



ALUMINIUM FINISHING ASSOCIATION

Choice of Finish

Architectural projects benefit from the use of the appropriate finish to the aluminium and the architect's choice of finish is critical in determining the final appearance of the building.

For example architectural powder coatings offer a wide range of colours including whites to create the desired effect, anodised finishes are ideal for retaining the metallic appearance and lustre of the aluminium. PVDF paints are sometimes chosen for specialist applications subject to intense sunlight.

Comparative Advantages of Aluminium Finishes

	Anodising	Architectural Powder Coating	PVDF
Colour Range	**	****	****
Colour Consistency	**	****	***
Durability	****	****	****
Fade resistance	****	***	****
Abrasion Resistance	****	***	*
Small Batches	***	****	**
Metallic Appearance	****	***	***
Invisible repair	*	***	***
Formability	*	**	**
Ease of maintenance	***	***	***
Suitability for welded fabrication	**	****	****
Environmental Considerations	***	***	*

Key: Acceptable = * Fair = ** Good = *** Outstanding = ****