

STEEL Fact File

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FF4 – Touch-up paint essentials

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Fast Facts

- Never use touch-up paint to repair scratches on Clean COLORBOND™ steel cladding
- Air drying touch-up paints weather at a different rate to Clean COLORBOND™ prepainted steel
- After weathering, use of touch-up paint will result in an unacceptable 'blotchy' appearance



Behind the Facts

Q. What is the difference between touch up paints and the coating on Clean COLORBOND™ prepainted steel?

A. The unique oven baked manufacturing process which gives Clean COLORBOND™ steel its high performance colour and gloss retention properties, means its surface weathers differently to commercially available touch-up paints.

Air drying touch-up paints have inferior weathering characteristics to the oven cured, baked-on finish of the Clean COLORBOND™ prepainted coating systems.

After weathering, areas that have been touched up will look different from the Clean COLORBOND™ steel finish and may result in a blotchy appearance.

Q. How should I repair scratches on my Clean COLORBOND™ steel?

A. Minor scratches to the paint finish that are unnoticeable from the ground should be left alone. The available metallic coating will protect the cladding material.

However, widespread damage caused by rough handling or accident should be corrected by replacement of the affected material.

Q. Should touch-up paint be used at all?

A. It is BlueScope Steel's recommendation to not use air drying touch-up paint in any circumstance.

Pictured above:

The areas on these roofs that have been touched up have a very different appearance to the Clean COLORBOND™ prepainted steel. Variations in natural light conditions will emphasise these differences, producing an unacceptable visual appearance.



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