

Welcome to the torbo newsletter - edition 04/2011!

In the current newsletter you will find important **Datas & Facts**, more information about torbo and the technology of wet sandblasting. Enjoy your reading. The torbo team will be happy to hear from you - via e-mail, fax or phone call - should you have any questions or suggestions about your special applications!!

torbo sandblasting at breezy heights



Image 1: Helicopter platform

As the safety rules for the painting of helicopter decks on ships, oil- and work platforms are changing globally, our Sales Director Herman Steentjes has worked together with our Dutch distributor HSS in Rotterdam, to support their customers with a similar project in the Netherlands. The platforms will as standard be marked with the yellow ring and a white H. However, instead of a gray or brown background, green is now the color prescribed. The decks with an area of 400 m² must be prepared for new paint by sandblasting.

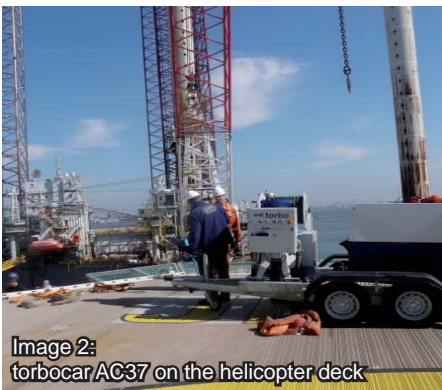


Image 2: torbocar AC37 on the helicopter deck

The usual procedure in the dry dock is very costly and time-consuming therefore we

ensure that the sandblasting operations take place above the water in front of the Koppel-Verolme Shipyard in Rotterdam. Because of the advantages of our sand blasting system almost no dust, significantly less water and abrasive consumption, is this possible.



Image 3: Removal of the old paint

Due to the open sea there is stretched out a plastic cover with a height of + / - 1.5 meters around it and there is placed a drain for the rest of the blasting material and paint, so it cannot flow into the sea. The local environmental officers agreed with this way of working so that two helicopter decks are already provided with new paint.

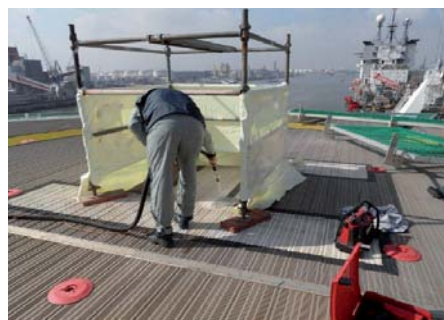


Image 4: The torbo system in use

The fair review stone + tec 2011

The Stone + tec 2011, international trade fair for natural stone and stone processing, was presenting from 22.-25. June 2011 in the exhibition centre of Nürnberg. The atmosphere among the exhibitors from 37 nations and trade visitors from 66 countries was very positive.



90% of exhibitors were able to achieve their most important target groups and made new business connections. torbo showed their new products on the fair again and were pleased with the positive response. At this point we like to thank our existing and newly acquired customers for visiting us there. Due to the good response we are planning our presentation at the stone + tec for 2013.



Image 5: Our booth on the Stone + tec 2011

Graffiti removal in the city of Basel / Switzerland

Basel is in comparison to Zurich and Geneva the third largest city in Switzerland. About a year ago the graffiti removal in Basel was organized in a new way. The target was to make the city more attractive for its residents and tourists. For this reason they created a team to clean all municipal properties. For more information: www.unverschmiert-bs.ch.



Image 6: Community car of the city Basel with torbocar AC37

To remove the graffiti the team cleans entire streets and areas until finally the graffiti was removed with chemicals and pressure washers. Although environmentally friendly cleaning strippers were used, the cleaning of exposed areas like Kannenfeldpark or along the Rhine was not possible.



Image 7: Removal of graffiti with torbo



Image 8: torbocar AC37

For this reason the city was interested in a more suitable method. After one week of trial with the torbocar AC 37 the responsible persons were convinced of the torbo system. Due to the excellent results the torbocar AC37 is now in daily operation against graffiti.

Finishing concrete parts with torbo



Image 9: Blasting test of a concrete element

Dressler Bau GmbH is a company headquartered in Aschaffenburg which is focused on the manufacturing of precast facades. But how is it possible to sandblast the precast concrete elements in a dustfree and environmentally friendly way? Of course with torbo! For this reason our representative Andreas Schmatter visited our client in his office in Stockstadt to present our torbo system.

Following various sample tests with different nozzles the managers of the company were convinced of our torbo system. Due to the good results we have gained a new customer and a short time later two employees of Dressler Bau GmbH took part in a training at our factory.



Image 10: A concrete element after testing with different nozzles

Preview:

Here is a small preview of our next newsletter:



- Removal of paint in an old Nuclear Powerplant
- torbo supports the trainees of the "Bildungswerk Niedersachsen der Gebäudereiniger e.V."

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