A Superior Building Material

ArcelorMittal Galvalume™ is a coated steel product that has proven its superior performance as a building material in extended field testing in a diverse range of corrosive environments. Its unique combination of durability, edge protection, and resistance to corrosion is at least twice that of galvanized steel.

ArcelorMittal produces Galvalume coated steel sheet in the US and Canada and is the exclusive producer in Canada. The Galvalume coating is an alloy composed of 55% aluminum and approximately 45% zinc by weight. It is applied on both sides of cold-rolled steel sheet using a precise continuous hot dip process. The result is a highly corrosion resistant coated steel that combines the barrier protection and extended durability of aluminum with the galvanic protection of zinc.

Galvalume also offers exceptional heat reflectivity properties, resulting in a lower energy load on buildings and improved interior comfort.

From an aesthetic perspective, the fine spangle and gentle sheen of unpainted Galvalume offers a very attractive appearance.

Product Characteristics

Proven Superior Corrosion Resistance

Galvalume steel sheet can be expected to provide at least twice the service life of traditional zinc-coatings of similar coating thickness under the same exposure conditions. This has been proven by actual exposure tests using flat coupon samples, conducted over 36 years in the U.S.A. and 15 years in Canada.

The tests covered a variety of environments ranging from rural to severe marine. The following chart, comparing the performance of Galvalume and galvanized of equal coating thickness, shows that Galvalume has at least twice the service life versus galvanized.

![Service Life (Years To First Red Rust)](chart)

Enhanced Surface Treatment

ArcelorMittal offers a variety of surface treatments suited to specific manufacturing and application needs.

For unpainted applications, bare Galvalume Plus™ is available. Galvalume Plus has a clear, organic resin coating applied to both sides of Galvalume steel sheet, can be roll-formed without lubricants, and is delivered to the job site with an oil-free surface. See our Fact Sheet on Galvalume Plus for more information.

Unpainted Galvalume can also be passivated with a chemical treatment. With this treatment, Galvalume must be oiled with either vanishing or slushing oil.

If color is specified, Galvalume steel sheet can be ordered as prepainted coil. This option offers an additional layer of paint protection in a wide assortment of attractive colors and paint systems. See our Fact Sheet on Prepainted Galvalume Steel for more information.

Applications

Galvalume has many proven applications in Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Agricultural, and Residential Construction.

- Low-slope structural roofing
- High-slope architectural roofing
- Cladding and siding
- Quonset Buildings
- Pre-engineered Steel Buildings
- Building Accessories
- Construction Tubular
- Structural Steel Framing
- Appliance Components
- Automotive Parts
Points To Remember

Compatibility with Dissimilar Metals
All materials that can be used in contact with galvanized steel sheet can be used with complete safety in contact with Galvalume. However, as with galvanized, contact of lead or copper with Galvalume steel must be avoided, as it can result in accelerated corrosion.

Galvalume and galvanized can be combined on the same building project, although it is not advisable because galvanized will likely exhibit corrosion before Galvalume. As a design practice, when both materials are in contact, always use Galvalume downstream from unpainted galvanized steel, otherwise accelerated corrosion of the galvanized can occur.

Handling and Storage
To preserve the surface, handling should only be carried out using clean, dry gloves. Do not slide sheets over rough surfaces or each other.

As with galvanized or painted steel products, bundles of Galvalume steel sheets or products made from Galvalume steel in all finishes must be kept dry in transit. After transit, material should then be covered and stored off the ground, at a slight angle, to prevent water or condensation from being trapped between adjacent sheet surfaces.

If the bundles become wet, sheets should be separated, wiped with a clean cloth without delay and then placed so that air circulation completes the drying process. These procedures are recommended to avoid possible deterioration of the coating, which could result in non-uniform appearance.

Joining and Sealing
Recommended fasteners to be used on Galvalume steel sheet should have washers made of Neoprene or a similar material. (See table below). Fasteners containing lead or copper should not be used. Lead headed nails and lead washers should also not be used on Galvalume.

For sealing, neutral cure silicone sealants should be used. Sealants containing acetic acid or amines should not be used on Galvalume steel. Check with your sealant supplier for brand name recommendations.

Guidelines for Selection of Fasteners for use with Prepainted Galvalume Steel Sheet

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Galvalume sheet steel can also be ordered as a prepainted coil. Prepainted Galvalume offers an additional layer of paint protection in a wide assortment of attractive colours and paint systems. See our Fact Sheet on Prepainted Galvalume steel for more information.

Special Customer Note:
The Information in this Fact Sheet is provided for the general guidance of customers and does not imply any warranty. Information provided is based on research conducted by ArcelorMittal and other organizations. Interpretation and/or use of this information is the sole responsibility of the user.

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All Berridge-applied colors are premium fluoropolymer coatings produced with full strength Kynar 500® or Hylar 5000™ resin. This coating affords maximum exterior durability due to its outstanding resistance to ultraviolet radiation and this full-strength color finish carries a 20-year warranty against cracking, peeling and fading (not to exceed 5 N.B.S. units). These are the highest quality exterior finishes available among competitive products.

**Berridge Metallic Finishes**

Metallic colors are processed and finished on Berridge's continuous coil-coating line. These proprietary finishes are available for all factory products, flat sheet, and coil. Flat sheets and coils in metallic finishes are available to sheet metal companies for fabrication of special profiles, shapes or flashing. Metallic colors are directional and paint lot sensitive. Large orders should be placed at the same time to avoid mixing paint lots. Berridge Metallic Finishes include:

**Copper-Cote™**  
**Antique Copper-Cote**  
**Champagne**  
**Zinc-Cote™**  
**Preweathered Galvalume®**  
**Lead-Cote™**

* Metallic Finishes are premium colors which require a nominal surcharge.

**Acrylic-Coated Galvalume**

Acrylic-Coated Galvalume® (ACG) is a coated sheet product that combines the corrosion resistance of Galvalume® steel sheet with a clear, acrylic coating that is applied over Galvalume® substrate. The surface treatment is essentially invisible but it provides excellent characteristics to enhance the performance and applicability of Galvalume® steel sheet. These enhancements include: good roll-formability without the need for oils, excellent transit and field-storage performance without staining, dramatic decrease in finger printing or foot printing during installation and long term surface brightness when exposed to the environment. It is applied at the mill by roll-coating a uniform, thin film of a water-base acrylic solution onto both surfaces of the sheet.

**Coating System**

Acrylic-Coated Galvalume® (ACG) is a coated sheet product.

- **Protective Strippable Film (painted material only)**
- **0.75 ± 0.05 mil Kynar500® Hylar5000™ top coat**
- **0.20 ± 0.05 mil primer coat**
- **24 gauge or 22 gauge Galvalume® or 0.032 or 0.040 Aluminum substrate**
- **0.35 ± 0.05 mil total dry film thickness for primer coat (non-metallics only)**
- **Beige urethane backer coat (all colors)**

Notes:
1. Special colors and finishes are available. Please consult Berridge for pricing and delivery.
2. Berridge metallic finishes are premium finishes and require a nominal surcharge.
3. Galvalume® is a registered trademark of BIEC International, Inc.
4. Kynar 500® is a registered trademark of Arkema, Inc.
5. Hylar 5000™ is a registered trademark of Solvay Solexis.

**Specifications for all 24 & 22 Gauge**

- **Galvalume® & 0.032 & 0.040 Aluminum**  
  **Berridge Sheet Metal Products**

A. Prefinished metal shall be Aluminum-Zinc Alloy Coated (AZ-50 Galvalume®) Steel Sheet, 24-Gauge or 22-Gauge*, ASTM 792, Grade 40, yield strength 40 ksi min. or 3105 Alloy Aluminum Sheet 0.032 or 0.040*, ASTM B209, H14 temper, yield strength 21 ksi min.

B. Finish shall be full strength Kynar 500® or Hylar 5000™ fluoropolymer coating applied by the manufacturer on a continuous coil coating line, with a top side dry film thickness of 0.75 ± 0.05 mil over 0.20 ± 0.05 mil prime coat, to provide a total top side dry film thickness of 0.95 ± 0.10 mil. Bottom side shall be coated with a primer (non-metallics only) and beige urethane coating with a total dry film thickness of 0.35 ± 0.05 mil. Finish shall conform to all tests for adhesion, flexibility, and longevity as specified by the Kynar 500® or Hylar 5000™ finish supplier.

C. Strippable film shall be applied to the top side of all prefinished metal to protect the finish during fabrication, shipping and field handling. This strippable film MUST be removed immediately before installation.

D. Unpainted metal shall be Aluminum-Zinc Alloy Coated (AZ-55 Acrylic Coated Galvalume®) Steel Sheet, 24-Gauge or 22-Gauge*, ASTM 792. Grade 40, yield strength 40 ksi min., with clear acrylic coating on both sides of material.

E. Field protection must be provided by the contractor at the job site so stacked or coiled material is not exposed to weather and moisture.

F. Flashing may be factory fabricated or field fabricated. Unless otherwise specified all exposed adjacent flashing shall be of the same material and finish as panel system.

Note: The rolling process of sheet metal results in inherent surface unevenness referred to as “oil-canning.” This condition is also caused by several factors including thermal expansion and contraction, dark colors, both medium and high-gloss finishes, and uneven substrate. “Oil-canning” in itself is not sufficient cause for material rejection.

* Not all products and colors are available in 22-Gauge or Aluminum substrate. Consult Berridge for product and color availability.

For complete specifications visit www.berridge.com