UNILEVER

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Steel Grating Treads Used for Crossover Platform at Unilever







THE SITUATION

Unilever is a British-Dutch worldwide company that has created over 400 brands, including some of the worlds best known product lines, including Good Humor, Dove and hundreds of others. Founded on January 1st, 1930, Unilever is a dual-listed company (two corporations acting as a single business) with Unilever N.V. based in the Netherlands and Unilever PLC based in the United Kingdom. An outside fabricator, located in Illinois, worked with Unilever to build a crossover platform for one of their facilities. The fabricator brought in *Slip*NOT® to provide slip resistant stair treads to be used as part of the crossover staircase, to increase traction in a potentially slick environment.

THE SOLUTION

The fabricator ordered various pieces of 19W4 steel grating in sizes 1-1/4" x 3/16" x 9-3/4" x 36", 1" x 3/16" x 23-15/16" x 35-13/16 and 1" x 3/16" x 15-5/8" x 35-13/16". The 1-1/4" pieces were used for the stair treads and the 1" pieces were used as landings for the crossover. Since the pieces were cut to size, the installation of the grating was easy to complete in the field. The pieces were ordered in mill finish and painted later on in the field to fit the job specifications. Steel grating needs to be painted or galvanized to protect from rust and corrosion.

*Slip*NOT® steel grating can be fabricated to fit specifications or can be ordered in stock sizes. The grating can also be ordered in light duty or heavy duty styles to fit the individual application. Steel grating coated with *Slip*NOT® has a file hard surface between 55-63 on the Rockwell "C" scale and a bond strength of at least 4,000 psi.

THE IMPACT

*Slip*NOT® cut to size steel grating instantly created a safe walking surface on a crossover staircase at Unilever. *Slip*NOT® products retain their traction even while coated in slick lubricants like oils and water that can be found in manufacturing plants. Workers at Unilever can count on *Slip*NOT® products to keep them on their feet while working in any situation.