

PERFORMANCE COATINGS

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Test Results

Sample panels of RAL 7012 matt, RAL 7040 matt and RAL 9006 matt metallic were processed through Express Aluminium architectural powder plant and coated to a film thickness of 48-68 microns, the panels were tested for mechanical performance, acetic acid salt spray and hot salt spray.

Mechanical Results

 Adhesion:
 UNI EN ISO 2409:1996
 Pass Gt0

 Pencil Hardness:
 ASTM D3363-00
 H-2H

 Impact:
 ASTM D2794-93
 >2.5Nm

 Bend:
 UNI EN ISO 6860:1996
 5mm

Erichsen: UNI EN ISO 1520:1995 >5mm no detachment or cracks

Buchholz Hardness: UNI EN ISO 2815:1998 >80

Acetic Acid Salt Spray ISO 9227: 1990

	RAL7040 Matt					
Time	No. of Blisters at scribe	Size	Surface Corrosion Adhesion at Scril			
250 Hrs	0	0	0	0-1mm		
500 Hrs	1	<1mm	0	0-1mm		
750 Hrs	1	<1mm	0	0-1mm		
1000 Hrs	micro blisters along edge of scribe	<1mm	0	<1mm		

	RAL9006 Matt					
Time	No. of Blisters at scribe	Size	Surface Corrosion	Adhesion at Scribe		
250 Hrs	0	0	0	0-1mm		
500 Hrs	1	<1mm	0	0-1mm		
750 Hrs	1	<1mm	0	0-1mm		
1000 Hrs	micro blisters along edge of scribe	<1mm	0	<1mm		

	RAL7012 Matt					
Time	No. of Blisters	Size	Surface Corrosion	Adhesion at Scribe		
250 Hrs	0	0	0	0-1mm		
500 Hrs	1	<1mm	0	0-1mm		
750 Hrs	micro blisters along edge of scribe	<1mm	0	0-1mm		
1000 Hrs	micro blisters along edge of scribe	<1mm	0	<1mm		

All three products passed the Acetic Acid Salt Spray tests with <1mm corrosion creep from the scribe and no surface corrosion through the body of the coating. Microblistering did occur along the edge of the scribe but did not exceed 1mm in size.



Hot Salt Spray ASTM B117 (Cabinet & Humidity temp 35c)

		RAL9006 Matt				
Time	Gloss Level	No. of Blisters	Size	Surface Corrosion	Cross Hatch	
250 Hrs	27%	0	0	0	0	Gt0
500 Hrs	27%	0	0	0	0	Gt0
750 Hrs	27%	0	0	0	0	Gt0
1000 Hrs	27%	0	0	0	0	Gt0

		RAL7012 Matt					
Time	Gloss Level	No. of Blisters	Size	Surface Corrosion	Adhesion at Scribe	Cross Hatch	
250 Hrs	35%	0	0	0	0	Gt0	
500 Hrs	35%	0	0	0	0	Gt0	
750 Hrs	35%	0	0	0	0	Gt0	
1000 Hrs	35%	0	0	0	0	Gt0	

All three products passed the Hot Salt Spray tests with no corrosion creep from the scribe and no surface corrosion through the body of the coating. Cross hatch adhesion tests after completing the 1000 hours showed Gt 0 will no loss of adhesion using the tape method ASTM D 1654. No change in gloss was noted before and after testing ISO 2813.