

Cold Spray Repairs

Aircraft Skin Panel Fastener Hole Repair¹







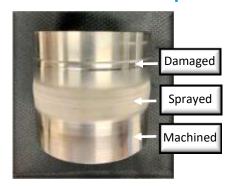
[1] Ch. 9 Cold Spray Applications: V.K. Champagne et al. <u>Cold Spray Coatings</u>, ASM International (2018) pp. 25-56.

Pipe Joint Leak Repair

Leaky pipe coupling can be sealed with Cold Spray on-site at temps low enough that most operations can remain running

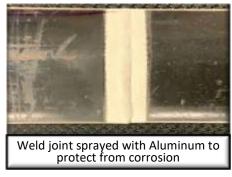


SS Shaft Defect Repair



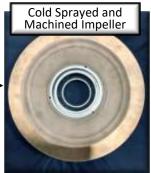
Corrosion Resistant Layers





Bronze Corrosion Repair





Pipe Repair without High Temp

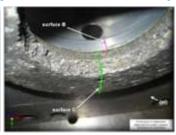


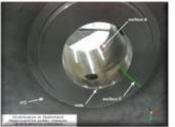
Damaged steel pipe after tooling to remove defect

Steel pipe showing raw Cold Spray build-up before final machining

Navy Valve Actuator Repair²







[2] Cold Spray Repair of a Navy Valve Actuator: Widener, C.A., Carter, M.J., Ozdemir, O.C. et al. Journal of Thermal Spray Technology (2016)25: 193.

Hard Coatings



(wear resistance specimen shown after abrasion test)

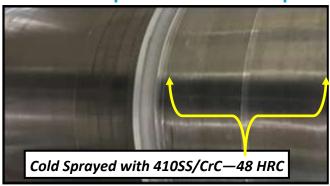


And Many More...

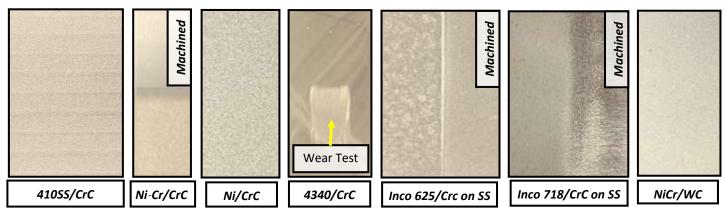
VRC cold spray equipment is saving customers millions of dollars every year by repairing components for aircraft, ships, submarines, helicopters, missile systems, mining and industrial equipment, oil and gas, power plants, and many more.

Mechanical Wear Resistance

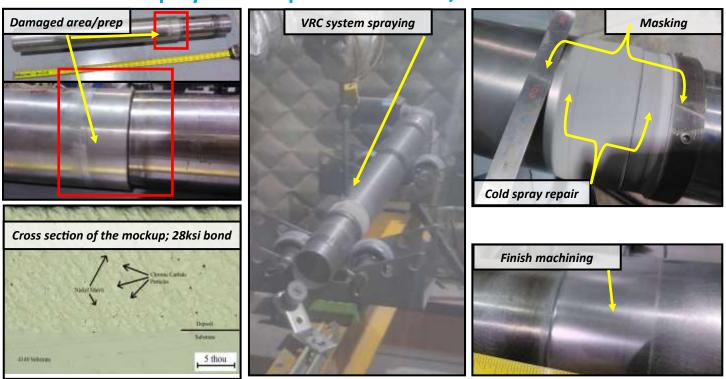
Chrome Replacement Shaft Repair



Family of Chrome Replacements / Hard Coating Options—Plus Many More



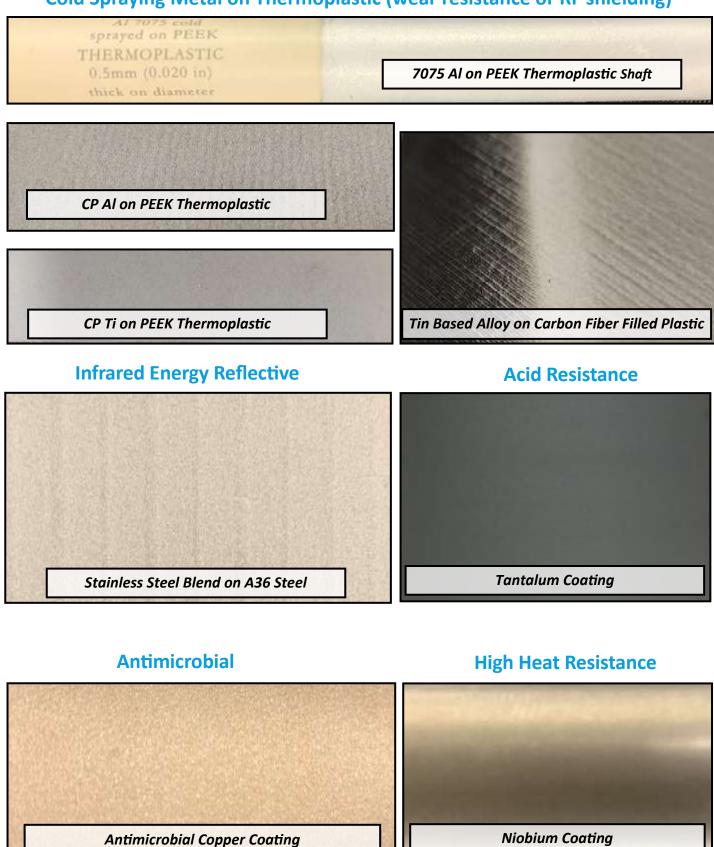
Cold Spray Shaft Repair Process—Ni/CrC on 4140 Steel*



*Pictures courtesy of US Army Research Lab—Victor Champagne, Aaron Nardi, Gehn Ferguson, Isaac Nault, William Story, & Dan Nikolov

Enhancement & Specialty Coatings

Cold Spraying Metal on Thermoplastic (wear resistance or RF shielding)



Cold Spray Materials, Properties and Testing

Materials

Single or Mixed Powder Feeding

Unique tumbling drum powder feeder enables uniform coatings with mixed powders - does not separate heavier materials like competitors' vibratory feeders.

<u>Aluminum</u>	<u>Copper</u>	<u>Titanium</u>	Steel & SS	<u>Nickel</u>
- CP Al	- CP Cu	- CP Ti (all grds)	- 1018	- CP Ni
- 2024	- Bronze	- Ti-6Al-4V	- 4340	- Inco 625
- 6061	— 90Cu-10Sn	And more	- 17-7 SS	- Inco 718
- 7050	– Cu-Ni-Inco		- 316 SS	- Ni/CrC
- 7075	Ni-Al-Cu		- 410 SS	- NiCr/CrC
And more	And more		And more	And more

Specialty Powders

Tantalum, Niobium, Chromium, MCrAIYs Blends, MMCs, Silver, Tin, Babbit, and more

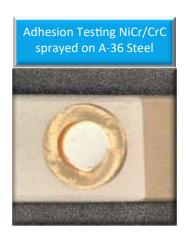
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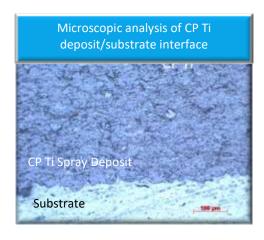
VRC high-pressure cold spray systems typically create deposits with bond strengths above 10 ksi (68.9 PMa) and can exceed 30 ksi (206 MPa) bond strength while maintaining less than 1% porosity, and hardness values ranging from 90 to 1300 Vickers (48 HRB - 72.5 HRC).

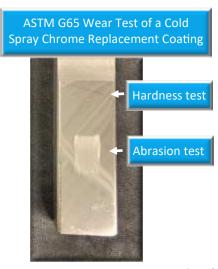
Testing

VRC can perform a wide range of material testing to ensure properties meet or exceed customer requirements.

Adhesion | Tensile | Micro Structure Analysis | Hardness | Lug Shear | Abrasion | Corrosion | Sliding Wear



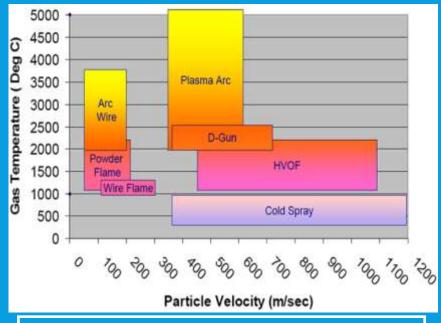




High-Pressure Cold Spray is the only thermal spray process that offers structural properties

Benefits of Cold Spray vs. Traditional Thermal Spray

- No heat affected zone
- Negligible oxidation of cold spray materials
- Spot repairable ability to reapply new cold spray over old coatings
- Superior coating adhesion, strength and toughness
- Fully-dense coatings
- Minimal distortion
- Deposition thickness no limit
- Minimal masking requirement due to focused particle spray path
- Environmentally friendly no toxic fumes
- Precise gas temperature control
- Compressive residual stresses rather than tensile



Cold spray operates at much lower temperatures than thermal spray and uses primarily kinetic energy to create solid-state bonded coatings, instead of melting and re-solidification.

The Leader in Complete Cold Spray Solutions

VRC leads the way in designing the most capable cold spray systems with specifications to meet or exceed our customer's expectations. We also specify and integrate complete turnkey solutions for our customers ranging from installation of the equipment into an existing space to integration of complete automation and enclosure solutions needed to do their job.

Each Customer Has Specific Requirements –VRC Designs Customized Solutions To Meet Those Needs







VRC Specializes in Fixture Design and Tooling, to Optimize Repair Cost and Time



The VRC Additive & Subtractive Systems

VRC is the leading U.S. manufacturer of cold spray equipment and is an active developer of cold spray processes for defense and commercial use. We will match you with the right cold spray equipment, material, and process to make you successful.

Integrated Additive & Subtractive Systems:

 VRC's line of additive cold spray systems with integrated automation in an acoustical spray booth with dust collection.



Medium System

 VRC's line of additive & subtractive systems with integrated CNC machining, automation, acoustical booth and dust collection.



Large Manufacturing System

Compressed Gas Support Systems:

Helium Recovery, Nitrogen Generation and Compressed Air solutions

We know Cold Spray. With the VRC Cold Spray Systems, we are able to spray the full range of materials depositable by both HIGH and LOW pressure systems. If it can be done with cold spray, we can do it!

The VRC Cold Spray Systems



VRC Gen III™ Portable
High-Pressure System with
Removable 21kW Heater and
Touch Screen Controls







VRC® Raptor™
High-Pressure System
with a Deployable 21kW
Heater and Pendant







VRC Dragonfly™
High-Pressure System with
Modular Components, a 21kW
Heater and Handheld Pendant

VRC Cold Spray Systems Capabilities

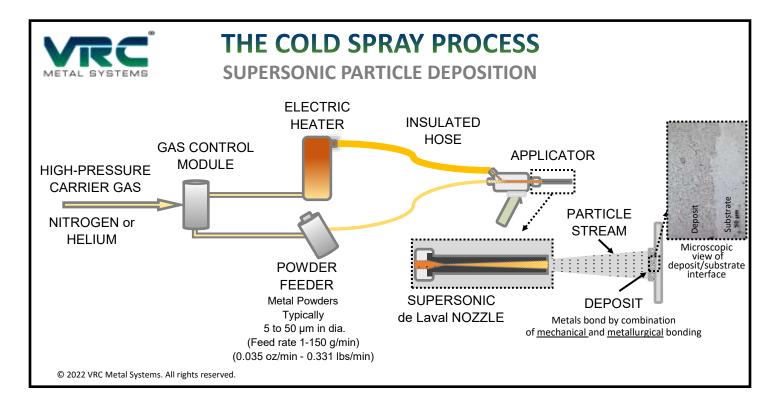
Features	Gen III ™	VRC®Raptor™	Dragonfly™
Dimensions	72"L x 32"W x 66"H	68"L x 32"W x 65"H	41"L x 22"W x 12"H (104cm L x
	(182cm L x 81cm W x	(173cm L x 82cm W x	56cm W x 30cm H)
	167cm H)	165cm H)	
Overall Weight	1285lbs (583 kg)	900lbs (408kg)	Heaviest Component 88lbs (40kg)
Electrical	480 VAC, 3 PH, 50 Amps	480 VAC, 3 PH, 50 Amps	480 VAC, 3 PH, 50 Amps
Tethered parameter readout w/	On Board Touch Screen	Х	Pendant Parameter Readout
touch screen controls	Controls		
Depolyable 21 kW Heater & Powder	Х	X	Х
Feeder	*Additional Equipment		
	Required		
Hand-Held or Robotic Applicators	X	X	Х
Applicator Temp Range			
1202°-1292° (650°-700°C)			
Foldable Tow Hitch		Х	
Fork Pockets	Х	Х	
Lifting Eyes		Х	
Tie Downs		х	
Aluminum Skid with Casters	х	х	
System Pressure up to 1000 PSI (69 Bar)	х	х	х
Gas Supply: Max Input Pressure 3000 PSI (206 Bar)	х	х	х
Max Temp at Heater up to 1472°F (800°C)	х	х	х
Max Gas Flow 88 CFM (2500 SLM)	Х	Х	Х
Data Capture & Download	х	х	х
	Multiple	Multiple	Single
	Can operate	Can operate either	Can operate with either
Single or Multiple Gas Capable	Nitrogen <i>and</i> Helium	Nitrogen, Helium <i>or</i> Air	Nitrogen, Helium <i>or</i> Air
Gas Preheaters	Х		
Remote Operational Capable	Х	Х	
Enhanced Integration Controls for	Booth door magnetic lock	Booth Dust Collector opera-	
NFPA Compliance & Safety	control, Dust Collector oper- ational interlock, remote operation and ducting air- flow detection	tional interlock.	
Post Spray Printed Report	Х		
Auxiliary Thermocouple Inputs (4	Х		
Additional)			
7 Pin Remote Connector used for	X		
integration with robotic controllers			
Configurable alarm package to alert	X		
operator of issues during use			

Cold Spray – The case for HIGH pressure

Cold spray, also referred to as supersonic particle deposition, is a solid-state coating process utilizing a heated high-pressure carrier gas, like nitrogen or helium, or air to accelerate metal powders through a supersonic de Laval nozzle to bond particles to a substrate. Low-pressure cold spray generates lower particle ve- cold spray coatings, depending on the locities, and primarily relies on mechanical interlocking with some metallurgical bonding. Low-pressure cold spray adhesion is comparable

with other traditional thermal spray processes, which operate at higher temperatures.

However, high-pressure cold spray coatings with higher particle velocities and primarily metallurgical bonding are anywhere from 2 to 10 times stronger than low-pressure material deposited. High-pressure cold spray coatings can be structural, and approach wrought properties of the sprayed material.



VRC not only manufactures state-of-the-art high pressure cold spray equipment, but also develops cold spray applications for its customers in a variety of industries.



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