Standard Finish Color Guide

Kynar 500, Baked Enamel & Anodized

A variety of architectural paint color options in Kynar 500, baked enamel, as well as various anodized coatings, all compliant of AAMA specifications.

Kynar 500 - Meets AAMA 2605

70% PVDF (Kynar 500®) resin-based coatings offer the ultimate protection in building performance. These finishes exhibit outstanding resistance to humidity, color change, chalk, gloss loss and chemicals. These sustainable coatings will ensure a long-lasting, durable finish. No other coating system can withstand the rigors of nature and time like those based on the Kynar 500 resin. 70% PVDF resin-based coatings include standard color two-coat systems, consisting of a primer and color coat.

Baked Enamel - Meets AAMA 2604

Baked enamel coatings are harder than PVDF coatings and are often used for interior application where color retention, chalk, fade and weatherability is not required. Baked enamels are generally a one-coat system as no primer is required. In this process the color coat is applied directly to the aluminum.

Anodized - Meets AAMA 611 Class I

Anodizing is the process of electrochemically controlling, accelerating and enhancing oxidation of an aluminum substrate. The anodizing process, because it is an integral part of the substrate, produces an oxide film that is uniform, hard and protects the rest of the aluminum substrate from deterioration providing excellent wear and abrasion resistance with minimal maintenance in most environments.

The coating produced is extremely durable, and the hardness of the surface is comparable to a sapphire—the second hardest substance on earth. This characteristic makes anodize an excellent choice for use in high-traffic areas where resistance properties are important.

Anodized aluminum resists the ravages of time, temperature, corrosion, humidity and warping, adding to its long life cycle. Anodized aluminum is an inert material that is not combustible, 100% recyclable and poses no health risks.





Kynar 500 • Baked Enamel Standard shown, custom available.



Anodized Standard shown, custom available.



The colors shown are not exact and are intended for specification purposes. Upon request, Wasco, will supply an actual color chip or chips of the colors you have specified.

★ Standard finish for SkyMax unit skylights.

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Strengths & Limitations

	STRENGTHS	LIMITATIONS	
Kynar 500	 Color Retention (UV resistance) Salt-spray resistance Vast array of color choices Paint protects and maintains the structural integrity of the aluminum Field touch-up / repainting capabilities Small-batch and custom color capabilities - fast and cost effective 	 Fair hardness Cost of high-performance products Potential for inconsistent appearance of "metallic" paints Solvent based paints are not environmentally friendly without an oxidizer 	
Baked Enamel	 Environmentally friendly Hardness and abrasion resistance Vast array of color gloss and texture options Paint protects and maintains the structural integrity of the aluminum 	 Warranty - generally more limited and restrictive than liquid Kynar® Metallic Coating - cannot hold as much metallic flake content Touch-up and field repair Small custom color jobs are not cost effective due to minimum batch size No in-house blending of powder coat. Longer lead time for samples and color matching 	
Anodized	 Color stability Hardness, compared to a sapphire Durability, abrasion resistance Anodize protects and maintains the structural integrity of the aluminum Ease of maintenance 	 Limited color choices Difficult touch up Color may vary depending on alloy & trace elements in aluminum Surface imperfections of the aluminum may show through the anodize 	

AAMA Compliant

	KYNAR 500	BAKED ENAMEL	ANODIZED
AAMA Specification	2605	2604	611 - Class I
South Florida Weathering			
Color retention	10 yrs: Fade = 5 Delta E	5 yrs: Fade = 5 Delta E	10 yrs: Fade = 5 Delta E
Chalk resistance	10 yrs: Chalk = 8	5 yrs: Chalk = 8	N/A
Gloss retention	10 yrs: 50% retention	5 yrs: 30% retention	15 unit variation
Erosion resistance	10 yrs: 10% loss	5 yrs: 10% loss	No specification
Dry film thickness	1.2 mils minimum	1.2 mils minimum	0.7 mils minimum
Pretreatment System	Chrome or Chrome Free	Chrome or Chrome Free	No specification
Accelerated Testing			
Salt Spray	4,000 hours	3,000 hours	3,000 hours
Humidity	4,000 hours	3,000 hours	No specification

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