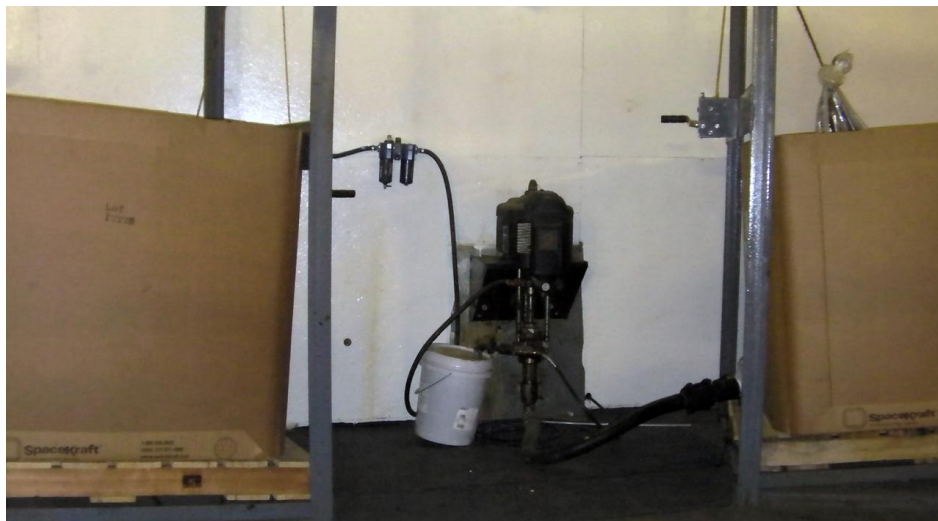


In addition to these issues, the 55-gallon drums (installed in the spray booth) caused further production delays, because when a drum emptied, spray operations had to stop until another drum could be installed. This took a half-hour or more out of production for each changeover to a new drum.

Daubert took a proactive role in helping Collins Bus achieve its objectives by first examining how it could solve the overspray situation. The result was a reformulation of the undercoating which became Tectyl® 6430 -- a water-based asphaltic coating with a chemical additive that reduces product drag, offers greater atomization at the spray gun tip and thus reduces the overspray of the product.

The new product was formulated at a lower viscosity allowing the use of drums or 330 gallon totes for packaging.



CAPTION: Previously, the undercoating had been delivered in 55-gallon drums, resulting in downtime when they emptied. The modified Tectyl undercoating allowed the product to be delivered through a 330-gallon tote system – when one tote is empty, the valve is closed and the second tote valve is opened. No interruptions to production.

These and other modifications saved up to 1½ hours of downtime per day in changeovers, eliminated the complications of clean up due to the previous overspray problems, and improved plant safety. In fact, in December 2010, the company was recognized as a national model for workplace safety and health by the Kansas Department of Labor and OSHA.

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