### 55HX<sup>®</sup> Aluminium for Modern Architecture



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# 55HX<sup>®</sup> – Premium aluminium anodising quality

For over 30 years, our Aluminium Duffel technical experts provide innovative aluminium solutions optimised for architectural applications.

Our committed workforce produces aluminium coils, strips and sheets with high-surface quality and excellent deformation properties.

Our innovation center continuously develops durable solutions in collaboration with our customers, in order to meet their demand as well as improve overall processes, e.g. for the building and construction industry.

#### 55HX<sup>®</sup> – ANODISED FOR HIGH RESISTANCE

To enhance corrosion and scratch resistance, 55HX<sup>®</sup> aluminium can be anodised while keeping its unique metallic look. Anodising may be done in its natural shade or combined with colouring.

#### 55HX<sup>®</sup> – FOR EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

Reference projects in different sectors and for various applications illustrate 55HX®'s successful usage inside and outside of buildings in architecture worldwide.

### ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATIONS

- Façades and wall cladding
- Ceilings, roofs and balconies
- Pillars and escalator casing

#### **KEY BENEFITS**

- Colour uniformity across various batches
- Corrosion, UV- and scratch resistant after anodising
- Excellent deformation properties
- Very good bending properties
- Outstanding durability
- Easy cleaning
- 100% recyclable
- Non-combustible (European Fire Class A1)



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### 55HX<sup>®</sup> – Benefits and features

#### FAST DELIVERY TIME

Aluminium Duffel has developed a stock programme to meet short delivery times. This gives our customers the required flexibility to respond to sudden market fluctuations or unexpected changes.

#### TRACEABILITY

55HX<sup>®</sup> is branded with a special foil and marked with a black ink stencil at the non-visible side of anodising quality sheets. After etching and anodising it leaves a kind of braille text surface which is sufficiently readable. This ensures traceability of mill origin during the whole life cycle of the product.

#### **COMPETENCE CENTER**

An experienced group of Aluminium Duffel field engineers and metallurgists are involved to meet project requirements. With their know-how they can advise on the optimum chemical composition and mechanical properties of the alloy.

#### COLOUR AND GLOSS CONSISTENCY

The 55HX<sup>®</sup> production from casting through rolling is kept within strict tolerances and closely monitored during the entire production process. This provides the aluminium with perfect surface quality, consistent in colour and gloss.

#### NON-COMBUSTIBLE ALUMINIUM

Aluminium is classified Euroclass A1, the highest standard in the European classification system for materials.

#### 55HX® delivery programme

Width x length [mm]	Thickne [mm]	SS				
	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	4.0
1,000 x 2,000						
1,250 x 2,500						
1,500 x 3,000						
1,500 x 4,000						

55HX<sup>®</sup> anodising quality

55HX<sup>®</sup> 10μm or 15μm natural anodised

#### 55HX<sup>®</sup> chemical composition limits [all data on wt. -%]

Alloy	EN-αlloy	Si	Fe	Cu	Mn	Mg	Cr	Zn	Ti	Others	
										each	total
55HX®	5005	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.5 - 1.1	0.1	0.25	-	0.05	0.15

#### 55HX® mechanical properties [typical values]

Alloy	Temper	Thickness [mm]	Tensile strength R <sub>m</sub> [MPa]	Yield strength R <sub>p0,2</sub> [MPa]	Elongation A <sub>50</sub> [%]
55HX®	H14	0.2 ≤ 1.5	145 - 185	min. 120	min. 2
55HX®	H14	1.5 ≤ 3	145 - 185	min. 120	min. 3
55HX®	H14	3 <u>≺</u> 5	145 - 185	min. 120	min. 4

#### 55HX<sup>®</sup> dimensional capabilities

	Thickness [mm]	Width [mm]	
Coil	0.3 - 5	up to 1,650	
Sheet	0.6 - 5	up to 1,650	

#### 55HX<sup>®</sup> non-combustible material





## 55HX<sup>®</sup> – Colour uniformity and best practice

For the unique metallic look of 55HX<sup>®</sup>, it is essential to combine a consistent surface finish coil-to-coil aluminium

#### ALUMINIUM DUFFEL RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

#### Ordering

55HX<sup>®</sup> should be ordered with paper or protective film on the visible side. The UV-resistant film can be removed without residue, provided it was protected against water during storage at temperatures between 5°C and 30°C.

#### Handling

Loading and unloading of 55HX<sup>®</sup> should be done very carefully to avoid scratches and other surface defects.



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production with a perfectly controlled anodising process. Colour and gloss between production batches will be

#### Fabrication

All creative processes such as laser-cutting, punching, perforating and folding, should take place prior to anodising. All processes influencing the surface quality must be avoided on the visible side. Therefore welding and soldering should only be done at the non-visible side.

#### Anodising

A certified anodiser is capable to hold parameters constant, capture their data during the entire process and perform obligatory pre-treatment of the natural oxide layer. Etching



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stable, provided that Aluminium Duffel guidelines are followed. Colour anodising remains the responsibility of the anodiser.

must be min. 15µm on the visible side and anodising layer max. 30µm thick with narrow thickness layer tolerances.

#### Installation

During wall cladding all panels need to be put up in the same rolling direction. Thicknesses sizes < 2mm and ≥ 2mm should not be intermixed.

#### Cleaning

Once a year wash with water added with a neutral soft detergent. Afterwards rinse with plain water and dry with a soft and absorbing cloth.



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## 55HX<sup>®</sup> – Unlimited Creative Potential

55HX<sup>®</sup> allows architects to design the material in line with their individual needs. The easiness of its bending, perforating, punching and deep-drawing have made it the outstanding aluminium solution. After anodising aluminium substrate is weather-, corrosion- and UV-resistant while maintaining the authentic metallic gloss as well as the durability.

#### THE COLOUR VARIETY OF 55HX®



other colours possible (upon request) To view more references, request a colour sample or look into technical details, visit **www.aluminiumduffel.com** 



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