

## Qualicoat

Developed over 20 years and accepted in 20 countries, Qualicoat is an international benchmark of quality for the powder coating industry and is the only independent compliance system for powder coating in Australia.

Qualicoat specifies and verifies the powder coating practises of its members, in accordance with Australian and International Standards set in the Building Code of Australia. The system outlines the minimum criteria for the critical elements of powder application including pre-treatment, plant, powder, process control and testing.

Powder manufacturers products and pre-treatment systems are also tested and approved by Qualicoat

Administered through the Qualicoat division of the Australasian Institute of Surface Finishing (AISF), Qualicoat is audited by the independent Azuma organisation, which is accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA).

### Compliance certification

The powder manufacturer guarantees the coating performance of the Qualicoat-approved powder. They do not guarantee the pre-treatment or application of the powder. The pre-treatment and application is guaranteed by a Qualicoat applicator.

Qualicoat provides a Proven Risk Management System. In the unlikely event of a claim, documented and independently audited procedures provide strong supporting evidence of correct application practices.

One of the major benefits of Qualicoat membership is therefore compliance

certification, which is essentially proof of third party accreditation and compliance to Australian Standards.

### Benefits of membership

- Members provide a seven year warranty to their customers, within industry guidelines
- Provides members with a strong competitive advantage and point of difference
- Credibility through endorsement by the industry's major associations, the Australian Institute of Surface Finishing, Australian Window Association and Australian Aluminium Council
- Involvement in an all-inclusive marketing campaign will mean free promotional opportunities
- Qualicoat is based on the world's best powder coating practises
- Enables the best possible conditions for the end-product, ensuring each is fit for purpose
- An end-product bearing a Qualicoat sticker is testament of its compliance to Australian Standards
- Being Qualicoat-certified is testament of a powder coater's compliance to Australian Standards
- Qualicoat members have access to the latest news and technical support for continuous quality assurance

### Joinery Manufactures

- Compliance certification provides a competitive advantage
- Provides greater assurance of coating integrity, mitigating long term performance risks
- Provides considerable peace of mind that the powder coater you use has the materials, processes and support to get job right the first time
- Enables manufactures to market 'Qualicoat quality finishes'
- A selling point to specifiers, architect & builders



- Satisfies the Australian Window Association's Third Party Compliance scheme

### Applicators

- Compliance certification provides a competitive advantage
- Provides a proven risk management system
- Association with the best powder applicators in the country
- Continuous non-bias monitoring of process integrity, providing management with periodic assessment of plant and equipment capabilities
- Pull through of research from Qualicoat headquarters, Zurich
- On-tap updates regarding powder coating innovations and business opportunities

## Certificate of confidence

Recommending robust, durable building materials that can withstand Australia's erratic weather conditions and varied environments has become a priority for builders, who seek the peace of mind afforded by products tested by a third party to meet Australian Standards.

For powder coated aluminium windows, doors and facades, Qualicoat is the only independent compliance system in Australia and as such is the most important advance in quality control ever made by Australia's \$150 million-a-year aluminium finishing industry.

Developed for 20 years and accepted in as many countries, Qualicoat is an international benchmark of quality that sets strict standards

for the powder coating materials and processes of its members.

Guy Vissel, Qualicoat member and supporter, comments, "There are over a 1000 powder applicators in Australia," Guy continues, "...and they all coat different substrates. Unfortunately, not all applicators use the right pre-treatment systems, laboratories and processes. Powder coaters with Qualicoat accreditation have been independently tested to meet the standards set in the Building Code of Australia."

The Qualicoat system guarantees quality and compliance with AS3715, the Australian Standard for metal finishing as set in the Building Code of Australia (BCA). Under the

BCA, all suppliers to the building industry are required to provide a seven year guarantee of products.

Members are inspected by Azuma, which is itself a National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) approved laboratory and an Iso 9001-2000 quality endorsed company.

Hiring a Qualicoat member will promote the long term viability of powder coated aluminium finishes in Australia, as all Qualicoat members provide a seven year warranty.

**For more information about Qualicoat please visit [www.qualicoat.org.au](http://www.qualicoat.org.au) or call 03 9416 2222.**