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Confidence with Qualicoat

Australia's recent crazy weather patterns have affected home owners a variety of ways, as more people crave the peace of mind associated with building materials they can trust in any condition.

The life expectancy, appearance and durability of aluminium windows, doors and facades depends entirely on the finish. Extreme conditions of late have brought to light the benefits of powder coating as the most robust, economical and environmentally friendly option for finishing aluminium products and materials.

There are over 1,000 powder coaters in Australia, so the question then becomes, which ones can be trusted to do the best job?

The Australasian Institute of Surface Finishing (AISF), the Australian Window Association (AWA) and the Australian Aluminium Council (AAC) advise home owners to deal with Qualicoat members.

Qualicoat is the only independent compliance system for powder coating in Australia. It is an internationally recognised standard of quality that specifies and verifies the powder coating practises of its members, in accordance with Australian and International Standards set in the Building Code of Australia (BCA).

Guy Vissel, Qualicoat member and supporter, comments "A seven year warranty is now a requirement of the BCA, so now more than ever home owners must insist on a guarantee and on seeing a compliance certificate from their applicator or powder coating supplier. It's the only way you can make sure you're buying the best. A Qualicoat compliance certificate is your proof of third party accreditation."

Qualicoat outlines the minimum criteria for the critical elements of powder application including pre-treatment, plant, powder, process control and testing. Powder manufacturer's products and pre-treatment systems are also tested and approved by Qualicoat.

As a third party accreditation program, Qualicoat is inspected by Azuma, which is itself a National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) approved laboratory and an Iso 9001-2000 quality endorsed company.

Craig Brennan, Azuma auditor, said "Azuma administers two random compliance audits of Qualicoat members annually, similar to the third party accreditation system implemented by the AWA. These audits, the minimum seven year warranty and the compliance certificate provide you with a level of certainty, so you can be assured of the utmost attention to detail and the highest quality of finish when you deal with a Qualicoat member."

Powder coating has been protecting aluminium since its inception in the 1950's. The popularity of powder coated materials has increased due to its unique finishing properties, such as superior adhesion and increased impact, scuff and corrosion resistances (compared to liquid based systems). Texture selections range from smooth surfaces to wrinkled or matte finishes, and the colour palette is virtually unlimited.

The Qualicoat compliance certificate and the seven year warranty provide peace of mind, so all you have to do is select a Qualicoat member, sit back and relax. For more information on powder coating or Qualicoat-approved applicators, please visit www.qualicoat.org.au or call 03 9416 2222.

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