

Abstract Submission Info Sheet

- Abstract Information
 - To submit your abstract, you will visit this link:
<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/105255-Nasf>
 - Follow the prompts and instructions (separate doc)
 - We will open the Speaker Portal where you will upload your content on 3/2. Link and instructions will be shared later

Program Name

SUR/FIN 2026 Abstract Submissions

Description

SUR/FIN, organized by the National Association for Surface Finishing (NASF), is the surface finishing industry's premier event, providing a dynamic venue to explore existing and state-of-the-art technology with suppliers, OEMs and applicators/users for gaining insight toward improving surface finishing operations.

The NASF Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) is seeking speakers with Surface Finishing experiences or a focus on New Technology to give exclusive, informative, non-commercial presentations for the SUR/FIN technical program. Each 30-minute presentation will cover the latest surface engineering and finishing technology topics that are seen impacting business today or trending for tomorrow.

Why Should You Participate?

SUR/FIN is the global surface finishing industry's annual event where professionals from around the world share ideas and experiences to help gain insight on practical applications, solve problems, discuss productivity improvements and introduce new technologies. Finishing professionals with various technology disciplines and specialties look to SUR/FIN to provide insight on solving their product, process and business challenges. As such, we are calling on leaders in the finishing industry to share their expertise and knowledge to help current and future generations of industrial finishers improve, compete and succeed.

Who Should Present?

- You should submit an abstract if your company is involved with new surface finishing or design processes or equipment that provide significantly improved results or performance. We are looking for non-commercial efforts from individuals who are able to engage and speak to large groups of their peers on topics directly relevant to industry.
- People involved in academia production, engineering, R&D, academia and testing, or evaluations in coatings or surface treatments are encouraged to present their topics, results & conclusions influencing all Industry applications including Automotive, Aerospace and Defense, Machinery Equipment / Industrial Tooling, Electronics, Oil & Chemical, Molds & Dies, Plastics and others.

Abstract Selection

Based on the subject matter of submitted abstracts, the TAC will determine the best conference session for the proposed presentation. Authors will be notified of the session in which the presentation will be best suited for the optimal development of the overall technical program.

Important Information for Prospective Speakers

- Written papers are encouraged. If they are based on non-commercial presentations given at the technical session, they can be published on the SUR/FIN Website or in other publications, including Products Finishing, or those sponsored by NASF.
- Abstracts should be as complete and concise as possible and will be subject to editing by the TAC for publication. Please note we've stipulated a 200-word limit.
- A balance of presentations, panel discussions and forums that best meet the needs of the audience is the focus of the collaborative effort of TAC members.
- For submission, please indicate your top two choices of topic categories where you believe your talk will maximize attendance and participation in the SUR/FIN technical sessions. Please note that, if chosen, the selection committee will take author choices into consideration but will assign presentations to sessions that best meet the needs of the conference and the attendees.
- **Abstract Submissions are due December 20, 2025. There will be a grace period until January 17, 2026**

Requirements

To submit a proposal you will be asked for:

- Author Credentials and complete Contact Information (including mobile number), brief Description of what attendees will learn in the session, and Abstract
- Author/Presenter Certification Acknowledgement
- Contact information for person submitting form

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The NASF Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) thanks you for your abstract submission for SUR/FIN 2026 in Rosemont, Illinois.

The Committee will take the next several weeks to review the submissions and build the technical program. You can expect to hear back from the committee the last week in February. If accepted into the program, please note that presentations will be due by **May 11, 2026** in order to be reviewed by TAC.

For any questions regarding SUR/FIN 2026 please contact info@nasf.org.