

STAINLESS STEEL

Austenite 55

DATA SHEET



Grade Selection

The long-term performance of Austenite 55 is dependent on proper grade selection. In most environments, Type 304 will be sufficient to prevent corrosion. In normal seacoast applications, Type 316 should be specified. If parts are to be welded, the low carbon versions of these grades (304L/316L) should be used. Highlights of chemical analyses and properties appear in Table I. Severe environments such as seacoast atmospheres subjected to salt water spray and chemical plants will require different alloys, subject to application review.

Pounds Per Piece

Thickness (in.) x Width (in.) x Length (in.) x .292

Available Sizes

Please refer to Table II. Coils and cut lengths up to 240" are available.

Fire Resistance

Since stainless steel is dimensionally stable up to 2000°F, Austenite 55 provides an added measure of protection in the event of a fire.

Flatness

Austenite 55 is supplied to ASTM (American Society for the Testing of Materials) standard commercial allowances.

Fabrication

Austenite 55 is readily welded or soldered. A grade of welding wire more noble than the work piece should be used. While formation of a heat tint scale can be avoided in lighter gauges through use of shield gasses, care must be taken to remove this scale through chemical means. Flux residue must be thoroughly removed after soldering. The Austenite 55 finish cannot be restored after welding, soldering or other fabrication processes have altered it. The pattern is geometric, therefore matching panel seams may be difficult to achieve.

Product Description

Austenite 55 is a randomly textured, geometric surface with pattern features that reflect light differently, depending on the light source and angle of view. A striking appearance is the result of light-to-dark contrasts within its unique texture. It is suitable for use in high traffic areas like elevators and entryways. Since Austenite 55 has no coatings to deteriorate, it will last indefinitely with little maintenance. Austenite 55 is manufactured by Thyssen-Krupp Nirosta and distributed in North America by Contrarian Metal Resources.

Table I		304/304L	316/316L
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS			
Nickel		8%	10%
Chromium		18%	16%
Molybdenum			2%
TYPICAL MECHANICAL PROPERTIES			
Yield Strength (psi)		46,000	45,000
Tensile Strength (psi)		89,000	84,000
Elongation in 2 inches		55%	50%
Hardness (Rockwell B)		86	83
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES			
Density (lb./cu. in.)		.292	.292
Modulus of Elasticity in Tension (x 10 ⁶ lb./sq. in.)		28.0	28.0
Mean Coefficient of Thermal Expansion per °F (x 10 ⁻⁶)	32 - 212°F	9.6	8.9
	32 - 600°F	9.9	9.0
	32 - 1000°F	10.2	9.7
Melting Point Range °F		2550 - 2650	2500 - 2550

Table II		Size Range (inches)				
THICKNESS	WIDTH					
	.75 - 18	>18 <24	24 - 36	>36 - 49	>49 - 60	
.1251 - .1874						
.075 - .1250						
.0291 - .075	•	•	•	•		
.0178 - .029	•	•	•	•		
.015 - .0177	•	•	•	•		

Installation

Austenite 55 is supplied with a high-grade UV resistant protective plastic covering designed to withstand the elements for several weeks. However, it is advisable to remove this material promptly after installation to prevent adhesive residue from remaining on the stainless steel finish.

While this product's appearance is very uniform, it should be noted, however, that any metallic surface, even a painted one, is sensitive to misalignment of panels on differing planes. Care should be taken to ensure installation within reasonable tolerances in order to get the full benefit of this material's homogeneous appearance. After installation is completed, any rust stains from tools or construction debris must be removed.

Maintenance

Designed to be essentially maintenance free, Austenite 55 will last for decades without requiring attention. It may, however, be appropriate to clean the surface to maintain its original appearance. Specific stainless steel agents are available on the market. Any detergent/ammonia solution can be effective for general cleaning. A sodium carbonate paste can be applied with a warm water rinse to address stains. Severe stains can be removed with tri-sodium phosphate and caustic soda solutions. More tenacious contaminants, like adhesive residue will respond to pure acetone. Chloride-containing products must be avoided. Areas where incidental debris can collect, such as gutters, must be cleaned on a regular basis. For more information, please refer to "Cleaning Stainless Steel Finishes" in the Resources section of our website at www.metalresources.net.



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