



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
UNITED STATES ARMY TANK-AUTOMOTIVE AND ARMAMENTS COMMAND  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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March 23, 2007

Rhinehart Finishing LLC  
ATTN: Mr. Don McDaniel  
5345 County Rd 68  
Spencerville, IN 46788

**SUBJECT: APPROVED COMBAT POWDER APPLICATOR**

Dear Mr. McDaniel:

Your facility meets all the provisions of the **TACOM Performance Standard for COMBAT GRADE Powder Coat Paint (2/03)** specified in FAR 52.211-4030, TACOM Standard CARC Clause. As such, Rhinehart Finishing is authorized to substitute any approved Combat Grade powder noted in this standard for any MIL-P-53022 or MIL-P-53030 primer specified on the drawing or contract.

Your powder coat /pretreatment system is rated "5 -15 year performance capable" and as such also meets the provisions of FAR 52.211-4017, Enhanced CARC. The specific controls are contained in Rhinehart Pretreatment Conversion Coating Process and Process Control Manual dated 5/13/03.

Please note that "black" powder primer can only be applied on TACOM tactical systems, which have written authorization from the procuring contracting officer.

If you have any questions, please direct them to the undersigned at 586-574-7506.

Congratulations,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Shaw".

George Shaw  
Process Engineer  
US Army - TACOM