



Recent Progress in Polymer Coatings

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Until now, topical issues on marine fouling have been associated with the coating of ship hulls; cooling pipes of engine cooling systems; and constructions with marine plankton, mollusks, and algae. Another important problem is the fight against the bacterial and fungal growth of various medical devices, which causes the spread of hospital infections. In addition, the issue of combating corrosion of metal structures and reinforced concrete structures is always relevant.

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