

Tomorrow's Material. Today.

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**Graphene in a Commercial Automotive Paint Primer** 



## **Applied Graphene Materials**

- "Bottom-up synthesis technology" for continuous and consistent manufacturing.
- Leading production ready Genable® dispersion range
- Focus on:
  - ✓ Paints and Coatings Outstanding performance gains for barrier and anti-corrosion.
- **✓** *Polymer Composites* Enhanced interlaminar toughness, strength and fatigue performance.

## Ultimate cost reduction is the drive behind vast majority of developments





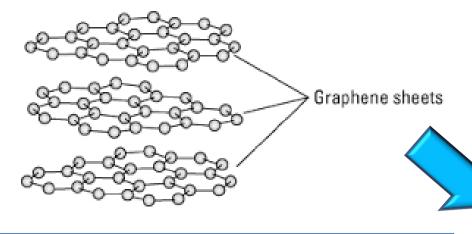


**Graphene Manufacturing Plant** 

Extensive characterisation and testing capabilities

# **Graphene Manufacturing Routes**

### Graphite

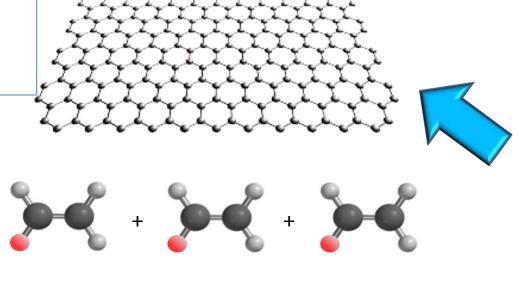


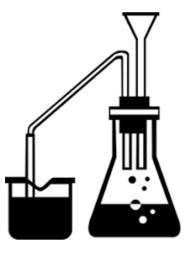
### **Bottom Up Synthesis**

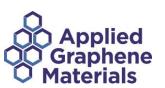
- Graphene produced by molecular growth from small molecular carbon precursors
- Number of layers controlled using different substrate catalysts and growing/reaction parameters
- Gives large surface area and high purity

### **Top Down**

 Mechanical or chemical exfoliation of Graphite



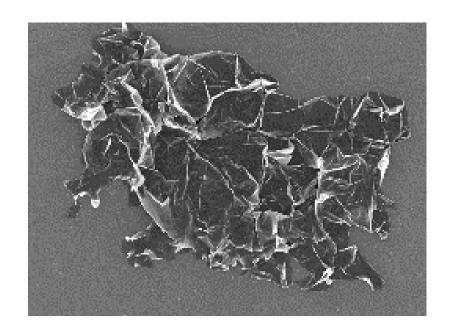




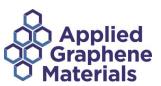
# **AGM Graphene Nanoplatelets – Product Properties**



A-GNP35



- Very thin, crumpled sheets, 5-15 atomic layers
- Very low density and high surface area, enabling very low loadings.
- AGM expertise to develop and scale up "production ready" dispersion
- Very low addition by % weight .....



### Genable® 1000 series

 Additives to enhance barrier / anti-corrosion, especially in synergy with existing active ingredients

#### Genable® 1200 series

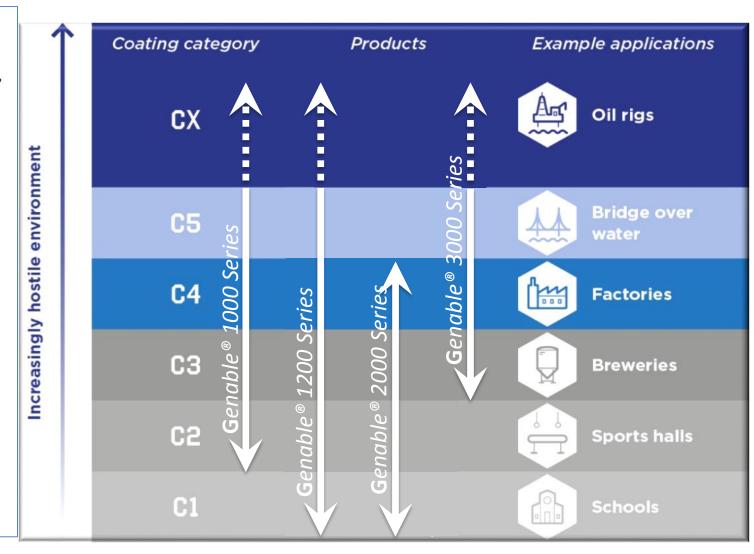
• Cost effective additives to enhance barrier / anti-corrosion performance at very low loading

#### Genable® 2000 series

• Delivers outstanding active anti-corrosion performance on aluminium substrates

#### Genable® 3000 series

• Active, non-metallic, anti-corrosion additives with industry leading performance





# **James Briggs Ltd**

- Founded in Manchester in 1830
- Employ more than 250 people in the Manchester area
- Manufacturing aerosol products since 1972
- Producing 60m aerosols / 10m litres liquid fill p.a. on 2 sites
- Offer a fully integrated service; technical (laboratory & analytical), regulatory, design, manufacture and delivery
- Portfolio of over 16,000 product formulations in our IP library











- 12 aerosol lines and 7 liquid fill lines
- Markets: Automotive, Industrial,
  Hygiene, Decorative, Craft & Game
- A number of house brands, including market sector leaders Hycote and Nilco
- 120+ Private Label customers including household and High St names
- ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 accredited
- Sales and Technology lead business
- Market leading quality and lead times
- Innovation is key



# AGM's Strategy - Collaboration is the key to successful early adoption





## **Automotive Spray Primer Development - Objectives**

Improve existing primer paint for automotive repair applications.

Current system an industry standard vinyl/acrylic based paint with good anticorrosion performance.

Applications are typically single coat with low film thicknesses.

### **Key Target Benefits:**

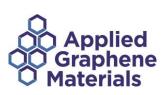
- Significantly improve corrosion performance
- No impacting on other physical properties
- Ensure the paint remains economically viable for the repair market, both trade and retail



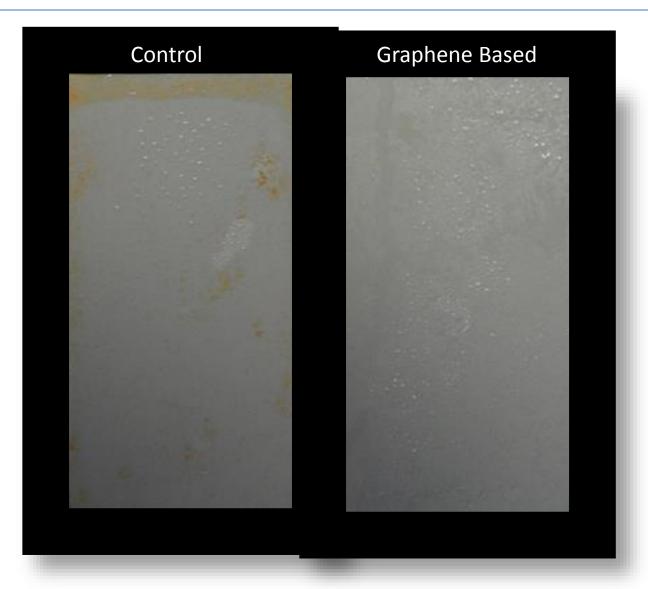


# **Graphene within anticorrosive coatings?**

- Mechanisms proposed in literature
  - physicochemical process (restricting uptake of water/oxygen and salts).
  - electrochemical activity (conductivity dependent on Graphene type and loading level )
- Materials like glass flake/micas historically used as barrier pigments to provide a tortuous path in anticorrosion primers.
- Graphene offers an economically viable step change delivering:
  - High surface area
  - Extremely low density
  - Performance gains without the negatives



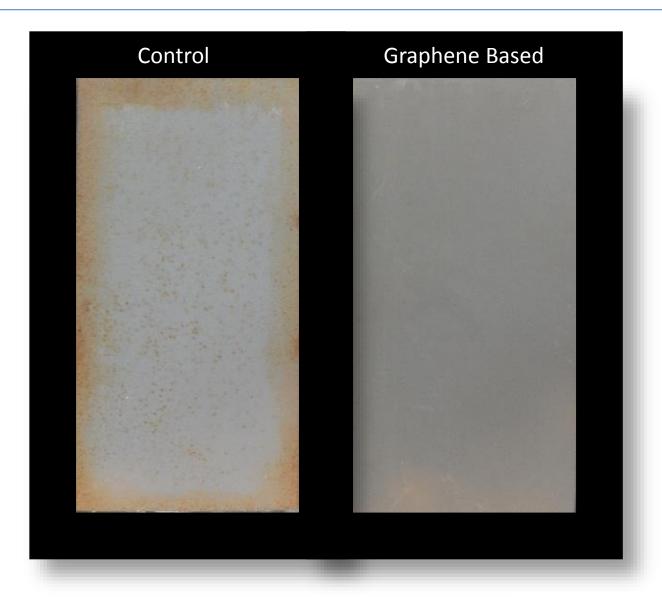
**Salt Spray Testing - after 168 Hours** 

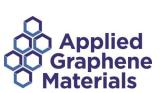






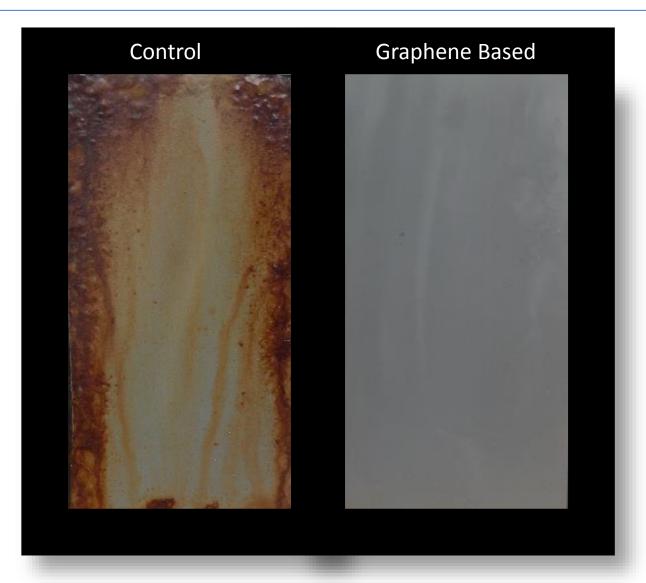
• Salt Spray Testing - after 432 Hours







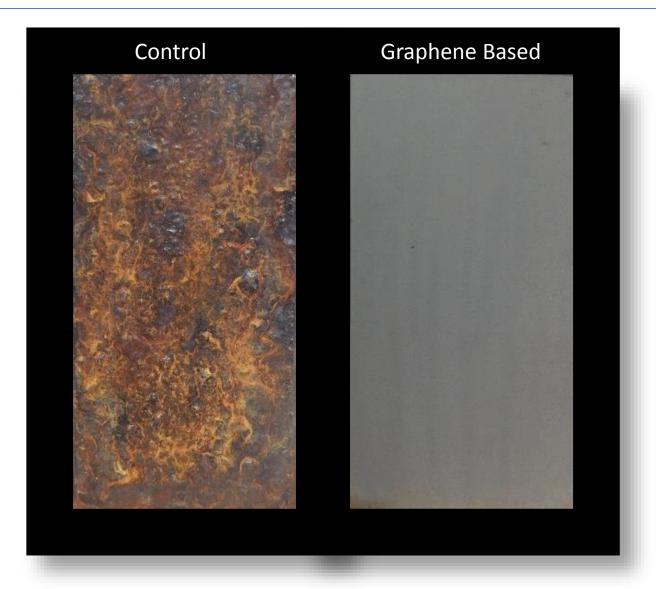
**Salt Spray Testing - after 1000 Hours** 

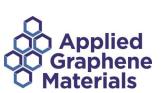






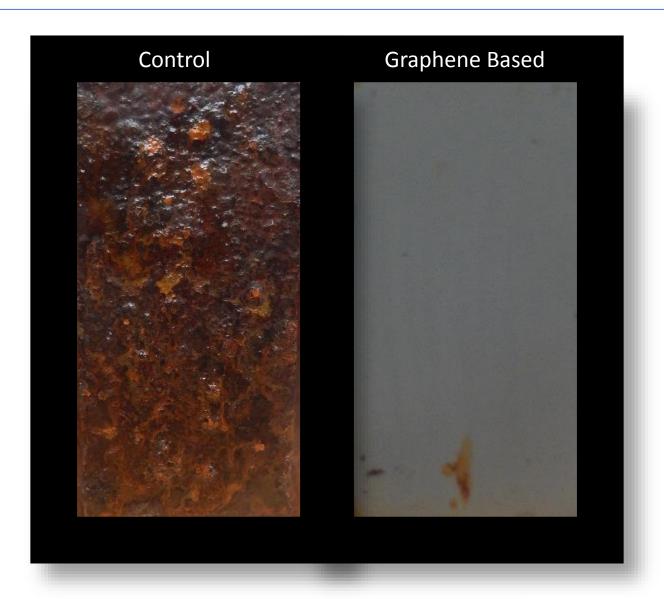
• Salt Spray Testing - after 2000 Hours







• Salt Spray Testing - after 3000 Hours



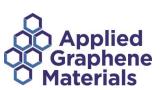






- Exceptional corrosion protection
- ✓ Zinc Free Less environmentally hazardous vs conventional anticorrosive primers.
- Excellent barrier properties to dramatically extend coating life.
- Extremely fast drying Touch dry in 3-4 minutes, sand and topcoat after 20 minutes.
- Excellent adhesion to metallic surfaces Mild Steel, Aluminium,
  Zintec.
- Excellent Flexibility ASTM D522 Conical Mandrel No cracking.
- Excellent anti-sag properties enable high coat depths to be achieved.
- / Fills minor surface imperfections.
- Smooth matt finish with excellent sanding properties.
- ✓ Can also be applied to many rigid plastics











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