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SUBJECT Re the attached
MK on painted steel vs unpainted steel

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Jim:

Most steel framing used outside of NYC is shop coated. Most framing used in the city is not.
I don't know that we have had more adhesion problems with painted than with unpainted.

In any event, most well written fireproofing specs place the burden of inspection for acceptance of the steel as a suitable surface for spraying on the sub-contractor or, more often, on the manufacturer's representative.

When we do make such an inspection, it is after the fact of fabrication and erection and it is hardly conceivable that anybody is going to change a shop coat that we might

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deem to be questionable.

Since it is rare that anybody knows for sure what fireproofing will be used when steel is fabricated and since fibers do not have the adhesion problem that we do on paint, we would not be in the position to make demands for special paint to suit Mono-Kote and that could raise the cost of the steel.

Excess rusting and mill scale on unpainted steel is obvious and there is little argument against its removal usually by the GC.

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