



Specifying Anodized Finishes

In order to achieve the desired finish on any project, it is of utmost importance to utilize a specification which is specific to the aesthetic and performance standards desired.

For most applications, the specification should read as follows:

Finish: All exposed surfaces of aluminum work shall receive an anodized finish that is in conformance with Aluminum Association Designation AA-_____¹. Color shall be _____² as furnished by AaCron, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, (763) 559-9141. The resulting anodized finish shall be continuous, fully sealed and free of powdery surfaces, blemishes and discoloration. The anodized coating shall meet all standards set forth by _____³.

Notes regarding blank spaces in the above specification

¹ Refer to the AaCron Technical Bulletin “The Aluminum Association Designation System for Aluminum Anodized Finishes” to determine the AA Designation that will be entered in this blank space.

² Refer to the AaCron Finishes chart to determine the AaCron Finish Code that will be entered in this blank space.

³ Fill in the blank here with the appropriate industry standard. Some common examples are:

Architectural **AAMA 611**

Military (clear) **MIL-A-8625F, Type II, Class 1**

Military (colored) **MIL-A-8625F, Type II, Class 2**

It is also good practice to include information pertinent to aluminum alloy selection in the project specification. The aluminum alloy and its quality have a great impact on the resulting color and appearance of an anodized finish. This statement will vary depending upon material application and aesthetic requirements. AaCron Technical Services personnel are able to easily guide you through this process. Call us at 763-559-9141.

Guidance through this process is available from AaCron’s Technical Service experts.

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