



Metal-Flex Cool Roof Solutions



Astec Metal-Flex is labeled with the Energy Star[®] logo and is a qualified Energy Star[®] product. Metal-Flex meets the Energy Star[®] specifications for cool roof coatings and strict energy efficient guidelines set by the (E.P.A.), Environmental Protection Agency.

INTRODUCTION:

Dark Coloured Coatings for Metal Roof's no longer need to be HOT.....!

A coating doesn't have to be white to be cool..... As an Architect, Builder or Homeowner rich, dark colour is an important part of your building design and decoration. Unfortunately, dark colours soak up the sun and get hotter and hotter as the day progresses. As a result, building temperature and power consumption are increased and greater demand is placed on our environment and global resources.

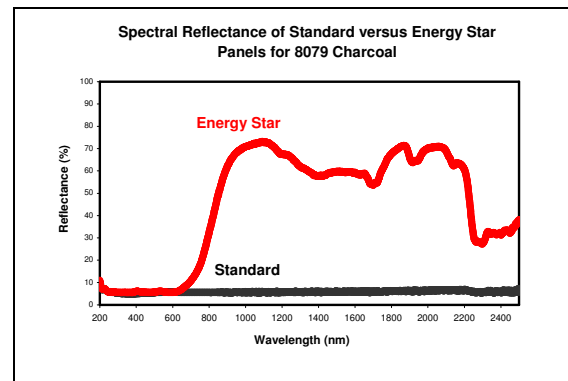
In a world that now demands we be more energy efficient and resource conscious, the use of dark colour, although attractive, presented a design challenge for our industry to overcome. It would be the "holy grail" in coating technology, to achieve a black or deep tone that would reflect solar heat and stay cool.....

As a result of ongoing research and development into heat reflective coatings Astec developed a new technology of colour infused nano ceramics that reflect heat by selective reflection of infrared light. This technology has enabled us to offer dark colour metal roof coatings that reflect fully 50% of Solar energy and provide positive results for our environment and consumers.

The successful development of Energy Star Metal-Flex enables you to make choices to provide positive contributions to our global environment with reductions in Urban Heat, Smog and through it's energy efficiency, help reduce CO2 emissions.

Our environment is constantly changing and we are all making choices that have an impact now and into the future. Choose Energy Star Metal-Flex with confidence and *Paint with Pride.*

The comparative data represented on the graph below is actual Spectral results printed during tests conducted to ASTM E-903 on a Lambda 9000 Solar Reflectometer. The graph shows the difference in heat reflection between a standard charcoal roofing paint and Metal-Flex Charcoal.



PRODUCT TYPE:

Waterbased, Infrared Heat Reflective, 100% acrylic Gloss and Low Sheen coating for primed Metal Roofing.

DESCRIPTION:

Metal-Flex is a premium grade water-based 100% acrylic coating, designed for use on all correctly prepared and primed sloped metal roofing.

Metal-Flex is low in V.O.C. and available as both an Ultra High Gloss and a Low Sheen finish.

Metal-Flex is adhesion promoted and provides a strong bond to primed metal substrates. It has excellent flexibility and copes well with the dimensional instability of metal roofing sheet.

The product was originally designed to tolerate the demanding environments of Asian cities .

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The applied film offers rapid resistance to environmental dirt pick-up when applied to sloped metal roofing. It is an excellent replacement for Solvent-borne acrylics and polyurethane, providing many of the same performance properties without harmful solvent release to the atmosphere.

The product has excellent flow and leveling properties and levels to a smooth, uniform decorative and protective film. It has very good edge cover and wet hold during brush application which insures "thin edge lifting" of the cured film is eliminated.

The applied film is resistant to mould and dirt pick-up, is tough, yet flexible and because they remain cool, testing has shown that they will last eight times longer than all conventional exterior acrylic roof paints.

DIRT PICK-UP RESISTANCE;



As a result of ongoing research and development into dirt pick-up resistance for exterior coatings, Astec developed a new technology now registered to Astec as **Dirtguard**.

Dirtguard technology was developed throughout a decade of R&D that was driven by products exported by Astec to the Asian regions. In some Asian cities environmental contaminants can deface a coating within months of its application.

Astec now use Dirtguard technology in all Energy Star products. The products remain clean far longer than conventional coatings, a necessary requirement for maximum retention of their Solar Reflectivity.

Coatings based on Astec **Dirtguard** technology incorporate the latest in surface curing and nano particle technology. The surface of the film cross links around nano particles to provide an extremely tight surface pack ensuring dirt will not become lodged within the cured film.

Special Silicones also form part of Dirtguard technology and provide added durability and high water resistance to the cured film. The silicones used to modify Metal-Flex were selected through years of exterior weathering and dirt pick-up resistance trials that were conducted on exposure racks in Asian cities.

The Silicone modification provides excellent block resistance to environmental contaminants and adds strong water repellency for rapid rain water run off that carries dust and contaminants from the roofing surface. Metal-Flex fully develops these properties even under conditions of high humidity.

The Silicone Modification combined with gloss modifiers used in Metal-Flex Gloss provide one of the highest sheen levels available for an exterior grade acrylic and further adds to the long-term durability of the product.

DURABILITY;

Heat and moisture are the two main contributing factors that accelerate the degradation of exterior coatings. In highly humid, tropical environments, conventional acrylics have been known to last as little as three years. In Australia some dark metal roofing can start to change colour and fade from its original depth of colour within 3 years.

Energy Star coatings have increased durability and life expectancy compared with conventional paints. Independent laboratory testing to ASTM Standards confirmed Solar Reflectance Indexes of 241% greater than normal paints on a dark colour of Slate Grey.

Heat generated by Solar Radiation from the sun is one major contributing factor to exterior coating degradation, especially in a standard dark colour.

Because **Metal-Flex** will remain cool even in a Black. After exposure to 2800hrs of UVB 313/Moisture testing, in accordance to ASTM G53-96 the, gloss, depth of colour, adhesion and film integrity remained un-changed, providing a performance increase of more than 400% when compared to a standard roofing acrylic.

Quite simply, the less heat on the coating the longer they last.

Moisture is the second major contributing factor to exterior coating degradation, especially in water based acrylic coatings. Atmospheric moisture enters the coating film on a daily basis and swells the coating, greatly reducing its life.

Because the silicones used in Metal-Flex stop the entry of moisture to the coating film, the coating does not swell and will last 400% longer than standard roofing acrylics. Simply put, the less moisture that the coating film has to tolerate the longer it will last.

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Metal-Flex is the most advanced and functional metal roof coating available in Australia. It provides high Solar reflectivity in dark colours, excellent resistance to moisture and remains cleaner than any other roofing acrylic available.

KEY PROPERTIES

- **High Solar Reflectivity in dark colours**
- Energy efficient.
- Cooler internal building temperatures.
- Reduces Urban Heat output
- Suitable for rain water collection (after 3 rains)
- Outstanding Durability.
- Excellent dirt pick-up resistance.
- Outstanding face to face block resistance.
- Excellent water whitening resistance.
- Plasticizer free.
- Rapid cure and bond strength.
- Excellent resistance to alkali

PRINCIPLE USES:

- Galvanized and pre-painted sloped metal roofing sheet.

SUBSTRATE:

Correctly prepared new or aged metal roofing.

COLOUR RANGE:

44 standard exterior colours.

PREPARATION:

Previously painted:

- Ensure down-pipes to rain-water tanks and storm water are disconnected before cleaning.
- All surfaces must be clean, dry and free of contaminants. Remove dirt or dust with a wire brush and any grease with a household detergent. Alternatively, the surface should be high pressure water cleaned to remove any surface contaminants. The most suitable nozzle to achieve the best results is a Kranze Turbo Nozzle. Any deposits of grease, oil or silicone must be removed.
- Scrape off any loose or flaking paint then sand any remaining paint to a flat finish. Any existing paint that exhibits a complete lack of adhesion should be entirely removed for the best results. Wipe down with a damp cloth to remove any dust.

- Rusted surfaces or nail heads should be treated with Astec Rus-traint and once cured spot primed with Astec B-16 I.R. Grey Primer. (See relevant technical bulletin).
- Prime the entire surface with one light, transparent coat of Astec B-16 I.R. Grey Primer. (See relevant technical bulletin).

New unpainted:

- Degrease thoroughly with Astec Enviro-green, while frequently changing rags.
- Prime the entire surface with one light transparent coat of Astec B-16 I.R. Grey Primer. (See relevant technical bulletin).

APPLICATION:

LEAKS / FASTENERS / FLASHING SEALING ;

- Any loose flashings, holes or sheet overlaps that can allow water ingress to the roof can be repaired by using 70 mm wide Astec Sontara tape embedded in Astec Taping Membrane.
- Allow the Taping Membrane to dry (usually four hours), and recoat any thin areas to cover pin holing.
- Apply a dab of Astec Ultra-Flash to all fasteners with a small brush to make them water tight.

TOP-COATING:

- Apply one full wet coat of **Metal-Flex**, to the entire roof surface. (Coverage rate not to exceed 5m² per liter). WFT 200 microns.
- Apply a second full wet coat of **Metal-Flex** straight from the drum at a coverage rate of no more than 5m² per liter. WFT 200 microns.
- The above coverage rates include the average substrate profile area for corrugated metal sheet.

If Unsure, Contact Astec for the correct preparation technique, sealers, primers and undercoats before proceeding.

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NOTE;

If the roof is to be used for the collection of drinking water, the down pipes should only be reconnected after exposure to 3 or 4 heavy rains.

MIXING;

Thoroughly mix before use with a paint wacker or broad flat stick.

PRECAUTIONS FOR USE;

Avoid contact with skin and eyes; always use a respirator during spray applications

LIMITATIONS

Metal-Flex is a waterbased material, therefore, should not be applied during inclement weather or when precipitation or freezing are imminent.

PACKAGING

20L open top pail.

WARRANTY

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PRODUCT DATA;	
S.R.I. <i>Solar Reflectance Index</i> (White) to ASTM E 1980-01	112.24 (Medium wind conditions)
%T.S.R. <i>Total Solar Reflectance</i> (White) to ASTM	89.20
Emittance to ASTM C	0.89
%T.S.R. 44 standard colours	See test reports or exterior colour card
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Gloss level	Full Gloss and Low Sheen
Drying Time at 25°C @ 100 MIC W.F.T.	35 min dry and block resistant
Recommended thinners	Water / Thinning not recommended.
Wash up	Water
Recoat time at 25°C	1 to 2 hrs
Theoretical spread rate at D.F.T (30 microns Dry)	12.67 m ² per ltr
Spread rate at recommended D.F.T (150 D.F.T.)	2.5 m ² per ltr (including two coats and profile)
Specific gravity. Gloss	1.209
Volume Solids. Gloss	38% V/V
P.V.C. Gloss	15% V/V
Specific Gravity. Low Sheen	1.335
Volume Solids. Low Sheen	38% V/V
P.V.C. Low Sheen	37% V/V

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Table 1 - Physical resistance properties compared to a Premium Acrylic.

TEST DESCRIPTION	PREMIUM ACRYLIC	METAL-FLEX
1 Boiling Water Test	Fail Severe whitening	Pass – 1
2 Water Resistance -Blistering -Whitening	Dense poor 8 DL + 4.88 (Whitening did not recover)	Spars good 2 -0.318
3 Crosshatch Adhesion	OB,c	OB,c
4 Face to face Block Resistance	Separation caused severe damage	Separated easily with minimal damage.
5 Accelerated Weathering (ASTM G53-96)	Moderate chalking and surface whitening.	Excellent gloss retention with little to no surface change.

Test Procedures:

1 Boiling Water Test

Place 24hr old test panel into boiling water for 30 minutes. Removed and dried panel then noted blistering and adhesion loss.

2 Water Resistance Test

Placed 24hr old test panels into lab temperature water, 25 deg C, for 48 hrs. Remove, dry and measure for water whitening and blisters.

3 Cross Hatch Adhesion Test

A test panel has lines scribed through the coating to the substrate at 3mm intervals in a cross hatch pattern. Adhesive tape is applied and remove noting any failure.

Rating:- OB = 90% squares removed.
C = Cohesive substrate failure.

4 Face to Face block Resistance Test

24 hour old coated M.D.F. test panels were stacked face-to-face with a 245kg weight applied to the stack for 24hours at room temperature. At the end of the test stack was noted for ease in separation.

5 Accelerated Weathering (ASTM G53-96)

2800hrs of UVB 313 Lamps/Moisture testing, in accordance to ASTM G53-96. Sample were exposed to four hour cycles of U.V.B. at an irradiance of 1.05 then moisture at 60 deg C for a total period of 2800 hrs.