

QUALICOAT EXPLAINED

Developed over 20 years and accepted in 20 countries, Qualicoat is an international benchmark of quality for the powder coating industry and is the only independent compliance system for powder coating in Australia.

Qualicoat specifies and verifies the powder coating practises of its members, in accordance with Australian and International Standards set in the Building Code of Australia. The system outlines the minimum criteria for the critical elements of powder application including pre-treatment, plant, powder, process control and testing.

Powder manufacturers products and pre-treatment systems are also tested and approved by Qualicoat

Administered through the Qualicoat division of the Australasian Institute of Surface Finishing (AISF), Qualicoat is audited by the independent Azuma organisation, which is accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA).

Compliance certification

The powder manufacturer guarantees the coating performance of the Qualicoat-approved powder. They do not guarantee the pre-treatment or application of the powder. The pre-treatment and application is guaranteed by a Qualicoat applicator.

Qualicoat provides a Proven Risk Management System. In the unlikely event of a claim, documented and independently audited procedures provide strong supporting evidence of correct application practices.

One of the major benefits of Qualicoat membership is therefore **compliance certification**, which is essentially proof of third party accreditation and compliance to Australian Standards.

Benefits of membership

- Members provide a seven year warranty to their customers, within industry guidelines
- Provides members with a strong competitive advantage and point of difference
- Credibility through endorsement by the industry's major associations, the Australian Institute of Surface Finishing, Australian Window Association and Australian Aluminium Council
- Involvement in an all-inclusive marketing campaign will mean free promotional opportunities
- Qualicoat is based on the world's best powder coating practises
- Enables the best possible conditions for the end-product, ensuring each is fit for purpose
- An end-product bearing a Qualicoat sticker is testament of its compliance to Australian Standards



Benefits of membership (continued)

- Being Qualicoat-certified is testament of a powder coater's compliance to Australian Standards
- Qualicoat members have access to the latest news and technical support for continuous quality assurance

Joinery Manufactures

- Compliance certification provides a competitive advantage
- Provides greater assurance of coating integrity, mitigating long term performance risks
- Provides considerable peace of mind that the powder coater you use has the materials, processes and support to get job right the first time
- Enables manufactures to market 'Qualicoat quality finishes'
- A selling point to specifiers, architect and builders
- Satisfies the Australian Window Association's Third Party Compliance scheme

Applicators

- Compliance certification provides a competitive advantage
- Provides a proven risk management system
- Association with the best powder applicators in the country
- Continuous non-bias monitoring of process integrity, providing management with periodic assessment of plant and equipment capabilities
- Pull through of research from Qualicoat headquarters, Zurich
- On-tap updates regarding powder coating innovations and business opportunities