

SpecRite



Advantages of Anodized Finish vs. Mill Finish

Gasketing products with aluminum retainers are available in mill finish or anodized finish colors of clear, dark bronze, and gold. NGP recommends and offers clear anodized finish rather than mill finish on our Gasketing products because of the superior appearance and durability of the finish to stand up to cleaning agents, Ultra-violet rays and weather oxidation.

Mill finish extruded aluminum products are generally shiny in appearance and will have mill marks or lines from the extrusion process. Since mill finish is the final finish, these marks and lines remain on the product and are evident after installation on the project.

Mill finish products are much more easily nicked and scratched during manufacturing, handling and installation. These blemishes remain apparent on the final installed product.

Architects prefer the appearance of clear anodized aluminum products, which more closely match dull chrome or dull stainless finishes provided on other specified hardware items.

The properties that make an Anodized finish superior are:

- Finish cannot peel off - the coating is actually etched into the metal.
- Provides a deeper, richer metallic appearance.
- Uniformity of finish, no mill marks or lines.

- Unaffected by Sunlight including ultraviolet light.
- Hard abrasion resistant finish remains durable with use and cleaning.

For the best finish specify clear anodized finish on Gasketing products with aluminum retainers. NGP uses the suffix 'A' to our product numbers for our clear anodized finish. When comparing to determine if other manufacturers products have a clear anodized finish, please check their catalog for the appropriate finish suffix, as it varies by manufacturer and may be indicated by 'AA, C, or X'.

For more information, you can visit our website at www.ngp.com

