

Cooling Tower Fan Blade Repair

Mining/Mineral & Ore Processing — Refining ARC 858 and S2 Coatings
Case Study 045

Challenge

Issue

Damaged cooling tower fan blades. Required an application of an erosion resistant, low co-efficient of friction coating to reduce dust buildup and prevent moisture ingress.

Goal

Avoid complete replacement of the fan blade sets every 4 years (€7.8K).

Root Cause

Cracking of the fan blades resulted in moisture penetration of the structural integrity, leading to imbalance.



Damaged fan blades

Solution

Preparation

- Pressure wash all surfaces
- Light surface sweep blast

Application

- Smoothly prime and patch with ARC 858 and fiberglass cloth*
- Apply 2 coats of ARC S2 at 10-15 mils (250-375 μm) per coat

*Fiber glass cloth serves as reinforcing mesh for coating



Use fiberglass mesh as reinforcement

Results

Client Reported

• 8+ years of run time at report date

Cost Savings

■ 2 blade sets 8 years: €15.6K

■ ARC material and labor: - € 2.8K

Total 8-year savings: €12.8K



Completed ARC 858 and ARC S2 with reinforcement