

KiwiColour® Technical Bulletin: Use of Touch Up Paint

Kiwi Steel recommends that the use of touch up paint is best avoided on any KiwiColour® prepainted products.

KiwiColour® Vitor+ and Zenex+ consist of a steel base, with a zinc-aluminium coating (45% zinc and 55% aluminium alloy) to a nominal mass of 200g/m². A prepainted finish is then applied through a two-bake process to ensure the highest levels of colour and corrosion performance.

The KiwiColour® prepainted coating will have different weathering characteristics to air drying touch up paints – the short term appearance may be acceptable at first, however the two different paints will gradually weather and wear at different rates making the difference in colour more visible.

It is also recommended that any minor surface scratches are left alone as they will not detrimentally affect the corrosion performance of the product. However if damage caused during installation or by rough handling is serious and widespread, the affected material should be replaced.

If proper care is taken during installation and handling, there should be no need for the use of touch up paints. In any case where post-painting is necessary, such as to extend the lifetime of the prepainted product beyond its warranty period, please contact Kiwi Steel for post painting recommendations before any action is taken.

Figure 1. Example of excessive use of touch up paint



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