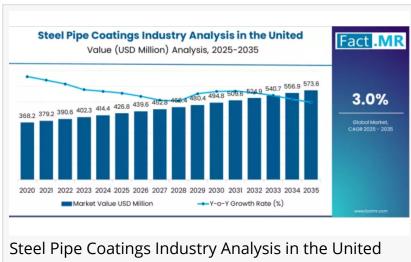


# Steel Pipe Coatings - Top UK Industry Trends in 2026

*In terms of ownership, oem/coating lines* segment to command 61.8% share in the steel pipe coatings industry analysis in the united kingdom in 2025.

ROCKVILLE, MD, UNITED STATES, November 19, 2025 / EINPresswire.com/ -- The UK steel pipe coatings industry is entering a phase of consistent expansion between 2025 and 2035, driven by rising infrastructure modernization, increased oil & gas pipeline rehabilitation, stringent environmental



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standards, and growing investments in corrosion-resistant technologies. Steel pipe coatings ranging from fusion-bonded epoxy (FBE), liquid epoxy, polyethylene and polypropylene coatings, to zinc-based and thermal spray coatings play a critical role in extending pipe lifespan, enhancing performance, and preventing corrosion in energy, construction, water management, and industrial applications.

#### Market Size and Growth

The demand for steel pipe coatings in the United Kingdom is projected to grow from USD 426.8 million in 2025 to USD 573.2 million by 2035, marking an absolute increase of USD 146.4 million over the decade. This represents a total growth of 34.3% and a CAGR of 3.0% between 2025 and 2035.

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This steady, moderate growth reflects the importance of steel pipe protection across critical sectors, particularly in aging pipeline networks, water infrastructure upgrades, and the transition to low-carbon energy systems.

### **Key Growth Drivers**

Infrastructure Modernization and Pipeline Rehabilitation

The UK's aging pipeline networks—especially in water distribution, district heating, and oil & gas—are driving substantial demand for advanced coating solutions. Corrosion protection, leakage reduction, and system longevity are primary priorities for operators.

Transition to Carbon-Neutral Energy Systems

As the UK progresses toward its 2050 net-zero goals, the shift toward hydrogen transport, carbon capture pipelines, and renewable energy infrastructure increases the need for high-performance coatings that can withstand new operating environments.

Regulatory Push for Durability & Environmental Safety

Strict UK and EU-aligned standards related to corrosion resistance, environmental safety, and VOC emissions are accelerating adoption of advanced, eco-friendly formulations, including solvent-free epoxies and thermoplastic coatings.

Industrial Expansion and Water Sector Investments

Growing investments in water treatment, industrial facilities, and municipal infrastructure are fueling consistent demand for internal and external pipe coatings across sectors.

United Kingdom Market Insights

The UK remains one of Europe's most mature markets for industrial coatings, supported by strong regulatory frameworks, established pipeline operators, and a growing emphasis on sustainability.

Oil & Gas and energy transport remain the dominant demand centers.

Water and wastewater infrastructure represent a fast-expanding segment due to leakage concerns and aging networks.

Construction and industrial applications continue to adopt protective coatings to comply with safety and performance standards.

However, the market also faces certain constraints, including high compliance costs, fluctuating raw material prices, and pressure to transition rapidly toward environmentally sustainable coatings.

Technology Trends and Competitive Landscape

The UK market features a competitive mix of global coating manufacturers and regional specialists. Leading innovation trends include:

Advanced anti-corrosion technologies

Fusion-bonded epoxy (FBE), dual-layer polyethylene, and multi-layer polypropylene coatings continue to dominate due to strong performance in harsh environments.

Low-VOC and eco-friendly formulations

Solvent-free epoxies, water-borne coatings, and recyclable polymer coatings align with tightening environmental regulations.

High-performance thermal spray and metallic coatings

Zinc-rich and alloy-based thermal spray coatings provide superior resistance in marine and offshore environments.

Smart coatings and enhanced monitoring

Emerging solutions incorporate sensors for real-time corrosion monitoring and predictive maintenance, improving operational reliability.

## Challenges

Despite favorable demand trends, the industry faces structural and operational challenges:

Moderate CAGR, reflecting steady rather than rapid expansion.

High regulatory compliance costs, particularly around VOC limits and environmental impact. Raw material volatility, impacting epoxy resins, polymers, and specialty chemicals. Skills and training gaps for applying advanced or multi-layer coating systems.

Strategic Implications

For Manufacturers & Suppliers:

Diversify portfolios with eco-friendly, regulatory-compliant coatings while strengthening offerings in high-growth segments such as hydrogen-ready pipelines and water infrastructure. Emphasize durability, performance certification, and lifecycle cost reduction.

For Pipeline Operators & Contractors:

Adopt coatings that offer long-term corrosion protection, lower maintenance costs, and compatibility with next-generation energy transport systems such as hydrogen and COI pipelines.

For Investors:

The sector provides a stable, resilience-driven growth opportunity, particularly as infrastructure renewal and the energy transition continue to accelerate in the UK.

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#### **Outlook Summary**

From 2025 to 2035, the UK steel pipe coatings industry is set for steady and resilient expansion, supported by critical infrastructure upgrades, environmental compliance requirements, and the country's commitment to building sustainable, corrosion-resistant pipelines. While regulatory and cost pressures persist, opportunities are significant for companies delivering advanced, ecofriendly, and high-performance coating technologies. Manufacturers, suppliers, and infrastructure stakeholders will play a crucial role in shaping the UK's next-generation pipeline ecosystem.

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