



## 40 Years limited warranty

### PREFINISHED STEEL PANELS “DISTINCTION” GRANITE DEEP MAT SERIES – FLUOROPOLYMER WOOD SERIES

Métalunic Design warrants that the paint film on the prefinished steel panels from the Granite Deep Mat Series and the Fluoropolymer Wood Grain Series (hereafter collectively referred to as the « **Products** ») will not, after an exposure of forty (40) years from the date of their installation, show any sign of cracking, chipping, peeling, crazing, spotting or loss of adherence when used in normal atmospheric conditions (excluding any corrosive or aggressive atmospheres such as those contaminated by chemical emissions or salty environment) in the case of applications in Canada and the continental United States, including Alaska.

#### Granite Deep Mat and Fluoropolymer wood series (chalking)

For the first thirty (30) years from the date of delivery, the chalking will not exceed N°. 8 (ASTM D4214) for wall applications.

#### Granite Deep Mat serie (discoloration)

During the first thirty (30) years after the delivery date of the products, color fading shall not exceed 5 units  $\Delta E$  Hunter for vertical applications and 8 units  $\Delta E$  Hunter for applications other than vertical when determined by chromatic measures made according to ASTM D2244 Standard. Measurements shall be conducted on clean surfaces after removing surface deposits and chalk marks based on the requirements of ASTM D3964 Standard. Discoloration shall be measured by a certified colourimeter designed to produce reflectance readings in the Tristimulus Filter System of X, Y, and Z, based on the CIE values of illuminant C at 2 $\theta$ , in Hunter L, a, and b units.

#### Fluoropolymer wood series (discoloration)

For panels with paint coatings of the Fluoropolymer series with printed matter, it is not possible to measure the color on a printed surface with the aid of instruments because of the natural variations of the pattern. However, the appearance of the printed matter will remain intact and recognizable during the first twenty (20) years of exposure and discoloration will be uniform.

#### WARRANTY BENEFICIERY

Only the original owner (buyer) is entitled to this warranty. This warranty is transferable to subsequent buyers of the building only if a written notice is delivered to Métalunic Design within thirty (30) days of the transfer date of the property ownership. The omission of such notice will void the warranty.

#### PROCEDURE FOR CLAIM

1. To make a claim, the buyer must inform in writing Métalunic Design within thirty (30) days after a defect has been noticed in the product. If such notice is not served within said time limit, the warranty will automatically be void.
2. Any claim by the buyer must include all necessary information required for the identification of the material considered defective, including a copy of the product invoice from Métalunic Design and the date at which the defect was noticed. The buyer or owner of the building must retain these documents. The installer's or distributor's corporate documents shall not be taken into consideration.
3. If, after inspection of the material considered defective, Métalunic Design determines that a claim under this warranty is eligible, the available recourse shall be solely at its discretion and shall be limited to the rework of the product finish or the replacement of defective parts, so as to provide a pro rata performance of the original warranty.
4. Any claim will be preceded by a preliminary investigation to determine the causes of the defect and at the same evaluate its eligibility.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following warranty covers prefinished steel panels only if said panels are mounted in such a way that their angle of installation prevents any possible water accumulation.

Furthermore, the following situations are not covered by this warranty:

1. Siding not installed as per Métalunic Design instructions.
2. Products directly in contact with the siding or products in contact with the siding that interact with water (fascia, gutters, soffits, etc.) made from lead, copper or any material that is non-compatible with steel.
3. Siding exposed to conditions or circumstances that promote the formation and condensation of corrosive smoke inside the building.
4. Siding used for roofing.
5. Siding lacking unobstructed means of discharging runoff water or subject to permanent condensation.
6. Damages or defects resulting or arising from the fabrication or embossing of the siding or its adjacent trims.
7. Siding in contact with unseasoned or rotten wood, wet insulation or other corrosive products.
8. Damages caused by the use of installation equipment non-compatible with the products of Métalunic Design.
9. Damages resulting from soil settlement, structural defects or any other cause non-related to an inherent manufacturing defect of product from Métalunic Design.
10. Siding subject to conditions involving constant exposure or spraying by marine saltwater or other saline water as well as soft water.
11. Coating installed on any site within 1000 meters of salt water.
12. Damages caused by abnormal weather conditions. The expression «abnormal weather conditions» included without being limited to, hail, falling ice, exposure to salt, dust from high pressure water, corrosive or harmful chemical products (solids, liquids or gas), ashes, cement dust, animal feces and airborne contaminants.
13. The presence of minute steel particles, resulting from the cutting of the panels with a mechanical saw, which adhere to the paint film.
14. Damages to the panels directly or indirectly caused by contact with fasteners. It is the buyer's responsibility to use the appropriate fasteners.
15. Minor cracks at the surface of the paint film of the prefinished steel panels.
16. Damages to the siding panels caused by corrosion at its edges or by defective steel substrate.
17. Minor color variation in the prefinished steel panels resulting from different order lots.
18. Defects or damages to the panels' paint film resulting from handling, shipping, transport, treatment or improper storage, improper installation or prolonged contact with humidity or contact with corrosive agents or any other similar agent, treated wood, after the delivery of products by Métalunic Design.
19. Damages resulting from an Act of God, falling object, external force, explosion, fire, riot, public commotion, act of war, excessive radiations or any other event out of the control of Métalunic Design.
20. Non-conforming exposure or operating conditions of the steel panels' paint film.
21. Defect or damages resulting from over tightening the components, irregularities in the structure' straightness and the expansion or contraction of the siding system due to temperature variations.
22. Métalunic Design shall not be held accountable for direct or indirect losses, damages or expenses resulting from the use of defective or non-conforming prefinished steel panels as well as any other accidental or incidental damages. Its liability shall not exceed the purchase price of the prefinished steel panels. Without limiting its scope, this warranty only covers products supplied by Métalunic Design the latter will not be held responsible for damages related to labor or those resulting from the loss of use of a building or of its content.
23. This warranty is the sole exclusive warranty applicable to the paint film of the prefinished steel panels and Métalunic Design offers no other express or implied warranty beyond this warranty. Any other proposition, negotiation or representation, if submitted before this warranty, automatically forms part of it.
24. Métalunic Design reserves the right to cancel or modify this warranty, except in the case of already approved or modified orders at the time of writing of the notice of its cancellation or modification.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

→Before proceeding to any installation, the buyer is responsible for inspecting the material shipped by the vendor so as to minimize expenses related to repair, painting or replacement of any defective parts.

→If the customer must make cuts to the panels, it is imperative to apply touch-up paint to the cut areas. Scratches can be eliminated by gently dabbing paint on the surface. Refer to the installation guide for more information.

→It should be noted that from one lot to another, the colors may vary, this does not change the quality of the paint. →The order should be complete when purchasing to minimize the risk of seeing a difference.

→The protective film must be removed at an ambient temperature of more than 0 ° Celsius