



# MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR ALUMINUM EXTRUSION

## ARE ANODIZED FINISHES RIGHT FOR YOU?

There is a place for anodized finishes. But that place may or may not be on your building products specifications sheet. Depending on your needs, Sherwin-Williams® coatings may prove to be a smarter choice for aluminum extrusion building products. For instance, our coatings are more than just time-proven. They're also tested to strict AAMA certifications. Whether you're designing or constructing light commercial projects, large commercial buildings or anything in between, here are some things to consider when choosing between anodized finishes and Sherwin-Williams coatings.

## COLOR CHOICES

Coatings offer a virtually limitless range of colors, allowing you to create a signature look and differentiate your project from other architectural buildings. Special finishes are also available, including high-intensity color, natural and metallic.

## COLOR CONSISTENCY

Compared with anodized finishes, coatings provide far superior color consistency from batch to batch. This makes it easier to color-match architectural elements such as glass, tile and stone.

## DURABILITY

Anodized finishes have a well-deserved reputation for durability. However, coating systems are getting more and more competitive in this area, with many offering outstanding protection against both Mother Nature and Father Time. If you haven't considered coatings for a while, it may be time to look again.

## MAKING REPAIRS

In high-traffic areas, coatings offer clear advantages compared with anodized finishes. Where there is damage or wear, coatings can be reapplied quickly and cost-effectively to aluminum components, resulting in a fresh, crisp factory-finish appearance. Anodized aluminum, however, cannot be refreshed in this way and is expensive to replace.



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## SHERWIN-WILLIAMS ALTERNATIVES TO ANODIZED FINISHES

We offer a range of coatings for everything from storefront window trim to monumental buildings. The following are just a few of our many coating systems that are smart alternatives to anodized finishes.



### ■ Fluropon®

Our flagship products. Each is formulated with 70% PVDF resins, which enables them to deliver better corrosion performance than anodized finishes. Field-tested and time-proven, these products meet or exceed AAMA 2605 criteria and offer superior UV protection, color retention and overall adhesion that monumental structures require for lasting beauty.

### ■ Flurospar®

This product family provides superior mar and abrasion resistance for aluminum building products and meets or exceeds AAMA 2605 performance criteria. To fit a range of needs, these systems include standard color and pearlescent formulations, plus solar reflective formulations.

### ■ Nanodize® II

A cost-effective alternative to anodizing, Nanodize II is designed especially for storefronts, entry systems, photovoltaic solar panels and high-traffic areas. It meets or exceeds AAMA 2604 performance criteria.

### ■ Acroflur®

Acroflur meets or exceeds AAMA 2604 performance criteria and provides enhanced hardness to resist wear from daily public contact. This hardness also protects against damage and reduces touchups that may be necessary after fabrication, transportation, on-site storage and building erection.

### ■ Acrodize®

Acrodize offers a sophisticated pearlescent look that is extremely hard. This makes it ideal for areas receiving heavy foot traffic, including storefronts, fast food restaurants, schools and universities, and shopping malls. Acrodize meets or exceeds AAMA 2604 performance criteria.

## AT YOUR SERVICE

We're here to help, and we'd like to work with you on your next project. If you have questions, contact: (866) 351-6900 or [extrusionhelp@sherwin.com](mailto:extrusionhelp@sherwin.com)

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