

MP3 painting system

The name "MP3 system" identifies a prepainted steel with polyester resins that guarantee a finished product of wide employment and presenting a good relationship between quality and price: it is mainly used in the field of the housebuilding, particularly for walls at sight, coverages and sandwich panels to be installed in normal environments with an average level of pollution, thus with an average foreseen duration of at least 10 years*.

Physical characteristics

Cold rolled steel, depending on the final quality required by customer, is subject to hot dip galvanizing as per Euro-norm and, in order to achieve the highest guarantee over the life of finished products, the zinc coverage shall never be lower than 140 g/m².

The painting cycle foresees a non-chrome treatment of nitro-cobalt salts and a passivation of zirconium salts of the galvanized steel: this set of treatments will support the application of 5 µm of primer and 20 µm of polyester paint to form a total dry layer of nominal 25 µm of organic protection.

For the lower side the application of 5/7 µm of foamable backcoat is foreseen or, under specific request by the customer, of the same painting cycle used on the upper side.

The colour matching / reproduction is very high despite the environmental standards of Marcegaglia impose the use of non-toxic paints only, that is formulated without any use of toxic pigments as for instance chromate, molybdate and lead salts pigments.

Chemical and quality characteristics

Salt spray resistance (EN 13523-8)	The test is performed with reference and according to euronorm and does not allow for blisters on the cross more than 2 mm per edge (total 4 mm) and, on the surface, more than the degree 8 from the ASTM D714 scale after 500 hours exposure
T-bend test (EN 13523-7)	The test determines the adhesion of the paint to the steel which must not exceed 1,5 t, and it is performed by tearing with adhesive ribbon the bending itself and the elasticity of the paint that must not crack over 2,5 t
Specular gloss (EN 13523-2)	It is measured with a gloss-meter having the incidence radius of 60° and must be within 30 ±5 gloss
Pencil hardness (EN 13523-4)	It is measured by engraving the paint at 45° with Koh-I-Noor pencils and must not be any lower than grade F
Resistance to solvents (EN 13523-11)	After 100 double rubbing (50 for metal colours) with cotton pad, soaked in MEK (metil-etilchetone) and pressure of about 1 kg, the paint must not show any discrepancy nor defect

(*) Provided both parties have reached an agreement and in presence of our evaluation of the installation site.