

# TOUCH-UP PAINTS

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## AND COLORSTEEL® BUILDING PRODUCTS



*An extreme example of the overuse of touch-up paint. Damage caused by poor fixing is best dealt with by replacement of affected sheets.*

New Zealand Steel does not recommend the use of touch-up paint on any of its COLORSTEEL® pre-painted products.

Air drying touch-up paints have different weathering characteristics to the baked-on finish of COLORSTEEL® coating systems. Variations in natural light conditions will emphasise these differences producing unacceptable aesthetic qualities.

Minor surface scratches are best left alone. They become less noticeable as the coating weathers and do not affect the corrosion inhibiting properties of the material. However, widespread damage caused by rough handling should be corrected by replacement of the affected material.

Colour matched fasteners and accessories can be purchased. These will eliminate loss of time and damage caused by touch-up painting. Nails and screws are available in pre-painted matching colours. Self tapping pre-coloured screws allow rapid installation and reduce the incidence of minor surface damage.

The use of pre-painted notched flashings and ridging eliminates the need to touch-up these areas. Because lead ribbon flashings may degrade ZINCALUME® based COLORSTEEL® coatings, soft zinc or aluminium ribbon should be used for flashings.

On occasions where the customer wishes to paint some ancillary part of the building or an adjacent building to match a COLORSTEEL® coating, standard house paint appropriately tinted, can be purchased from retail outlets. Because house paints have different weathering characteristics to COLORSTEEL® systems they must not be applied to COLORSTEEL® material.



*Touch-up paint is not required on carefully fixed COLORSTEEL® roofing*

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