

Sunk in the Ground



This steel gas main is laid in damp, corrosion-producing earth. It needs the time-proven protection of pure red-lead. Be sure the paint film is thoroughly hardened before it is buried.

where CORROSION works unseen

Three coats of pure red-lead most practicable method of protecting buried steel

STEEL buried in the ground is threatened by unusual danger from corrosion. The surrounding earth is nearly always damp. Ground water is a constant menace to the metal.

Under most conditions, the most feasible method of protection is a three-coat covering of pure red-lead.

Paint made of red-lead adheres closely to steel. It is moisture-proof. It is not affected by the chemical substances ordinarily found in ground water. It offers durable, economical protection.

Where the soil condition is strongly alkaline, of course no paint is suitable. In such a case, the oil vehicle of the paint will be turned to soap.

Protecting buried tanks

Tanks sunk in the ground are sometimes protected as follows: Three coats of red-lead are applied. The tank is then buried in sand, which acts as a filter. In damp soil, a metal tank so treated will last for many

years without further attention. In dry soil it will last even longer.

Gas men make this choice

Investigations indicate that gas men use pure red-lead extensively for protecting steel work. The 93 gas men who answered a recent questionnaire were almost unanimous in their choice of this material. Seventy-eight (or 84% of them) said they use red-lead for metal protection.

Dutch Boy red-lead was favored by many of these gas men. Dutch Boy red-lead is pure, uniform in quality. You can get it in either paste or liquid form. The liquid comes in the orange-red for next-to-metal coats and in greens, browns, and black for finishing coats. The paste comes in the orange-red and can be shaded to dark colors.

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