS: 322 ft²/hr (30 m²/hr).

Consumption rate of 4.4 lbs/ft² (20 kg/m²)

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE:

24 hour operation - 2 shifts of 4 blasters each. Using the VertiDrive they only needed 1 blaster for 3 hours (per tank) to compensate for the 10% upper sphere radius the VertiDrive was unable to navigate

COMMENTS: Had 3 weeks time constraint on two tanks and therefore wanted an alternative to scaffolding costs: assembly/disassembly time and rental fees.





PROJECT: 180ft Diameter Tank **COATING REMOVED:** New Steel

CUSTOMER: Brock

LOCATION: Salt Lake City, UT, USA

DATE: November 11, 2021

SETUP: VertiDrive M7 with 2 #8 Ultra Nozzles, AmphiBlast with GMA NewSteel Garnet, plus 2

additional manual blasters

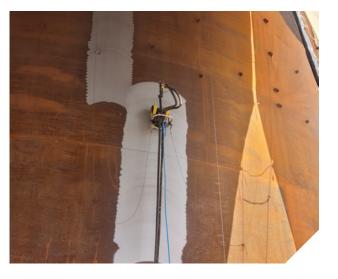
RESULTS: 600 ft²/hr (55.7 m²/hr) Verti+Blasters. 400 ft²/hr (37 m²/hr) VertiDrive only

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE:

400 ft²/hr - 4 blasters. Blasters were accomplishing less than 100 ft²/hr (standard is 150 ft²/hr). Reduced labor by one and VertiDrive itself blasted 2X both remaining laborers combined

COMMENTS: The VertiDrive also blasted the roof. Customer liked the performance and kept the machine on site to use on another tank.





PROJECT: 120ft New Fuel Storage Tank External

COATING REMOVED: New Steel

CUSTOMER: Civmec

LOCATION: BCSBP Kwinana, WA, Australia

DATE: October 16, 2020

SETUP: VertiDrive M7 with 2 x #7 Hyper nozzles running at 110 psi at the nozzle using GMA

SpeedBlast

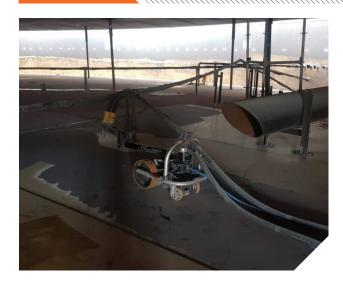
RESULTS: 600 ft²/hour (55.7 m²/hr) to NACE 3 finish and 3 mil profile, reduced laborers from 3 down to 1 (66% reduction!)

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE:

Required 2 blasters and 1 spotter



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PROJECT: 225ft Diameter Fuel Tank Floor

COATING REMOVED: New Steel **CUSTOMER:** Moore Painting

LOCATION: Tank Farm - Patoka, IL, USA

DATE: October 16, 2020

SETUP: VertiDrive M7 with 2 Ultra #8 nozzles,

using GMA GX2 Garnet

RESULTS: $400 \text{ ft}^2/\text{hr}$ at 3.7 lbs/ft^2 ($37 \text{ m}^2/\text{hr}$ at

 0.16 kg/m^2





PROJECT: 10 Million Gallon (8 Million Liters) Tank

COATING REMOVED: New Steel

CUSTOMER: T W Woods Construction Pty Ltd

LOCATION: Tomago NSW, Australia

DATE: May 18, 2023

SETUP: VertiDrive M7 with 3 SnakeBite nozzles (2-#7 / 1-#6) with a MegaBlaster using GMA NewSteel

Garnet

RESULTS: 592-699 ft²/hr (55-65 m²/hr)

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE:

387ft²/hr (36m²/hr) with two blasters

COMMENTS: We were skeptical at first, but seeing how fast the unit can go really amazed us. Also remarkably quieter with the SnakeBite nozzles.







PROJECT: 100 ft Sphere

COATING REMOVED: Millscale

CUSTOMER: Brand

LOCATION: El Segundo, CA, USA

DATE: April 19, 2023

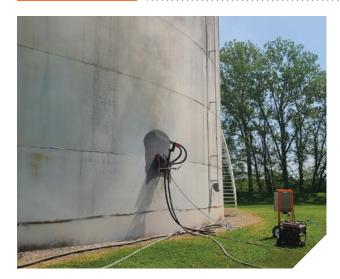
SETUP: VertiDrive M7 with UHP

RESULTS: Entire sphere completed with UHP. No scaffolding costs.

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE:

Required scaffolding and blasters





PROJECT: Fuel Storage Tank External

COATING REMOVED: 6-10 mils

CUSTOMER: Quincy Industrial Painting

LOCATION: lowa, USA **DATE:** May 12, 2022

SETUP: VertiDrive M7 with 2 x #7 UltraTuff nozzles

with a 6 ton bulk pot

RESULTS: 270 ft²/hour (25 m²/hr) with a NACE 2.5 finish, while reducing labor by 50%

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE:

4 men (3 blasters plus spotter) down 50% to 2 (1 operator and 1 blaster doing touch ups) with the VertiDrive.





PROJECT: RAN Navy Vessel

COATING REMOVED: 7 mils (177 microns) of top coat only - International Intershield 300

CUSTOMER: Eptec

LOCATION: Henderson Naval Shipyard, WA, Australia

DATE: October 23, 2021

SETUP: VertiDrive M7 with 2 #7 SnakeBite nozzles, AmphiBlast with 1600 Air Dryer plus 2 manual nozzles on man lifts using GMA PremiumBlast

RESULTS: 366 ft²/hr (34 m²/hr) removing the top coat only, reduced blasters from 4 to 2. Reduced manlift equipment requirements

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE:

4 blasters with an additional spotter

COMMENTS: Pressure dialed down to 90psi at the nozzle to ensure blasting operation did not remove the mid coat.









COATINGS REMOVED: 12-15 MILS



PROJECT: 50ft Diameter Jet Fuel Tank

COATING REMOVED: 12-15 mils epoxy urethane

CUSTOMER: Graham Industrial Coatings

LOCATION: Eielson Air Force Base - Fairbanks

North Star, AK, USA

DATE: June 8, 2021

SETUP: VertiDrive M7 with 2 #8 UltraTuff nozzles,

using AmphiBlast and coal slag abrasive

RESULTS: 260 ft²/hr (24 m²/hr)

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE:

Foreman stated they average 95 ft²/hr (8.8 m²/hr) for the tank right next to this one

COMMENTS: Blasted to SP10. Used manual hand cut-ins.





PROJECT: Spherical Tank

COATING REMOVED: 12-15 mils epoxy urethane

CUSTOMER: Brock

LOCATION: Bayway TX, USA

DATE: December 7, 2022

SETUP: M7 VertiDrive with 2 #8 Hyper nozzles, using 6 ton Bulk AmphiBlast at 104 psi with

nickel slag

RESULTS: 260 ft²/hr (24 m²/hr)

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE:

4 blasters with an additional spotter

COMMENTS: The customer did not make all the adjustments we advised, however they still had success. They used Emerald Blast and standard hoses. They had some compressor failures which did result in production limitations.





PROJECT: Water tank

COATING REMOVED: 15 mils epoxy

CUSTOMER: Graham Industrial Coatings

LOCATION: Eielson Air Force Base - Fairbanks

North Star, AK, USA

DATE: October 25, 2022

SETUP: VertiDrive M7 with 2 #8 UltraTuff nozzles, using 8 ton bulk pot with Green Diamond Slag

RESULTS: 300 ft²/hr (27.8 m²/hr)

COMMENTS: Under tight timeline and needed quick turn-around. Renting the VertiDrive was the ideal solution.







COATINGS REMOVED: 12-20 MILS



PROJECT: Crude Oil Storage Tank

COATING REMOVED: Epoxy 12-20 mils

CUSTOMER: Glindemann Industrial Coatings

LOCATION: Queensland, AU

DATE: 2020

SETUP: VertiDrive M7, 20,000 psi pump @ 14.22

gal/min flow (approx 1400 bar @ 6 lpm)

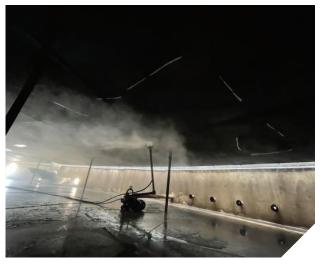
RESULTS: WJ2 Clean, 62.5% reduction in workforce required (from 8 to 3), Completed project 4 days earlier than schedule (14 vs 18 days)

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE:

Required 8 workers

COMMENTS: The VertiDrive M7 was used for 75 hours in total at an astonishing average production rate of 840 ft² (78 m²) per hour.





PROJECT: Floating Crude Oil Tank Roof

COATING REMOVED: 3-layer Epoxy 12-20 mils

CUSTOMER: Persy Steel Protection **LOCATION:** Rotterdam, Netherlands

DATE: March 2017

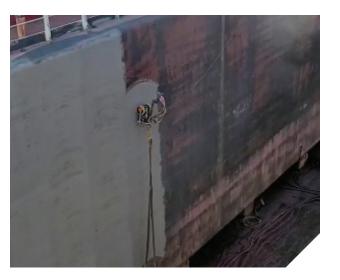
SETUP: VertiDrive M4 UHP with Vacuum System, 36,000 psi @ 8.5 gal/min (2500 bar @32 lpm), vacuum capacity 1,100 m³/hr at 650 cfm

RESULTS: Average production rate of 3,200-4,300 ft 2 (300-400 m 2) per 8-hour shift

COMMENTS: Waste water treated and disposed of responsibly.







PROJECT: Ship Hull

COATING REMOVED: Epoxy 15-20 mils

CUSTOMER: GMD Shipyard **LOCATION:** Brooklyn, NY, USA

DATE: January 26, 2021

SETUP: 2 M7 VertiDrives each with 2 #8 Hyper nozzles, 2 MegaBlast Pots using GMA GX2 Garnet

RESULTS: 333 ft²/hr (31 m²/hr) 2000 ft² (185 m²) in 6 hrs of blasting

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE: GMD

were using UHP but the maintenance of the pumps cost too much and so they switched to abrasive

COMMENTS: GMD had a timeline and needed a fast turn-around. They were blasting to an SP10 when specs allowed for an SP6. Thus over-blasting hindered even more impressive results.







COATINGS REMOVED: 15-20 MILS



PROJECT: Water Tank

COATING REMOVED: Epoxy 15-20 mils

CUSTOMER: Moore Painting **LOCATION:** Eureka, CA, USA

DATE: August 17, 2022

SETUP: M7 VertiDrive with 2 #8 nozzles using GMA

GX2 Garnet

RESULTS: 280 ft²/hr (26 m²/hr) and finished entire tank shell in 3 days. 40% faster!

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE:

Previously required 5 days of blasting to complete





PROJECT: 180ft Diameter Diesel Storage Tank Floor

COATING REMOVED: Epoxy 15-20 mils

CUSTOMER: BP

LOCATION: Bulwer Island, QLD, Australia

DATE: January 15, 2020

SETUP: M7 VertiDrive with 2 #8 UltraTuff nozzles, using 8 ton bulk pot with GMA PremiumBlast at 92 psi

RESULTS: 290 ft²/hr (27 m²/hr) and NACE 3 finish with 3 mil profile





PROJECT: 180ft Diameter Tank Floor **COATING REMOVED:** Epoxy 16-20 mils

CUSTOMER: Lakehead

LOCATION: Husky Refinery, Superior, WI, USA

DATE: October 1, 2021

SETUP: M7 VertiDrive with 3 Hyper #7 nozzles, using Bulk AmphiBlast (dry) with GMA GX2 Garnet

RESULTS: 320 ft²/hr (30 m²/hr). Total 3 laborers

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE:

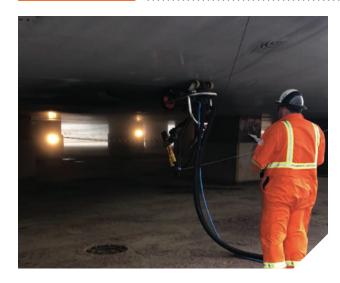
Normally require 5-6 laborers

COMMENTS: So happy with the performance they bought the machine. Manually blasted 3ft up walls.





COATINGS REMOVED: 15-30 MILS



PROJECT: Ship Hull

COATING REMOVED: 30 mils silicone

CUSTOMER: NKOM

LOCATION: Doha, Qatar

DATE: April 22, 2022

SETUP: M7 VertiDrive with 2 #8 SnakeBite nozzles,

using coal slag at 90psi

RESULTS: 200 ft²/hr (18.5 m²/hr)

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE: 70 ft 2 /hr (6.5 m 2 /hr) manual blasting. Two blasters = 140 ft 2 /hr (13 m 2 /hr)

COMMENTS: Had big compressors, but had constricting 2.0" bull hoses and pusher lines resulting in the low pressure. Customer purchased 2 VertiDrives.









PROJECT: Water Tank

COATING REMOVED: Epoxy 15-25 mils

CUSTOMER: Capital Coatings **LOCATION:** Escondido, CA, USA

DATE: April 24, 2023

SETUP: 2 M7 VertiDrives each with 2 #7 nozzles,

using GMA GX2 Garnet

RESULTS: 240 ft²/hr [22.3 m²/hr]









PROJECT: Naval Vessel

COATING REMOVED: 21.5 mils [550 microns] of

marine coating

CUSTOMER: Eptec

LOCATION: Garden Island Dockyard, Sydney

Australia

DATE: October 8, 2020

SETUP: VertiDrive M4 Ultra High pressure robot with an NLB 300hp 40,000psi @10gpm pump

RESULTS: 280 ft²/hr (26 m²/hr) leaving a dry WJ1 surface free of contaminants and ready for painting

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE: 100 ft²/hr (9.2 m²/hr) per manual lance, doing the work of nearly 3 manual lances







COATINGS REMOVED: 39+ MILS



PROJECT: 100ft Diameter Tank Internal

COATING REMOVED: 500-1000 mils [1/2 to 1 inch] of

rubber coating

CUSTOMER: BHP

LOCATION: Olympic Dam, Australia

DATE: June 5, 2020

SETUP: 2 x 300hp Ultra High Pressure pumps coupled to 2 x VertiDrive M7 with 6 inch spinning

cutting heads

RESULTS: 150 ft²/hr (14 m²/hr) and minimizing any men on man lifts inside the small tank

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE: $100 \text{ ft}^2/\text{hr} (9.2 \text{ m}^2/\text{hr}) - 2 \text{ blasters on man lifts}$





PROJECT: Glen Sannox Ferry Boat

COATING REMOVED: 39 mils four-layer Jotun Epoxy

CUSTOMER: BMF Services

LOCATION: Aberdeen, Scotland, UK

DATE: 2020

SETUP: VertiDrive M7 UHP, 36,250 psi pump @ 6.8 gal/minute flow (2500 bar @ 26 lpm), 4 total

workers

RESULTS: Completed in 8 days. Average of 1345.5 ft²/day (125 m²/day). 500% faster!

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE:

269 ft²/day (25 m²/day)

COMMENTS: Glen Sannox ferry boat had dimensions of 1102 ft x 183 ft (102.4 x 17 m) and a total area of 21,527.8 ft² (2,000 m²)









PROJECT: Storage Tank Inner Walls

COATING REMOVED: Heavy rust **CUSTOMER:** Buchen International

LOCATION: Antwerp, BE, USA

DATE: June 1, 2023

SETUP: VertiDrive V400 UHP Vacuum Blasting

RESULTS: Average of 484 ft²/hr (45 m²/hr) @ 2800 bar (40,610psi) 12 gal/min (46 lpm)

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE:

64 ft²/hr (6 m²/hr)

COMMENTS: 750% increase! Project completed 4 days ahead of schedule.







PRESSURE WASHING



PROJECT: 6 (19ft diameter x 1640ft long) Penstocks

COATING REMOVED: Pressure Washed Only

CUSTOMER: Snowy Hydro

LOCATION: New South Wales, Australia

DATE: June 5, 2020

SETUP: 2 x VertiDrive M7 with pressure washing

arms.

RESULTS: 10,764 ft² (1,000 m²) per day.

PREVIOUS RESULTS BEFORE VERTIDRIVE:

4-5 personnel working by hand to match productivity.

COMMENTS: As the tops of the pipes were about 20 feet off the ground covered in slippery organic growth, the VertiDrive eliminated this hazardous condition while also out-performing human blasters.





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