AkzoNobel

Huron

Packaging Coatings Plant since 1966

History

Huron is a packaging coatings site for AkzoNobel which began manufacturing resins, paints and coatings for packaging and decorative paint industries in 1966.

Among other coatings, Huron manufactures internal coatings for beverage can linings, including:

- Epoxy coatings brand, Aqualure
- BPA non intent coatings brand, Accelshield™ packaging coatings
- Accelshield™ 150 is the industry preferred BPA-Ni coating for customers needing a fit-for-purpose BPA-Ni coating
- Accelshield™ 200 and 300 are next generation BPA-Ni coatings currently under development for customers needing enhanced performance levels
- Aquaprime 800

Huron also manufactures external coatings for beverage can ends.

In 2023 a new pilot manufacturing plant opened in Huron that provides advanced capabilities connecting innovation, research and development with trials and production to accelerate time to market for resin innovations.

- Huron's pilot plant is an extension of the work that has been done at Strongsville's R&D center and will ensure we consistently meet market needs as we efficiently scale up our innovative resins.

Huron Today

Site headcount: Huron has about 50 employees total who volunteer in the community approx. 100 hours each year.

Strongsville's Research and Development Center is 40 people strong, including a focused team of 8 resin and finished goods specialists dedicated to the Huron factory.

Activities: Production and logistics

Segments:

- Coil & Extrusion Coatings
- Industrial Wood Finishes
- Metal Packaging

Operations

Operating pattern: 5 days x 3 shifts

Main Products:

- Manufacturing waterborne epoxy coatings for beverage can lining since the 1970's
- Production of the first generation of acrylic BPAni coatings for beverage can lining since 2013
- Now leveraging the new pilot facilities to scale-up the latest generation of acrylic coatings for the lining of beverage cans
- Waterborne and solventborne resins for use in the production of AkzoNobel Coatings