

# Matthews Arena

**Boston, MA**

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**Protective Coatings**

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## PROJECT TASK

Repair and bridge step cracking in previously applied coating on 30 year old exterior concrete coated walls.

## PROJECT SOLUTION

Apply an elastomeric, crack bridging, anti-carbonation membrane.

## PRODUCTS

Conpro Lastic



Top three and the bottom left and center photographs were taken "during" and the bottom right photograph was taken "after" the work was completed.



## PROJECT HISTORY

Formerly known as the Boston Arena, this icehouse opened its doors in 1910 predating its famous neighbor Fenway Park by two years and making it the oldest professional sports venue in Beantown. This historic venue gave birth to the Boston Bruins, the New England Whalers and the Boston Celtics and played its part as home ice for college hockey programs at nearby BU, BC, Harvard, MIT, Tufts and Wentworth Institute of Technology.

This repolished gem, now known as Matthews Arena, was named for George J. Matthews, Northeastern's Class of '56, and his wife, the late Hope M. Matthews who helped fund a major renovation in 1982. It is the world's oldest indoor ice hockey arena and one of the nation's exemplary athletic facilities now serving as the center of Northeastern's hockey and basketball programs.

Restoration efforts took place in the fall of 2015 and included the use of Conpro Lastic which has long been the choice of building

owners and a proven performer in New England climates. Because it effectively adheres to existing coatings and comes in 38 standard colors, it's a popular choice for contractors looking to bridge minor cracks and waterproof the building envelope while maintaining an eye for aesthetics. Two coats of Conpro Lastic were roller applied to cover all vertical exterior walls creating a superior waterproofing membrane and restoring its beautifully crisp and clean appearance.