

**Westpac Stadium, Wellington**

**System:**  
Exterior Structural Steelwork  
Interzinc 215  
**Year:** 1999  
**Total Area coated:** 22,000m<sup>2</sup>  
**ISO Environment:** C5



**Northland Events Centre**

**System:**  
Exterior Structural Steelwork  
Interzinc 42  
Intergard 475HS  
Interthane 990  
Interchar 212/Interchar 963  
were also both used on the project  
**Year:** 2010  
**Total area coated:** 2,000m<sup>2</sup>  
**ISO Environment:** C3

# NEW ZEALAND: SERIOUS ABOUT THEIR SPORT AND PROTECTING IT

When the All Blacks played Australia in early August, a new chapter in history was written on one of the most famous rugby grounds in the world

Eden Park hosted its first game of rugby in 1913 with a wooden grandstand that catered for 3,000 people. Nearly a hundred years later the revamped stadium will host its first international 'test' match in front of 50,000 eager fans. Later in the year the stadium will play host to a maximum of 60,000 people at the Rugby World Cup 2011.

New Zealand has long yearned for a first class sporting facility, and such a large investment in a world class facility calls for the very best coating protection available.

AkzoNobel have provided just that.

Located in Auckland, Eden Park has seen the biggest upgrade and redevelopment of all the stadia throughout the country. The project involved the redevelopment and

construction of the new three tier southern stand as well as a new eastern stand.

The new southern stand incorporated a new roof canopy structure with exterior steelwork supporting the canopy structure. Within the stadium complex there were also extensive areas of visible structural steelwork.

Due to the size of this project, four steel fabricators worked to ensure this stadium met the proposed deadline, a deadline so tight that many contractors walked away from the project before it even started, claiming it would never be completed on time. Against all odds and with sheer hard work, the stadium was completed in September 2010, one month ahead of time.

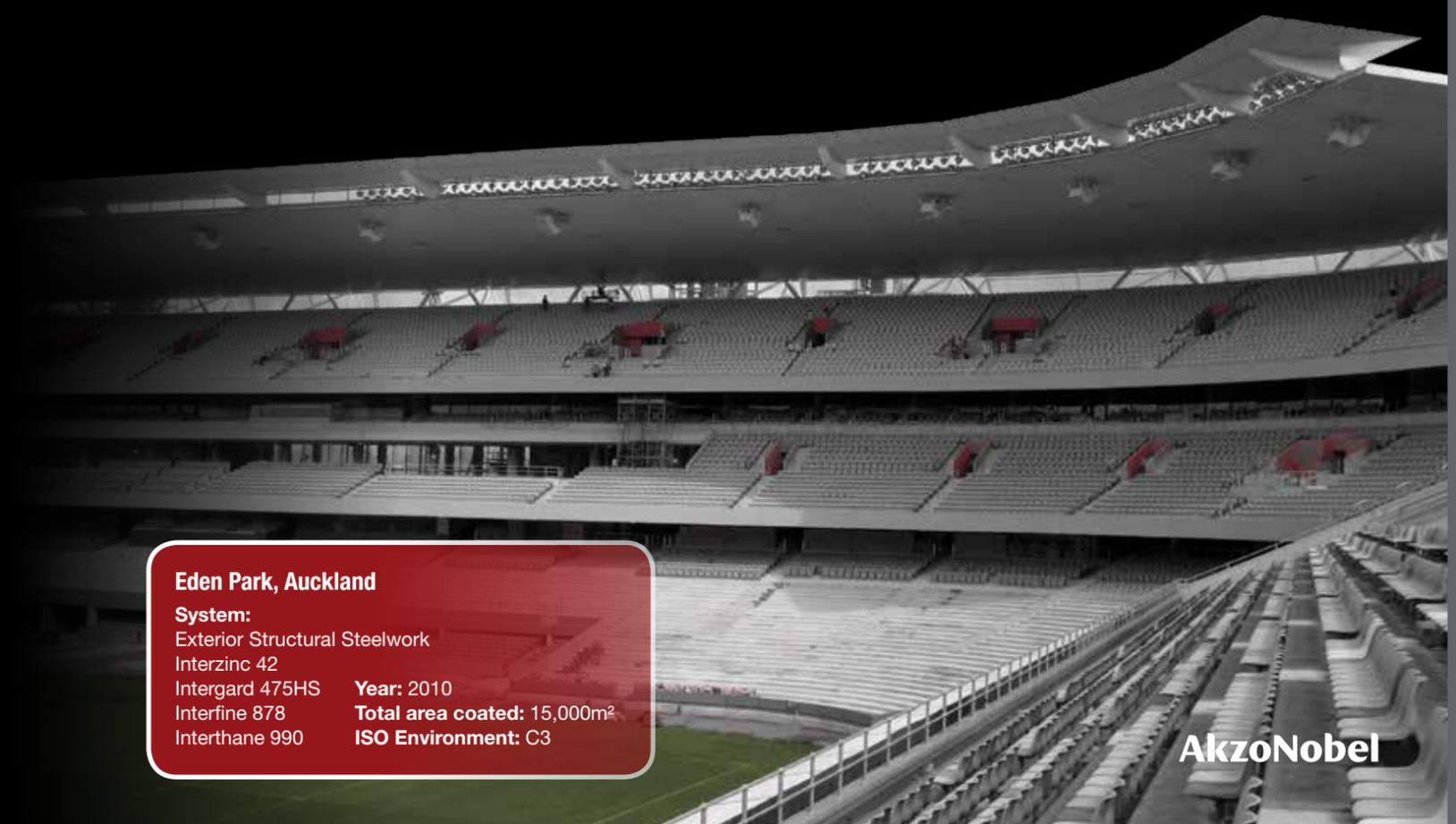
AkzoNobel's job is to ensure that this hard work will be enjoyed by rugby and other sporting fans for many years to come. To achieve this, we supplied products including: Interzinc® 42, Intergard® 475HS, Interfine® 878, Interthane® 990 and Interthane 870.

Anti-corrosive properties together with the colour retention and optimum longevity of Interfine 878, Interthane 990 and Interthane 870 will ensure New Zealand's Eden Park will remain protected and looking good for the long term.

Many of New Zealand's other rugby stadiums have undertaken upgrades and transformations giving them a new life in recent years. AkzoNobel have ensured many of these stadiums are protected with quality products that will deliver winning results.

**Eden Park, Auckland**

**System:**  
Exterior Structural Steelwork  
Interzinc 42  
Intergard 475HS  
Interfine 878  
Interthane 990  
**Year:** 2010  
**Total area coated:** 15,000m<sup>2</sup>  
**ISO Environment:** C3



**Other stadiums protected by AkzoNobel in New Zealand include:**

**Westpac Stadium - Wellington**

Being the main sports stadium in the lower North Island and the largest round stadium of New Zealand, there was 22,000m<sup>2</sup> of area requiring coatings.

Interzinc 215 was used as a low cost option for long term protection in a highly corrosive environment, with the stadium located right next to Wellington Harbour.

The success of this project did not only lie in the protective coatings supplied but also in the relationships built. Prior to this project, the applicator only used International<sup>®</sup> products now and again, resulting in supply of about 5% of their total work. Due to the success of this project and the relationships built it meant AkzoNobel now supply almost 95% of their work.

**Northland Events Centre**

Located in Whangarei, this stadium, also known as Toll Stadium, is the traditional home of Northland Rugby and has hosted several international rugby games. It recently underwent a significant facelift to become a multi-function events centre for the Northland region, and hosts events for rugby league, soccer and field hockey, to name a few.



**AMI Stadium – Christchurch**

Based in Christchurch and founded as Lancaster Park in 1880, it is currently known as AMI Stadium due to sponsorship rights. Since being built a remarkable variety of sporting activities and events have taken place here – and, for many a Cantabrian, passionate memories of sporting triumphs and challenges on these grounds will live forever.

New Zealand's second largest rugby stadium has unfortunately fallen victim to the recent earthquakes in Christchurch. Liquefaction on the playing surface, repairable structural damage as well as substantial damage to surrounding streets and infrastructure have all combined to see this magnificent stadium closed until early 2012.

**AMI Stadium, Christchurch**

**System:**

Exterior Structural Steelwork

Interzinc 42

Intergard 420

Interthane 870

Intercure<sup>®</sup> 200

Interchar 212

Interthane 870

**Year:** 2009

**Total area coated:** 22,000m<sup>2</sup>

**ISO Environment:** C4

