

Coil coating or 'pre-painting' is the process where large coils of a variety of materials (including cold-rolled steels, hot dip galvanised, stainless steel, copper and aluminium) are coated in a continuous, highly automated process prior to final fabrication steps. **The benefits are:** 

### **Proven track record**

The flexible and durable performance of coil coated materials often outperforms other paint systems. Over 1.3 billion sqm precoated metal is used annually in Europe alone.

## **Smooth coating layer**

Painting metal 'in the flat' provides a uniform, smooth paint layer as opposed to spray painting or powder coating an assembled product with corners and edges. 'Orange skin' is unknown in coil coating.

### Sustainable production

Since coil coating is a closed loop process, all activities using chemicals and paints are carried out under strict process conditions, enabling high level environmental control.

#### Corrosion resistant

The resistance of coatings to corrosion depends on the pre-treatment of the substrate and the paint used. Cleaning, pre-treatment and paint application are optimal in coil coating facility environments, leading to an unquestionable advantage.

## **Colour versatility**

Coated aluminium can be supplied in virtually any colour. Gloss levels vary from high gloss to ultra matt.

## Coatings available

The variety of coatings is almost unlimited: Polyester, Polyurethane, Polyurethane-Polyamide, PVDF and Lumiflon offer solutions for almost every application.

### Reproducibility

Colour differences are also mimimal across batches due to the controlled process and environment, with no temperature or weather influences.

# **Flexibility**

Pre-painted aluminium can be slit, drawn, formed, bent, sheared, cut, blanked, lock seamed and adhesive bonded. It can be bolted, screwed, riveted, etc.

