

AlumiGard™

Marine grade  
aluminium  
alloy for all  
roofing and  
cladding  
environments,  
especially  
'Extremely  
severe'.

 **ColorCote®**



# Our premium substrate will literally float your boat.

ColorCote® AlumiGard™ is our premium roofing and cladding product with the highest durability, formability and outstanding gloss and colour retention. Only AlumiGard™ with its superior corrosion resistance is designed for all applications, even extremely severe environmental conditions, because it's made from the same marine grade aluminium alloy used to build boats.

**Steel Made Better.**



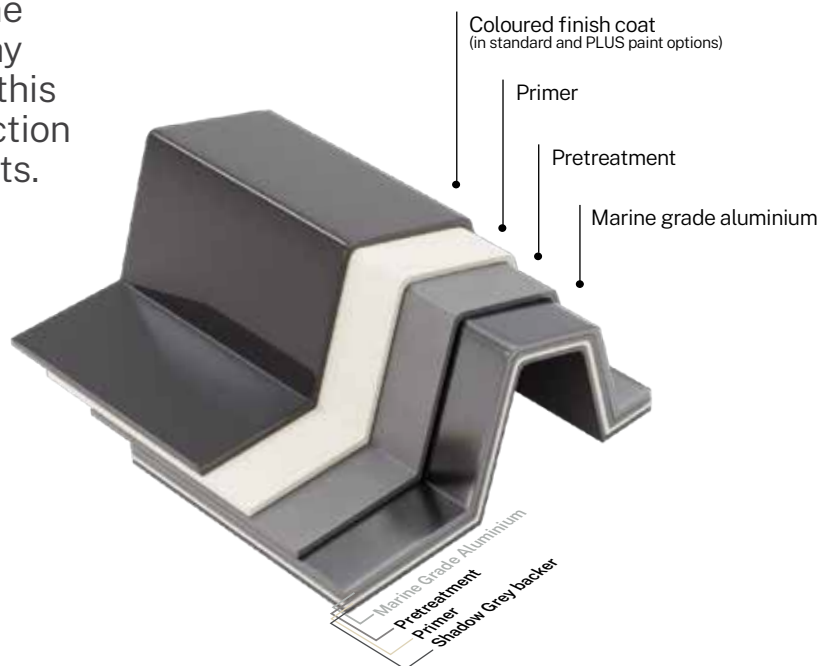
Leading  
New Zealand  
innovation in  
pre-painted steel  
and aluminium



Manufactured  
and marketed  
in New Zealand  
for more than  
40 years



**AlumiGard™** is made from marine grade aluminium alloy. That's why we can confidently recommend this substrate to give superior protection in the most extreme environments.



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## Technical

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Conforms to AS/NZS2728:2013  
Suitable for ISO9223  
Atmospheric Classifications C1 – CX

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## Substrate

Aluminium alloy type 5005 or 5052 marine grade, H34 or H36 temper.

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## Pre-treatment

Corrosion resistant chromate free conversion coating.

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## Primer

High build, flexible corrosion resistant polyester primer on both sides.

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## Finish Coat

Flexible exterior waterborne acrylic, or super polyester coating.

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## Backing Coat

Shadow Grey (standard colour) wash coat.

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## Gloss

Nominally gloss levels are 25% measured in accordance with ASTM D523-14 (60 degrees). A range of our colours can also be supplied in a low gloss version if required. Note, limited colour availability in low gloss.

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## Strippable Film

Products can be supplied with an optional strippable protective film at extra cost. This material has a relatively short life span when exposed to sunlight and weather. It should be removed either just before, or immediately after installation. If stored indoors strippable film should be removed within 12 months of delivery from ColorCote®.

## Need an extra durable finish?

**AlumiGard™ Plus** uses exactly the same aluminium substrate but comes with a more protective paint system designed for use in chemical, industrial or geothermal environments.

**AlumiGard™ Plus** has a restricted colour range, availability may be subject to longer than our standard lead times. Please consult with your ColorCote® distributor or contact us directly.

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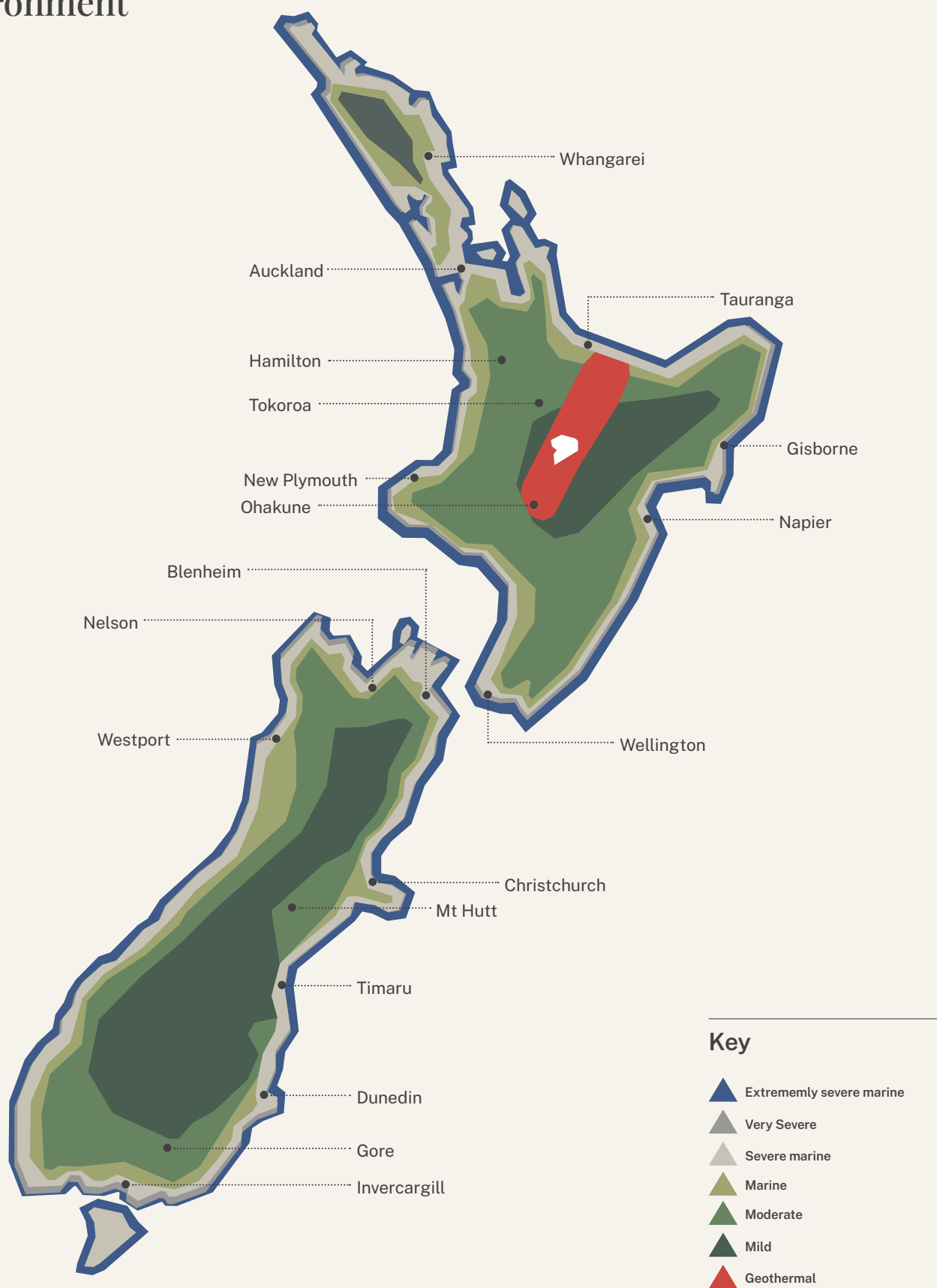
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## Finish Coat

The finish coat of ColorCote® AlumiGard™ Plus is a flexible exterior waterborne thermosetting acrylic paint that delivers added protection against chemicals or pollutants that may be found in industrial type environments. Ideally suited to applications such as airports, service stations, or geothermal.



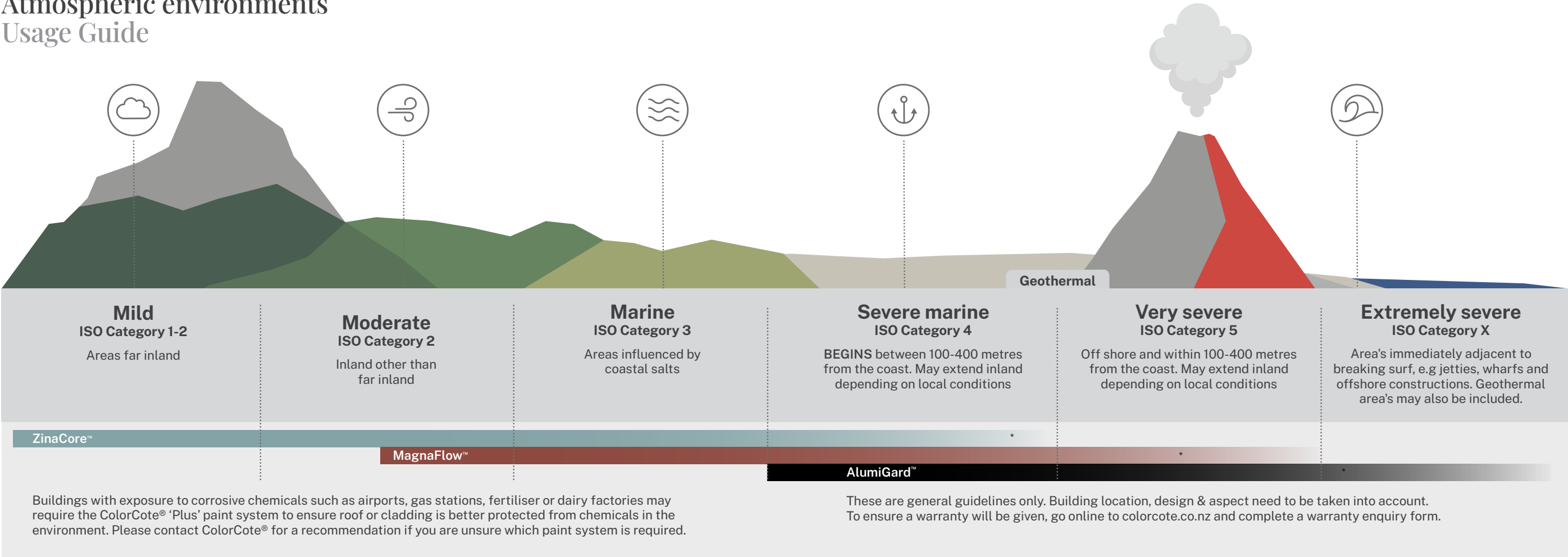
# Choose the right roof for your environment



Representative of NZ environmental classification borders only. Contact ColorCote® via the warranty enquiry form online to determine the environmental classification, recommended product and warranty information for your specific roof or cladding project.

# Atmospheric environments

## Usage Guide



### AlumiGard™ performance testing



#### Scratch resistance

Good scratch resistance. Testing includes needle scratch test – no marking of paint surface when a needle with a 2kg weight attached is drawn across. ASTM D5178-13.



#### Impact resistance

AS/NZS2728:2013 Table 2.2 and Appendix E. No loss of paint adhesion after a test piece is struck on the reverse side with a specified force, in line with the test methodology described in Appendix E.



#### Humidity resistance

Results from lab tests are backed up with ongoing testing in New Zealand's environmental conditions. Test sites are in Penrose, Auckland and Muriwai Beach, northwest of Auckland, providing real world testing in demanding industrial & marine environments.

Meets the requirements of AS/NZS2728:2013 Sections 2.8 and 2.9



#### Bend test

AS/NZS2728:2013 section 2.6.1 and Appendix F – No loss of paint adhesion when bent around a diameter equal to five times the thickness of the sheet.



#### Heat resistance

Suitable for continuous service up to 100°C. Continuous service at higher temperatures may cause some colour change and damage to the paint film.



#### Salt spray

Meets the requirements of AS/NZS2728:2013 Sections 2.8 and 2.10



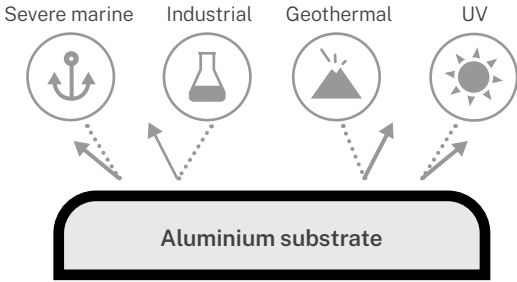
#### QUV resistance (durability of coating system)

Meets the requirements of AS/NZS2728:2013 Section 2.8 and Table 2.4 after 4000hrs exposure.

Note: Tests are conducted on a flat panel.

### Ultimate Corrosion Protection

AlumiGard™ is suitable for all roofing and cladding applications, even in very severe marine and geothermal areas where there is a high risk of deterioration from corrosive elements. This is due to aluminium's ability to 'self-pacify', or spontaneously form a thin and impermeable oxide layer which prevents further oxidation. a sacrificial anticorrosive reaction takes place and a robust seal is created.



The outer layer is an acrylic or polyester top coat baked on a polyester primer, resisting UV damage for outstanding colour and gloss retention. While the purchase and installation costs of AlumiGard are higher, it has considerably greater durability than steel, giving you decades of worry-free protection in the harshest environments.

Depending on the environment, ColorCote® offers warranties of differing lengths on AlumiGard™ for residential buildings.

		Environment (ISO CAT)				
		1-2	3	4	5	CX
Roofing	Paint	18 yrs	18 yrs	15 yrs	15 yrs	15 yrs
	Perforation	50 yrs	40 yrs	30 yrs	30 yrs	25 yrs
Cladding	Paint	15 yrs	15 yrs	15 yrs	15 yrs	15 yrs
	Perforation	30 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	20 yrs
Accessories*	Paint	10 yrs	10 yrs	10 yrs	10 yrs	10 yrs
	Perforation	15 yrs	15 yrs	15 yrs	15 yrs	10 yrs

\* These descriptions are general in nature and not intended to be definitive. Each geographic site needs to be assessed on its own merits. Commercial warranty details available upon request. Refer to specific warranty information for full terms and conditions, including exclusions and minimum maintenance requirements. Buildings close to industrial areas which are exposed to corrosive chemicals may require AlumiGard™ Plus (for added protection). Visit [colorcote.co.nz](http://colorcote.co.nz) and complete the warranty enquiry form.

## Performance

ColorCote® AlumiGard™ or AlumiGard™ Plus pre-painted aluminium products are excellent solutions for roofing and cladding in all environments, particularly Very Severe.

### Outdoor durability

Colour change during service will depend on the colour chosen, aspect, design of the structure and the environment.

Some chalking may occur. A maximum rating of 2 is expected after 20 years exposure, when measured in accordance with AS/NZS1580.481.1.11:1998.

Scale is between 0 and 5 with a lower number indicating less chalking.

The above are subject to minimum maintenance requirements.

## Roof pitch

Do not use a pitch less than three degrees (eight degrees for corrugated profile) to avoid ponding and premature degradation of the coating system

## Corrosion Resistance

In very aggressive environments ColorCote® AlumiGard™ and AlumiGard™ Plus will give superior protection from environmental effects. Care should be taken to avoid galvanic attack when AlumiGard™ and AlumiGard™ Plus is used in conjunction with certain other materials. Flashings should be AlumiGard™ and AlumiGard™ and fastenings should be aluminium or austenitic stainless steel.

## Thermal Movement

When using AlumiGard™ and AlumiGard™ Plus aluminium, only thermal movement along the sheet length need be considered, as thermal movement across the sheet is accommodated by the profile shape. Installation should allow for the amount of thermal movement likely to occur over the determined roof temperature change.

When pre-painted AlumiGard™ and AlumiGard™ Plus roofing and cladding is fixed to a steel structure, both the structure and the AlumiGard™/AlumiGard™ Plus expand and contract under the same thermal influence.

Aluminium expands twice as much as steel. The effect of this is often underestimated.

**Note:** As an approximation, pre-painted aluminium expands 1.2mm/m over a 50°C temperature change.

The temperature extremes of any metal roof will depend on a number of factors, especially the surface colour. The use of light colours will help reduce the thermal absorption of the paint coating and the subsequent thermal expansion.

**Contact your roofing manufacturer about thermal movement and maximum lengths as well as fastening or fixing options.**

## Recommended end uses

AlumiGard™ is suitable for roofing, cladding and rainwater goods. AlumiGard™ is ideal for exterior applications such as 'very severe' marine or salt-laden environments. It may also be used for interior applications.

AlumiGard™ Plus is suitable for roofing, cladding and rainwater goods in environments where there is a very high risk of deterioration from corrosive elements in the environment, such as in industrial and geo-thermal environments.



## Site practice

If nestable profiles become wet while closely stacked, formation of wet storage stain or ‘white rust’ is inevitable.

To minimise the possibility of inadvertent damage:

- Inspect deliveries on arrival. If moisture is present, individual sheets should be dried immediately with a clean rag and then stacked and filleted to allow air to circulate and complete the drying process.
- Well ventilated storage is essential. Always store metal products stacked and filleted under cover in clean, well-ventilated areas.
- Outside storage. Where outside storage is unavoidable, make provision for a fall to allow water to run off. Fillet the sheets and cover with tarpaulin, allowing air to move freely and circulate.
- Installation. Best practice is to install upon delivery to avoid exposure to wet or humid elements.

It is the responsibility of the roofing contractor to avoid damaging the roof sheeting during its installation and fixing. Never drag sheets from a pile. Remove by ‘turning off’ the stack. Lift sheets onto the roof, and do not drag over the eaves or the purlins. Use clean footwear. Remove swarf and other contaminants regularly. Avoid transferring sunscreen from hands or knees on to painted AlumiGard™ as this can degrade the paint quality. Refer to the MRM Code of Practice for further information.

## Handling and rollforming

ColorCote® does not recommend rollforming lubricants as they will affect performance of pre-painted metal and will lead to staining and uneven, premature fading.

## Sealing and jointing

Where sealed joints are required, use only neutral cure silicon rubber sealant together with mechanical fasteners such as aluminium rivets. Do not weld or solder ColorCote® products.

## Touch-up paint

ColorCote® is a baked on paint system which has different weathering characteristics to standard air drying paints. Do not use touch-up paint on ColorCote® products. Minor scratches should be left alone.

## Clean up

Installation procedures involving self-drilling screws, drills and hacksaws etc will leave deposits of swarf and metal particles. These particles including blind rivet shanks, nails and screws should be swept and washed from the roof regularly. Refer to the MRM Code of Practice for further information.

## Underlay requirements

Safety mesh and some kinds of wire netting can be damaging to aluminium roof cladding, as salt-laden air can corrode galvanised underlay support and allow corrosion to occur at the netting contact points. To avoid this, cladding should be separated from the underlay by a high density polystyrene batten or alternative inert underlay support.

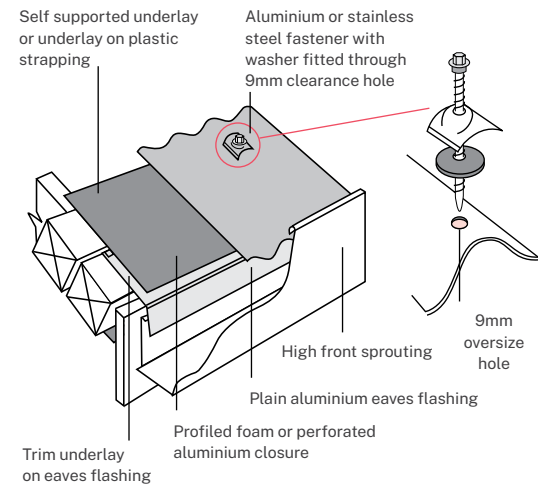


## Fastenings

Aluminium or 304 stainless steel screws will give the best service life with AlumiGard™.

Oversized holes with profiled metal washers must be used to prevent crevice corrosion. They are also required for expansion and contraction. In very severe environments, isolate the stainless steel fasteners from the aluminium substrate using profiled washers and/or grommets to prevent corrosion. In all cases ensure the fasteners are installed correctly.

For further details refer to the MRM Code of Practice or consult your fastening supplier.



## Storage

**On site – Wet or humid conditions**

On no account should uninstalled coils and sheets be allowed to get and stay wet. Rain or condensation is drawn between the surfaces by capillary action, and then cannot evaporate normally. This can cause deterioration of the coating leading to a significantly reduced life expectancy and poor appearance.

**Off site – Long term storage of coils**

Rollforming performance may be affected if coils are stored for more than 12 months. Warranty for material painted more than 12 months prior is by application to ColorCote® only.



## Installation

Refer to the MRM Code of Practice for correct installation guidelines, particularly in regard to underlays/building papers, penetrations, flashings, fasteners, pitch and storage.

## Unwashed areas

These are typically those areas that are not washed by natural rainfall, such as the underside of eaves, sheltered roofs or wall cladding, under solar panels etc. ColorCote® recommends the exclusion of unwashed areas by design wherever possible.

Where this is not possible, then a regular washing programme should be put in place. Contaminants should be removed by low pressure waterblasting (less than 1000psi) or washing with water and a soft bristle brush at least every 6 months, or more frequently in severe environments or if contaminant build-up keeps occurring. For full information, see the ColorCote® Minimum Maintenance Schedule.



## Important

**Care must be taken when using ColorCote AlumiGard™ and AlumiGard™ Plus pre-painted aluminium products with the following:**

**Cement:** Wet cement can have a corrosive effect on AlumiGard™ and AlumiGard™ Plus, so care should be taken to avoid cement splashes on the material. If this does occur it should be cleaned off immediately.

**Concrete and plaster:** The structural properties of AlumiGard™ and AlumiGard™ Plus are not significantly affected by contact with these materials. However, there may be some discolouration especially in wet conditions. Therefore, the AlumiGard™ and AlumiGard™ Plus material should be protected by an inert membrane at the points of contact.

**Wood:** Unseasoned wood and certain timbers may contain acids or chemicals which can cause galvanic corrosion. In mild atmospheres it is enough to seal the timber surface with an inert membrane at the points of contact with the AlumiGard™ and AlumiGard™ Plus. In severe and very severe conditions the two surfaces must be fully isolated by a gasket or rubber, neoprene or similar material.

**Copper and brass:** In no circumstances should AlumiGard™ and AlumiGard™ Plus be used in contact with brass, copper, or copper alloys as AlumiGard™ and AlumiGard™ Plus will corrode very quickly. If water runs off brass or copper onto AlumiGard™ and AlumiGard™ Plus, rapid corrosion can occur.

## Minimum maintenance

The service life is extended by regular washing. A manual wash every six months is recommended, more often if contaminants build up. Regularly inspect for damage and failing fasteners, and repair these. Failure to regularly wash areas that don't receive natural rainfall will void warranty.

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