



## Products Finishing Top Shops 2021: Liquid, Powder & Electrocoating

Thank you for participating in the *Products Finishing* Top Shops Benchmarking Survey for liquid, powder and electrocoating, which highlights the attributes shared by leading finishing operations. By fully completing this survey, you will receive a benchmarking report customized for your shop. This survey pertains to liquid, powder and electrocoating, in particular. There is a separate survey for shops that perform plating and anodizing. **Please proceed only if your shop does liquid, powder or electrocoating.**

To take advantage of the many benefits of participating in Top Shops, all you have to do is:

- 1. Fully complete the survey for maximum value.** It's in your best interest for benchmarking and scoring. It may take time to get some data - it's worth it. You may have reservations about answering certain questions. Don't worry, all responses will remain confidential.
- 2. Provide your email address** to receive a report customized for your shop, showing where your shop is strong, on track, and has opportunities.
- 3. Enter your contact info** and submit your completed survey by April 30 if you want a chance to be profiled in an upcoming issue of *Products Finishing*.
- 5. Select 'Submit Responses'** on the final page once you do not intend to return to the survey again. If you get interrupted while completing the survey, you may close and return to it using the same device as many times as you like until you select 'Submit Responses.'

Note this is the first time *Products Finishing's* Top Shops benchmarking survey can be completed one time, any time throughout the current year. That means if, for example, your accounting data are not available until March, no problem. You may complete the survey in April. The sooner you complete it, though, the sooner you'll be able to act on the results.

Please note, if you want your shop to be considered for a Top Shops profile article in *Products Finishing* magazine later in the year, you must submit your completed survey by **April 30, 2021**.

Click here to download a PDF of the survey if you want to review the questions before entering them online. If you want to keep a record of your responses, we suggest you print a copy of each page with your responses before selecting 'next' to advance to the next page/question.

If you have questions, please contact Jan Schafer, Director of Market Research, Gardner Intelligence, at [jschafer@gardnerweb.com](mailto:jschafer@gardnerweb.com).

\* 1. Which types of finishing does your shop currently perform on your premises?

- Liquid coating
- Powder coating
- Electrocoating
- Other
- No finishing offered



## Company & Contact Information

2. Please provide the following information to receive your report and for us to contact Top Shops:

**Name:**

**Job Title/Function:**

**Company:**

**Address:**

**City/Town:**

**State/Province:**

**ZIP/Postal Code:**

**Country:**

**Company Website:**

**Company Phone Number:**

3. Please provide the email address to which you want your custom report sent:

4. Who is your top company official?

Top Official's Name:

Top Official's Title:

Top Official's Email:



## Before we get started...

Most questions refer to 'your shop,' and here's how we'd like you to think about it...

If your company has more than one location, please answer all survey questions in terms of the scope for which you have the most access to operations and performance data. In some cases, that is multiple locations combined. In other cases, it is just one location.

If you have equal access to data for more than one location, please answer the survey based on the one location that is most representative, or considered most typical, of your business overall.

If you are a captive shop, answer survey questions in the terms your shop uses to report metrics to the broader company. You may have different considerations or use tweaked formulas, but you should be able to provide the information requested.

*Most important is that you be consistent throughout the survey as far as the location(s) to which your responses apply.*

**Please also note that questions pertain to 2020 unless indicated otherwise.**



## Shop Profile

5. Which category best describes your business' relation to its customer base? *Select ONE only.*

- Captive shop (component of a larger company)
- Contract shop (independent shop with 50% or more contract work)
- Job shop (independent shop with less than 50% contract work)

6. Which of the following best describes your shop's business? *Select ONE only.*

- High mix/low volume
- High mix/high volume
- Low mix/low volume
- Low mix/high volume

7. Which statement best describes your shop's pricing strategy relative to competition? *Select ONE only.*

- Among the highest priced
- Higher priced than average, but not among the highest
- Priced about average
- Lower priced than average, but not among the lowest
- Among the lowest priced

8. Which of the following, if any, describe your shop's ownership? *Select ALL that apply.*

- Family owned
- Minority owned
- Veteran owned
- Woman owned
- None of these



## Shop Profile

*Please read the instructions at each question for the accepted format for responses. If you receive an error message and your format is correct, your value is likely an exception outside of the reasonable range, and won't be accepted.*

9. As of the end of 2020, how many years has your company been in business?

*Please round to the nearest whole number.*

10. What is the **total square footage** of your entire building? Enter your best estimate if you do not have the measurements handy.

*Please enter a whole number only; no decimals, commas or other symbols.*

11. About how many **total parts** did your shop finish in 2020?

*Please enter a whole number only; no decimals, commas or other symbols.*

12. About how many different **types of parts/SKU's** did your shop finish in 2020?

*Please enter a whole number only; no decimals, commas or other symbols.*

13. What **size parts** did your shop finish in 2020? *Select all ranges that apply.*

less than 5 feet long

5 to 15 feet long

over 15 feet long



## Shop Profile

14. Switching gears a bit and now thinking about your shop's finishing lines, **how many lines** were in production for each coating process in 2020?

Liquid coating

Powder coating

Electrocoating

15. Which of the following industries does your shop typically serve? *Select ALL that apply.*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aerospace                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardware/tools                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture/construction equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Machinery/industrial                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appliances                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Military/government                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building construction              | <input type="checkbox"/> Oil & gas mining                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics, computers             | <input type="checkbox"/> Power generation (turbines, batteries) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fasteners                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Pumps, valves & plumbing               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Furniture manufacturing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Wire goods/pipes                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)             |   |



## Shop Profile

16. Which of the industries served do you typically consider the **primary contributors** to your shop's business? *Select up to 5.*

- Aerospace
- Agriculture/construction equipment
- Appliances
- Automotive
- Building construction
- Electronics, computers
- Fasteners
- Furniture manufacturing
- Hardware/tools
- Machinery/industrial
- Medical
- Military/government
- Oil & gas mining
- Power generation (turbines, batteries)
- Pumps, valves & plumbing
- Wire goods/pipes
- [Insert text from Other]



## Shop Profile

17. Which **certifications** did your finishing shop hold in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AAMA 2603     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nadcap        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AAMA 2604     | <input type="checkbox"/> PCI 3000/4000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AAMA 2505     | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ISO 9001:2015 |  |

18. Which of the following applied to your shop in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- ITAR registered
- RoHS compliant
- FDA registered
- Conflict Materials Disclosure
- CMMC (Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification)
- None of these

19. Of which **trade associations** was your shop a member in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- Chemical Coaters Association International (CCAI)
- Electrocoat Association
- Powder Coating Institute (PCI)
- Not a member of these associations

Other (please specify)





## Shop Profile

20. Which **approvals** did your finishing shop hold in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aerojet          | <input type="checkbox"/> GM                          | <input type="checkbox"/> MOOG                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airbus           | <input type="checkbox"/> Goddard Space Flight (NASA) | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorola            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BAE Systems      | <input type="checkbox"/> Honda                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Nissan              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bell             | <input type="checkbox"/> Honeywell                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Northrop Grumman    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BMW              | <input type="checkbox"/> Hyundai                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Raytheon            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boeing           | <input type="checkbox"/> IBM                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Rolls Royce Corp.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caterpillar      | <input type="checkbox"/> John Deere                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sikorsky Aircraft   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cessna Aircraft  | <input type="checkbox"/> Kia                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Subaru              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chrysler         | <input type="checkbox"/> Lockheed Martin             | <input type="checkbox"/> Tacom               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eaton Aerospace  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lycoming/Textron            | <input type="checkbox"/> Tesla               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ford             | <input type="checkbox"/> Martin Marietta             | <input type="checkbox"/> Toyota              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GE               | <input type="checkbox"/> MD Helicopters              | <input type="checkbox"/> United Technologies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Dynamics | <input type="checkbox"/> Mercury Marine              | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these       |

Other (please specify)



## Finishing Practices & Technology

This section of the survey includes questions pertaining to product quality, shop efficiency, and practices directly involved in finishing processes.

*Please read the instructions at each question for the accepted format for responses. If you receive an error message and your format is correct, your value is likely an exception outside of the reasonable range, and won't be accepted.*

21. Which of the following practices and improvement methodologies did your business utilize in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5S workplace organization          | <input type="checkbox"/> Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benchmarking                       | <input type="checkbox"/> PCI Certification                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Continuous improvement program     | <input type="checkbox"/> Six Sigma                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Customer surveys                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Total quality management              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Just-in-Time movement of materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Value-stream mapping                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kaizen events/blitzes              | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kanban and pull systems            |  |



## Finishing Practices & Technology

22. Which **powder coating** strategies/technologies did your shop have in place in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quick Color Change        | <input type="checkbox"/> Fluidized Bed      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic (reciprocators) | <input type="checkbox"/> IoT / Industry 4.0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robotic                   | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handheld                  |   |

23. Which **liquid coating** strategies/technologies did your shop have in place in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air or Airless Spraying, electrostatic     | <input type="checkbox"/> Rotary disks or bells |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air or Airless Spraying, not electrostatic | <input type="checkbox"/> Robotic               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid Spraying, Low Pressure              | <input type="checkbox"/> IoT / Industry 4.0    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid Spraying, High Pressure             | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid Spraying, Gravity                   |  |

24. Which **electrocoating** strategies/technologies did your shop have in place in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- Manual Hoist
- Programmable Hoist
- Monorail
- Conveyor
- None of these



## Finishing Practices & Technology

25. What was your shop's average **order lead time** in 2020, defined as the average number of days from receipt of order to delivery to customer?

*You may enter a decimal, but no other signs or symbols.*

*Example: For 6 days, you would enter 6. For 6 1/2 days, you would enter 6.5.*

26. What was your shop's **on-time delivery rate** in 2020, defined as the percentage of goods delivered on the timing committed?

*You may enter a decimal, but no other signs or symbols.*

*Example: For 80%, you would enter 80. For 80.5%, you would enter 80.5.*

27. What was your shop's **finished product first-pass quality yield** in 2020, defined as the percentage of products passing inspection on the first attempt; i.e. no re-work was required?

*You may enter a decimal, but no other signs or symbols.*

*Example: For 80%, you would enter 80. For 80.5%, you would enter 80.5.*

28. What was your shop's **finishing usage** in 2020, defined as the average number of hours finishing equipment is in production in a 24 hour day?

*You may enter a decimal, but no other signs or symbols. Your answer should be between 1 and 24.*

*Example: For 8 hours, you would enter 8. For 8 1/2 hours, you would enter 8.5.*



## Finishing Practices & Technology

29. Please provide your shops **capacity utilization** for 2020.

There is no single formula that fits how every shop figures capacity utilization. For this question, think about what you consider to be at full capacity for your shop. Then enter as a percentage the degree to which your shop's total capacity was typically in use in 2020.

*Example: if 85% of your shop's total capacity was typically in use in 2020, meaning you typically had 15% capacity to spare, you would enter 85 for capacity utilization. You may enter decimals but no other signs or symbols.*

30. Please estimate the average **number of labor-hours** your shop as a whole spent in total each week on each of the following tasks in 2020.

*Please round to the nearest whole number. Enter '0' if your shop does not perform the task.*

Environmental management

Parts inspection

Analytical testing

Hazardous waste management

Training

31. Please select the rating that best describes your 2020 shop practice in each of the areas listed below.

*Select ONE rating per row.*

	<u>Do not have</u> written procedures	Have written procedures, <u>but need updating</u>	Have written procedures, and <u>they are current</u>
Application procedures (liquid and/or powder coating)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Washer quality/performance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Testing procedures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



## Finishing Practices & Technology

32. What was your shop's average **transfer efficiency** for each process in 2020?

*Please round each percentage to a whole number and enter without a % sign.*

Liquid coating

Powder coating

Electrocoating

33. Thinking of 2020, what percentage of your shop's lines were **reclaim systems** rather than spray to waste?

*Please round each percentage to a whole number and enter without a % sign.*

% of powder coating lines reclaim

% of electrocoating lines reclaim



## Finishing Practices & Technology

34. Which of the following **substrates** did your shop finish in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum               | <input type="checkbox"/> Magnesium             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Die Cast      | <input type="checkbox"/> Steel                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Composites             | <input type="checkbox"/> Zinc Die Cast         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Galvanized Metal       | <input type="checkbox"/> Zinc Plated Metal     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lead                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 3-D Printed Materials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |  |

35. Which additional types of **finishing operations** did your shop perform in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abrasive Blasting         | <input type="checkbox"/> Polishing or Buffing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical/Mass Finishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum Coating       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plating                   | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these        |

36. Which types of **inspection processes** did your shop perform in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adhesion             | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Embrittlement  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appearance           | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Destructive Testing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coating Thickness    | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Spray              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Color and Gloss      | <input type="checkbox"/> Torque Tension          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrosion Resistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Immersion         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cure                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Wet Analysis            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Specific    | <input type="checkbox"/> Viscosity               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dimensional          | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filters              |  |

37. Which types of **automation** did your shop use in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- Automated process lines
- Process monitoring
- Process tank sensors
- Track product quality and defects
- None of these





## Finishing Practices & Technology

38. Which types of **pretreatment** did your shop use in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aqueous - zinc phosphate  | <input type="checkbox"/> Solvent wipe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aqueous - iron phosphate  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aqueous - nano technology | <input type="checkbox"/> None         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blasting                  |                                       |

39. Which types of **racking** did your shop use in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- |  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hook                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custom - built in-house | <input type="checkbox"/> None  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custom - outsourced     |                                |

40. Which **stripping** practices did your shop use in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- |   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burn off – oven          | <input type="checkbox"/> Water blast |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical stripping       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fluidized sand stripping | <input type="checkbox"/> None        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grinding                 |                                      |

41. Which **curing** methods did your shop use in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convection    | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural gas heat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electric heat | <input type="checkbox"/> Other            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Infrared      | <input type="checkbox"/> None             |



## Finishing Practices & Technology

42. About how often did your shop **calibrate equipment** in 2020? *Select ONE per row.*

	Weekly or more	Monthly	Quarterly	Every 6 months	Once
Guages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inspection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ovens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

43. Did your shop have onsite an **environmental room** with temperature and humidity control in 2020?

- Yes  
 No

44. Please indicate how, if at all, your shop acquired **software** for the purposes listed below. *Select ONE per row.*

	Built in-house	Purchased	Do not have software
Order management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preventative maintenance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality assurance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



## Business Strategy

**The next section of the survey includes questions pertaining to financial, operational and customer information.** Be assured that all responses will remain confidential.

In addition to these metrics being useful in benchmarking and scoring, *Products Finishing* is taking Top Shops analysis to the next level by identifying key drivers of revenue and profit to help you establish priorities. These analyses depend on having large base sizes. Please answers all questions so we can deliver actionable insights back to you.

*Please read the instructions at each question for the accepted format for responses. If you receive an error message and your format is correct, your value is likely an exception outside of the reasonable range, and won't be accepted.*



## Business Strategy

45. Please provide your shop's 2020 **gross sales per finishing line** in USD.

*Example: if your gross sales were \$5000 and you have 2 lines, you would enter 2500. Please round to the nearest whole number and enter without any signs or symbols.*

46. Please provide your shop's 2020 **gross sales per employee** in USD.

*Example: if your gross sales were \$5000 and you have 20 employees, you would enter 250. Please round to the nearest whole number and enter without any signs or symbols.*

47. Were any **capital investments** made in equipment for your shop in 2020? *Select ONE only.*

- Yes
- No
- Not sure



## Business Strategy

48. Please provide your shop's 2020 **capital equipment expenditure as a percentage of gross sales**. Round to the nearest whole number and enter without a % sign.

Formula =  $[(2020 \text{ cap equip exp} / 2020 \text{ gross sales}) * 100]$

*Example: if your capital equipment expenditure was \$500 and your gross sales were \$5000, you would enter 10.*

49. Please provide your shop's **percent change in annual sales** from 2019 to 2020 using the following formula. Round to the nearest whole number, using a minus sign if necessary.

Formula =  $[(2020 \text{ gross sales} - 2019 \text{ gross sales}) / 2019 \text{ gross sales}] * 100$

*Example: if your 2020 sales were \$5000 and your 2019 sales were \$4000, you would enter 25.*

50. Please provide your shop's 2020 **overall profit margin percentage**, defined as your shop's net income (after tax) relative to gross sales, rounded to the nearest whole number. Include a minus sign if your number is negative.

Formula =  $[(2020 \text{ net income} / 2020 \text{ gross sales}) * 100]$

*Example: If your 2020 net income was negative \$300 and your gross sales were \$5000, you would enter -6.*

51. Please provide your shop's 2020 **ROA**, defined as your shop's net income (after tax) relative to total assets, rounded to the nearest whole number. Include a minus sign if your number is negative.

Formula =  $[(2020 \text{ net income} / 2020 \text{ total assets}) * 100]$

*Example: If your 2020 net income was negative \$300 and your total assets were \$5000, you would enter -6.*



## Business Strategy

52. Please provide your shop's **total revenue** for 2020 in US dollars. Providing your shop's revenue confidentially enables us to perform useful calculations on your behalf.

*Round to the nearest whole number and enter without any signs or symbols.*

53. For each process, please provide your shop's 2020 **revenue per employee hour** in USD. Consider only employee hours spent directly on each process.

*Example: if your revenue from liquid coating is \$5000 and employees worked a total of 100 hours on liquid coating, you would enter 50. Please round to the nearest whole number and enter without any signs or symbols.*

Liquid coating

Powder coating

Electrocoating

54. What percentage of your shop's 2020 total revenue came from each **process**?

*Please round each percentage to a whole number and enter without a % sign. Your percentages must sum to 100.*

% Liquid coating

% Powder coating

% Electrocoating

55. What percentage of your shop's 2020 total revenue came from each of the following **types of lines**?

*Please round each percentage to a whole number and enter without a % sign. Your percentages must sum to 100.*

% Indexing

% Conveyor

% Batch





## Business Strategy

56. Which of the following **supply chain practices** did your business use in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certification of major suppliers       | <input type="checkbox"/> Just-in-time deliveries to customers               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborative design with customers    | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilizing customer forecasts                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborative design with suppliers    | <input type="checkbox"/> Vendor-managed or -owned inventories               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Customer satisfaction surveys          | <input type="checkbox"/> Vendor-managed or -owned inventories for customers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Just-in-time deliveries from suppliers | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these                                      |

57. Which of the following **marketing tools** did your business use in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blogs                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Print advertising (i.e. magazines)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brochure/catalogs        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sales personnel                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Customer tours of shop   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email promotions         | <input type="checkbox"/> Trade shows/events                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Online - advertising     | <input type="checkbox"/> YouTube                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Online - company website | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these                              |

58. Below are business practices that your shop may or may not apply. Please select all that you consider to have been in place at your shop in 2020.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regularly scheduled, formal review of the state of the business | <input type="checkbox"/> Regularly scheduled management/department head meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Periodic, informal review of the state of the business          | <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional management/department head meetings          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business metric goal setting                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Steering board/committee including outside membership   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business strategy development                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these   |





## Business Strategy

59. How many **active customers** did your business have in 2020?

60. What was your **customer retention rate** for 2020? This is the number of customers in 2020 who were also customers in 2019, as a percentage of your 2019 total customer base. Enter your number without a % sign.

*Example: If you had 50 customers in 2020 who were also customers in 2019, and a total of 60 customers in 2019, your customer retention rate would be 83%, and you would enter 83. You may enter decimals but no other signs or symbols.*

61. What percentage of **new business quoted in 2020 was actually booked**? Enter your number without a % sign.

*Example: if you quoted 80 new jobs in 2020 and booked 40, you would enter 50. You may enter decimals but no other signs or symbols.*

62. How much did your shop spend, in USD, on **materials** for each of these processes in 2020?

*Please enter numbers only, rounding to the nearest whole number; decimals, symbols and words are not accepted.*

Liquid coating

Powder coating

Electrocoating



## Business Strategy

63. In which categories do you anticipate your shop will make **purchases** in 2021?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid Application Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Washers              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Powder Application Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Turnkey Systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Racking Equipment            | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemicals            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Testing Equipment            | <input type="checkbox"/> Ovens                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spray Booths (liquid/powder) |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)       |   |

- No purchases expected in 2021

64. What coatings or services would you like to add to your shop in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custom masking         | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Vapor Deposition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrocoat            | <input type="checkbox"/> Powder Coatings           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electroplating         | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum Coating            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid Coatings        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |  |

- None

65. How many **peer group audits** did your shop conduct in 2020?

*Please enter whole numbers only; decimals, symbols and words are not accepted.*

66. How many **formal customer audits** did your shop host in 2020?

*Please enter whole numbers only; decimals, symbols and words are not accepted.*





## Training & Human Resources

67. How many **total people** did your shop employ in 2020 at the location(s) you're answering for?

68. How many employees at this location were **shop floor employees** in 2020?

69. Do you plan to increase, decrease or keep the same the number of employees in 2021? *Select ONE response.*

- Increase
- Decrease
- Keep the same

70. What was your shop's **annual labor turnover rate of shop floor employees** in 2020? This is the number of voluntary plus involuntary separations of shop floor employees as a percentage of the usual total number of shop floor employees. Enter your number between 0 and 100 without a % sign.

*You may enter decimals but no other signs or symbols.*

*Example: If 6 shop floor employees left in 2020 and your usual shop floor staff totals 30, you would enter 20.*



## Training & Human Resources

71. Thinking of all the sprayers working for your shop in 2020, about what percentage came from **other positions in your shop** and what percentage came from **outside your shop**?

*Please round each percentage to a whole number and enter without a % sign. Your percentages must sum to 100.*

% within shop

% external

72. Thinking of all the training conducted for your sprayers in 2020, what percentage was conducted by **in-house resources** and what percentage was conducted by an **outside vendor**?

*Please round each percentage to a whole number and enter without a % sign. Your percentages must sum to 100.*

% in-house

% vendor

73. Thinking of all the sprayers working for your shop in 2020, about how many **years experience** do they have, on average?

74. Did your shop have any **accident incidents** in 2020?

- Yes  
 No  
 Not sure



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75. What was your shop's **annual accident incident rate for shop floor employees** in 2020? This is the number of shop floor accident incidents as a percentage of the total usual number of shop floor staff. Please enter your number between 0 and 100 without a % sign.

*You may enter decimals but no other signs or symbols.*

*Example: if you had 2 accident incidents in 2020 and your usual shop floor staff totals 30, you would enter 6.67.*

76. Which of the following designated **safety roles** did your shop have in place in 2020?

- Safety manager
- Safety committee
- None of these

77. What was your shop's insurance **Experience Modification Rate (EMR)** for 2020?

*You may enter decimals but no other signs or symbols.*



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78. What was the **average hourly wage rate** in USD for hourly paid, non-management shop floor personnel in 2020, excluding overtime?

*Please enter a number. You may enter decimals but no other signs or symbols.*

79. Which **human resource practices/programs** did your business use in 2020? *Select ALL that apply.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 401(k) plan                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Formal safety/health program    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual review and raise program   | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader/supervisor development   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apprenticeship program            | <input type="checkbox"/> Paid medical benefits           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bonus plan                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Profit- or revenue-sharing plan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education reimbursements          | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaming/team-building practices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employee ownership options (ESOP) | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Formal employee training programs |  |

80. Were any of your shop's employees **part of a union** in 2020?

- Yes  
 No



## Almost Finished!

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