

Aluminum Composite Panel - ALUSIGN aluminum composite panel making facotry

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Product Attribute

ALUSIGN brand Aluminum Composite Panel (ACP) is made up of three layers, with two layers of aluminum skin on the top and bottom, and one layer of anti-toxic polyethylene material in the middle. Also, both of skin surfaces need to be coil-coated with special paint material like PVDF or PE resin under a specific temperature condition.



Standard: According to GB/T 17748-1999 standard

Specification:

- **1)** Aluminum skin thickness: 0.50x0.50mm, 0.40x0.40mm, 0.30x0.30mm, 0.21x0.21mm, 0.15x0.15mm; 0.12mmx0.12mm
- 2) Width: 1220mm (regular), 1570mm (Maximum);
- 3) Length: 2440mm (regular), and tailored by customers' offers; 6500mm(Maximum)
- 4) Normal color: 31 kinds for ACP and 7 kinds for Granite Grain Panel;
- 5) Standard size:

1220(Width) ×2440(Length) ×3mm (Thickness);

1220(Width) \times 2440(Length) \times 4mm (Thickness).

6) Non-standard sizes and special colors are available depending on customers' offers.

Scopes of Application:

- **1)** Constructional exterior curtain walls;
- 2) Decorative renovation for storey-added old buildings;
- 3) Indoors decoration for interior walls, ceilings, bathrooms, kitchens and balconies;
- 4) Advertisement board, display platforms and signboards;
- 5) Wallboard and ceilings for tunnels;
- 6) Raw materials in industrial purpose;
- 7) Materials used for vehicle and boat.



1) High Peeling Strength

The three layers of ALUSIGN panel are compounded together by use of high-performance molecular binding film under a specific temperature condition, which will achieve the best level for one of the panel's important features - - high peeling strength.



2) Superior Weathering Resistance

By use of KYNAR500 based PVDF resin coating, ALUSIGN panel enjoys a high level of resistance to acid & ALali, corrosion and ultraviolet radiation. Even if being exposed directly under some extreme environments like hot sunshine or cold snowstorm, the panel's original appearance will not incur any changes.

3) Light Weight and Easy for Process



ALUSIGN panel is easy to operate because of its light-weight (about 3.5~5.6kg/m 2). The operation processes such as cutting, grooving, folding etc. could be easily done just by several simple woodworking tools, because of its characteristic of easy to process. Also, by its application, the flexibility and plasticity of ALUSIGN panels will make it easy and convenient for architectural designers to turn their original design into reality. In this meaning, it saves the cost.

4) Excellent Fire- Resistance Property

Because its core layer is made from anti-toxic polyethylene material, which has a good ability of fire resistance, and two of its skins are both made of aluminum, which is also difficult to burn, thus, ALUSIGN panel is a pretty good fireproof material, and totally meets the demands of fireproofing in national building code.

5) Coating Evenness & Diversified Colors



Due to the application of chemosynthesis treatment and Henkel technology, the adhesive force between paint-coating and panel could be more even. Meanwhile, the choice of color becomes much more diversified, which offers you customers more space to choose as your favorite.

6) Easy for Maintenance

ALUSIGN panel's ability of self-cleaning has been greatly improved. Even though in some area where the pollution is seriously heavy, with help of some neutral detergent, the panel's surface could be cleaned clear easily.

7) Impact Resistance



The impact resistance and toughness of ALUSIGN panel are remarkable. For example, the coating layer will not split even if the panel is being bent to a small angle. What's more, the panel's surface will be guaranteed to keep original for a long time even in an extremely bad weather condition with strong wind and sand.

Fire-Resistance Aluminum Composite Panel

Like the structure of ACP, ALUSIGN brand fire-resistance panel also has three layers, two of which are aluminum skins on the top and bottom, and the core layer is made up of special inorganic nanometer fire-resistance material. Of course, both skin surfaces need to experience coil-coating with special baking varnish.



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2) Standard size:

1220(Width) ×2440(Length) ×3mm (Thickness);

1220(Width) ×2440(Length) ×4mm (Thickness).

3) Normal color:

20 kinds for fire-resistance ACP;

7 kinds for Granite Grain Panel;

Non-standard sizes and special colors are available depending on customer's offers.

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7) Materials used for vehicle and boat.

Characteristics:

1) Excellent Fire-Resistance Property

ALUSIGN fire-resistance panel owns excellent fire-resistance property, in that the chemical oxygen index of its core layer material could be more than 42. Also, after recognition by National Quality Supervising & Testing Center for



Fireproof Constructional Materials, the level of its fire-resistance property could achieve Grade B1 (difficult to burn), in accordance with GB8624-1997 standard, No.20011776.

2) Super Facility of Fabrication

ALUSIGN fire-resistance panel has super facility of fabrication, and it could be processed in the same way as ACP, keeping 2-3mm thickness in core layer. The processes such as cutting, grooving, and folding could be done easily just by some simple woodworking tools. As a result, the installation work will become faster and more convenient.

3) Perfect Resistance to Low Temperature

The core layer in ACP is made from such materials as polyethylene, which will begin to be brittle at critical point of -60 degree. Blow that, it will work as a glass. However, the critical point of the core material in fire-resistance panel is -100 degree, which means the panel could be adopted in a more freezing area.

4) High Peeling Strength

Due to its particularities, when the core material is being tied to aluminum skins by high-performance molecular binding film, the chemical reaction happened will generate powerful adhesive force, which is strong enough to achieve super peeling strength. As shown by test results, the peeling strength of ALUSIGN fire-resistance panel is 35kg per 25.4mm, which is beyond that of ACP by 10%. Furthermore, the peeling strength will have not any changes even if the fire-resistance panel is put in and out for 20 times from such an environment as the temperature varying from -50 to 80 degree.

5) Coating Evenness & Diversified Colors

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Exact color please refer to actual sample















AL8022



AL8401



AL8404



AL8407



AL8410



AL8415



AL8420



AL8023



AL8402



AL8405



AL8408



AL8411



AL8416



AL8421



AL8024



AL8403



AL8406



AL8409



AL8414



AL8418

Characteristics

1) Princpal Properties

Itom	Toot Standard	Linit	Results		
item	Test Standard	Unit	3mm	4mm	
Density		g/mm ³	1.17	1.38	
Face Density	ASTM D792	kg/cm ²	3.50	5.55	
Shearing Strength	ASTM D732	Мра	21.5	30.6	
Peeling Strength	ASTM D903	N/mm	5.9	13.8	
Bending Strength	ASTM D790	Мра	66.2	124	
Tensile Strength	ASTM E8	Kg/cm ²	4.2	4.9	
Rate of Elongation	ASTM E8	%	7.2	10	

2) Dent Test by Du-Pont Method (impact resistance)

		Debt depth (mm)		
Weight of Steel Ball (kg)	Height (mm)	Results		
		3mm	4mm	
0.30	300	1.8	0.6	
0.50	500	1.6	1.3	
1.00	300	2.1	1.6	
1.00	500	2.5	2.3	

3) Mechanical Properties of Skin Aluminum

<u>-</u>	ASTM	Unit	-
Yielding Strength	E8	Мра	170
Bending Elasticity	C393	Мра	76000

4) Coefficient of Sound Insulation (according to GBJ 5-8)

Center Frequency (HZ)	100	125	160	200	250	315	400	500	630
Coefficient of Sound Insulation	23	17	19	24	27	28	29	31	32
Center Frequency (Hz)	800	1K	1.25K	1.6K	2K	2.5K	3.15K	-	-
Coefficient of Sound Insulation (dB)	32	34	36	37	38	38	37	-	-

5) Deformation from Wind Pressure (according to GB 7106-88)

Deformation Inspection (1/300)	Positive Pressure	0.2kpa	
	Negative Pressure	-0.2kpa	
Safety Inspection (3seconds quist pressure)	Positive Pressure	5kpa	
Salety hispection (Saeconds gust pressure)	Negative Pressure	-5kpa	

Characteristics of Flammability

(File-resistance Aluminum Composite Panel) The length of testing panel:1000mm

Country	Test Items	Test Standardard	Test Result	
	Minimum value of remaining length after burning (mm)	GB/T8625	420	
China	Average value of remaining length after burning (mm)	GB/T8625	450	
China	Temperature of smoke ($^\circ\!\mathbb{C}$)	GB/T8625	129	
	Height of the flame (mm)	GB/T8626	15	
	Grade of smoke density	GB/T8627	27	
	Uninflammable Grade B1	GB/T8624	B1 Class	
USA	Flame Spread	UBC No.8-1 ASTM E84-03	Class 1	
007	Smoke	UL723,ANSI/NFPA No.225	01033 1	

Structural Strengthlexural Strength Design

Strength design is made on the assumption that the bending strength of panel is totally dependent on that of aluminum skins, i.e. if the stress being put on the aluminum skin are in the permissible range of its bending strength, permanent deformation will not occur to the panel. On the basis of this assumption, the yielding strength of aluminum skin will be set as 15.5 kg/mm 2.

2) Deflection by Wind Load

The deflection of ALUSIGN panels by wind load depends on the panel's thickness, size, and supporting condition etc. Also, the value of deflection under specific condition could be calculated by some simple formulations.

Product Materials

The Decorative Layer of Panel Surface

Nowadays the decorative layer for metal substrate mainly includes all kinds of coating, film, surface transformation etc.

1) Paint Coating

Types: Acryloyl (AC) Silicon Modifed Polyester (SMPE) Polyester (PET) Polyester Amide (PA) SDPE Epoxide Urethane (PV) PVDF



The Comparison Chart of Gloss Preservation Ratio for Different Coatings



The Comparison Chart of Color Change for Different Coatings



The Comparison Chart of Weathering Change for Different Coatings

Why does PVDF coating possess such excellent performances?

The structure of fluorine-carbon short bond combined with hydrogen bond is the steadiest and firmest structure among all kinds of chemical bond structure. As one of the criteria of judging stability and tightness of chemical structure, the electronegative atom index of PVDF coating could achieve 105 KJ/mole. However, for the normal coating, it is only 83.2 KJ/mole. Also, there is an inorganic material whose molecular structure is SiO2, which is created by certain chemical method and made of pure inorganic resin. Because the energy of composing Silicon and Oxide is 101KJ/mole, this kind of molecular structure will not be destroyed easily by ultraviolet radiation. Moreover, the other properties of PVDF coating, such as self-cleaning, Incombustibility, environmental protection etc., are still remarkable.

The Coating of ALUSIGN Composite Panel for Curtain-Wall

The higher the content of PVDF in paint, the better the weathering-resistance of the panel, but, the poorer the adhesive force between the coating and base material. Therefore, ALUSIGN panel adopts a scientific arrangement in pairs or groups for PVDF coatings. For example, the percent of PVDF in primer paint is quite low, so that the adhesive force created is good enough to make the primer paint stick to the base material firmly. Strictly speaking, it creates a layer thermoplastic PVDF coating, which possesses excellent performance of Mek resistance.

ADVICE

1. Transporting, Loading & Unloading, Storing

When ALUSIGN panels leave the factory, the procedures they have to experience are the followings: Transporting, Loading & Unloading, Storing, Unwrapping, Dead Lifting and Processing.

1) Try the best to prevent containers from being crashed because there are decorative panels insides. Maybe the crash will not affect panel's strength, but it will make a difference to the panel's appearance.

2) Pay attention to the position of loading & unloading, and the gravity center of containers. The main operation equipments are forklifts and hoists.

3) The surroundings around stocks should be dry, and keep away from some corrosive chemicals such as acid, ALali and salt etc. Lying on the floor horizontally with no higher than two layers, between which one backup plate (2cm thickness board) should be placed, as shown by the following drawings.

4) While unwrapping, snipping the steel belt firstly, then taking apart the steel stripe for angle connecting, thirdly taking apart the board of flank side and lifting the cover board, finally, opening the inner package.

5) When dead lifting, panels should be in the position of 10° angle with horizon and handled up and down by two persons. Please note that never do it in the horizontal direction and put something heavy on the panel to avoid panel deformation.

6) During processing, panels should lie horizontally on the plywood, and be put in pairs with face-to-face and base-to-base.

2. Processing Environment

1) Clean the operating platform to prevent scratching or ripping the panel surface.

2) Pay attention to the temperature control when processing because most materials have the characteristics of being fragile in cold and soft in hot, which are difficult to be detected by the sense of touching. Supposing to fold a aluminum skin with 0.5mm thickness polyester coating under 0 $^{\circ}$ C, you will find a crack happens on the coating along the folding line, which will never occur to the same panel when being folded over 35 $^{\circ}$ C however. Therefore, the most proper temperature for the curtain-wall panel folding will be in the range of 20-50 $^{\circ}$ C. (Refer to the temperature of material and environment)

3、 Protective Film Removing

1) It is strongly recommended to peel off the protective film as soon as installation finishes.

2) And the film removing should not be later than 60 days after installation.

3) Please following the instructions printed on the protective film.

4、 Cleanness & Maintenance

1) Please use neutral cleaning detergents like water, and avoid aggressive acid, ALali, or ethyl alcohol because they will make damages to the coated surface.

2) Never use strong organic solvent such as MEK (Methyl Ethyl Ketone), MIBK

(Methyl Iso-butyl Ketone), Triclene (Tri-chloroethylene) or thinner.

3) Please use soft wiping tools, such as soft cloth or sponge etc., and avoid the abrasive cleaners.

4) Please clean the coated surface under moderate temperatures instead of extreme temperatures.

5. Injection of the Glue

The glue should be supplied in high-quality, and then injected strictly according to the instructions. During the curing period, the environment condition should be same as that of processing. Note, avoiding its direct exposure to the atmosphere, otherwise the glue will become cross-linking consolidated or some substance in glue will volatilize in excess, which will lead to its inelasticity. Also, its ability of displacement is pretty poor, which means that once the glue has been injected into the place, it will do harm to the decorative layer of panels if the glue is being displaced.



Also, as shown by the picture above, if intending to increase the ability of self-cleaning of the curtain-wall, we need specially notice the surface shape after glue-injecting.

6. Evenness and Direction

The surface of the whole curtain-wall should be even and smooth thorough in high precision, otherwise, it will make a big visual

difference as light reflecting. Especially for those panels with metallic color coating, the degree of difference is much more predominant. The following table could show something:

width of glue seam (comparison with the value of design)	±1.5mm
Vertical of glue seam	Height ≤ allowed tolerance 3.0mm
Horizontal of giue seam	
Evenness of surface	

During the process of installation, it is important to make sure all the panels are being installed in the same direction, as illustrated on the protective film. Otherwise, it will result in a serious problem to the visual impact of the whole curtain-wall, especially for those panels with metallic color coating.

Usually, ALUSIGN with size of width no more than 1600mm and length unlimited, however, specific offers are available for those customers who have special purpose, with the consideration of transportation convenience.

7. Expansion and Shrinkage of Materials

The force of expanding and shrinking of raw materials is huge enough to destroy all things which will prevent its occurrence, including materials themselves. Therefore, it should be taken into account when designing and installing, and a "expansion seam" should be reserved in advance.

The following requirements should be met:



The expansion seam for exterior-wall panels should be wider because the temperature difference outside is much bigger. However, for interior-wall panels, it could be smaller.

8、Others

Please keep the panels away from other metals to avoid the electrolytic corrosion, especially under a humid environment. Consequently, some insulative materials like nylon or polyamine ester etc should be put into the space among all the panels. Note that don't make those panels without protective films directly expose outside during the period of installing.

Installing diagram



Installation example of internal corner

Example of column covering



(1) ALUSIGN panel ②Angle support ③Steel plate strip (4)Sealing material ⑤Plastic lining bar ⁽⁶⁾Accessories ⑦Bullen screw Bearing strut @Angel bar Above mentioned Accessoriesare used for low building

Example of strut covering



(1)ALUSIGN panel
(2)Angle support
(3)Angel bar
(4)Sealing material
(5)Plastic lining bar
(6)Accessories
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②Sealing

③Bach spacer

⑤Bullen screw

(4)Angel bar

material

panel

Installation example of equipment and



①ALUSIGN
panel
②Seal around
③Tape
④Veneer
⑤Weahtertight
covering
material
⑥Sealing
material
⑦Bach spacer
⑧Bullen screw



Accessories for installation





Left Angle Hanger

Center Hanger

Right Angle Hanger







Three Views of Hook Nall

Connecting Fitting of Column



Column and Wall Q -reserved Sean Connecting Bolt Anchor Steel Anchor Board

1、 Processing Tools



Processing Tools and Depth of Grooving

1) Appropriate processing tools are very important to the processing quality of ALUSIGN panels. For example, the blunt cutter is prohibited to use for panel processing because when it works at high rotating speed, the temperature created on the panel surface will increase up to more than 100°C, which could easily make the panel materials to be molten, as a result, the quality of

the finished panels will be impaired to a big degree.

2) Please use dentiform saws or some shearing tools to cut panels, instead of the grinding wheel. Also, files should be adopted to polish the cutting edges, because it will not cause a high temperature that will do harm to the coating of panels.

3) Note that don't groove so deeply to the panels, in other words, do not damage the aluminum skin at the other side. Also, don't cut off the polyethylene core layer thoroughly when grooving and leave about 0.1-0.6mm thickness.

Production line

We totally owns one high-speed digital control punching lines, one ACP core-layer production line, one chemosynthesis line, one 1600mm width double-coil-coating and double-baking line, one 1350mm width high-precision coating line, one continuous thermal-compositing and sawing-cutting line in 1600mm width, and one continuous thermal-compositing line in 1350mm width.



The Chemosynthesis Line

This line is responsible for cleaning out both lubricative and anti-oxidative oil that are adhered to the material surface during the period of being rolled and other impurities such as silicon, magnesium, iron and copper. We use qualified chemicals and advanced technology from Henkel Co., Germany, to make the surface treatment. By use of this technology, a thin film will be generated to cover the surface with high density, which will contribute to a high adhesive force between the coating and metal roll.



The High-Precision Coating Line

The line is precisely to coat the chemosynthesized aluminum rolls under a sealed and dustless condition by using an advanced multiple-coil-coating reversal high-precision equipment; consequently, the thickness of coating and its appearance could be controlled properly and strictly. Furthermore, the coating could achieve its best condition in all aspects like strengths and abilities etc.

The ACP Core-Layer Production Line

Equipped with the computerized temperature & speed control system, which is endowed with changeable and adjustable frequency speed in vector grade, the line could produce the core-layer materials like PE in a high quality for normal ACP or fire-resistance ACP. And its annual outputs could reach more than 8000 tons.

The continuous thermal composite line

This line could make the three layers of the panel (two skin layers and one core layer) adhere to each other firmly under the help of highperformance molecular binding film through a continuously heating process. The finished panel is smooth and even on surface. Also, depending on this line, we could produce the composite panel with super peeling strength, which is greatly beyond the quality indexes of those panels imported in the same kind.



The Advantages of Coil Coating

1. High-Precision Coating

The roller has high requirement for the material surface, which means it should be absolutely clean and smooth during the process of coil-coating.



2. Evenly Coating in High Degree

Because the roller itself is manufactured in a high-precision degree with a tolerance no more than $\pm 1\mu$ m, thus, the coating it produces owns a high degree of evenness, and the tolerance of thickness is between $\pm 1\mu$ m. Also, during the process of coilcoating, all the stress is applied in an even and stable way, which makes coating's microcosmic array be uniform in all aspects. As a result, the visual effect of curtain-wall will become perfectly uniform due to the assemblage of plenty of panels with such coatings. Another important thing is, although the pigment will gradually fade inevitably after a specific period due to the weathering, the color still looks uniform. In other words, the pigment will fade in a unitive pace and the color difference caused could be ignored. However, for other coating methods like spray-coating, the effect of evenness and color difference is far from that of coil-coating. For example, the tolerance of color difference of spray-coating is usually between $\pm 5\mu$ m, sometimes $\pm 10\mu$ m, which will create a very disorderly color scheme to the finished curtain-wall.



3. More Advantages of Coil-Coating in Metallic Painting

At present, the metallic color coating become more and more popular and is gradully recognized by most of customers. Also, the metallic color pigment is created by adding metallic powder to the resin. Due to the special shape of metallic powder such as polyhedron, only through the coil-coating method, it could be converted and as a result, evenly and regularly distributed in the resin. However, if adopting the method of spray-coating, the metallic powder will always stay on the top of resin, which will make the resin coating very thin and easily to be corroded.





4. Environmental Protection

Because coil-coating technics will not produce paint fog in the process of coating, the efficiency of paint is very high. For spray-coating, it will produce paint fog, which not only contaminate the environment but also wastes the expensive paint. ALUSIGN Composite Curtain-Wall products all adopt coil-coating. We possesses two sets of advanced coil coating production lines.

R&D Center

As one of the main branches of science research & development of China Construction Ministry, ALUSIGN has always been putting much emphasis on science & technology research & development. All the raw materials and finished products should have to be qualified before the next procedure by our advanced testing equipments imported from other developed countries such as USA, German and Japan.

The tests mainly include: 180° peeling strength, dy namic characteristics of raw materials, color difference, salt-spray corrosion resistance, boiling water resistance, finished coating thickness, impact resistance, gloss test etc., and all of them will guarantee the first-class quality of ALUSIGN panels.





