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# SEAMLESS ALUMINIUM Product Data Sheet : Secret Fix Coping System

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#### **Product Description:**

Seamless Aluminum's range of heavy duty Coping's are designed and manufactured to provide the essential architectural features appropriate to traditionally designed buildings. Various elements snap and clip together and are sealed with mastic and bolted together if required. They are fixed to parapet with the use of our secret fix mounting brackets.

As we manufacture all coping's and accessories in our state of the art manufacturing plant we can accommodate any special requirements you may have in relation to length, colour, special angles or brackets etc.

Physical Properti	es
Material	Manufactured from sheet Aluminium to EN 15088:2005   485   1396 Grade EN AW-1050A H14 Supplied by Registered Stockiest.
Finish	Mill Finish or Polyester Powder Coated to most classic RAL colours. Produced to EN12206-1
Sizes Available	Bespoke Manufactured : 150mm min to 1200mm max girth (B) Gauge: 2mm / 3mm
Life expectancy	40 years or more

#### **Standard RAL Colour Options:**

RAL 9016	RAL 9005	RAL 7015	RAL 7016	RAL 9005
Traffic white	Jet black	Slate grey	Anthracite grey	Ripple black

Our polyester powder coated range of RAL colours have a Matt finish and are available as standard colours unless alternative requested.

#### **Durability/Performance:**

Aluminium Secret Fix Coping systems have a low maintenance life in excess of 40 years in rural and suburban conditions and in excess of 25 years in industrial and marine conditions.

#### **Fire Rating:**

Non Combustible to EN13501-1:2007 + A1:2009 Coefficient for thermal expansion - 0.000023°C Do not aid combustion Melting point approximately 660°C

#### **Standards:**

All Seamless Aluminium Groups systems are manufactured under the ISO 9001 - 2015 quality management standards.

#### **Manufacturer:**

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#### **Jointing:**

The Secret Fix Coping is jointed using internal connectors and are boned together for additional strength. Lengths are butt jointed with a 1mm to 3mm expansion joint between each coping, then a low modulus sealant, such as Pro Cast Clear or Pro Sealer Clear, is applied to both sides creating a joint which will stand up to thermal movement.

#### **Handling & Storage:**

Coping, Secret fix brackets and fittings, particularly with polyester powder coat finish should be handled with care and should preferably be stored under cover on racks to prevent scratching. All lengths are supplied in protective polythene wrapping, components suitably packed in boxes. If painted products are to be stored outside, cover with tarpaulin to guard against water ingress into the protective polythene. Mill finish items should be stored undercover to avoid uneven oxidisation prior to being fitted.

#### **Maintenance:**

In order to maintain proper working order, Coping's should be periodically cleaned and any built-up debris removed. Check all fixings are secure and take any remedial action to rectify if necessary. To maximise the life of the decorative paint finishes, all parts should be washed down at regular intervals and any damage repaired. Please see Cleaning and Maintenance document for detailed instructions.

### **FIXING METHOD:**

Aluminium secret fix brackets fixed using HD self-drill tap fasteners 5.5mm gauge x 38mm long through the brackets. Brackets to be spaced a maximum of 1 meter centres apart. Coping is hooked onto the capping secret fix brackets on the external down stand, rotated over the bracket and hooked onto the inner side of the secret fix bracket or alternatively can be fixed in place with a polyester pre-coated 4.8x15 pop rivet through the internal down stand. All brackets and copping are separated by a bead of low modulus sealant, such as Pro Cast Clear or Pro Sealer Clear which will stand up to thermal movement.

#### **Compatibility:**

Direct Aluminium contact with dissimilar metals or with materials containing lime or cement should be avoided. The polyester coating is an insulation but different metals should be separated by nonmetallic material to prevent electrolytic corrosion. The use of Aluminium in conjunction with copper roofs, cladding or flashings should be avoided. Contact Seamless Aluminium International for advice where heavily polluted atmospheres or marine conditions are involved for advice on material choice.

#### **Environmental:**

Seamless Aluminium's manufacturing site in Donegal is focused on ensuring all environmental steps are taken when producing any product.

#### **Technical Support:**

Technical advice is available from Seamless Aluminium via:

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Seamless Aluminium Group pursues a policy of constant product development and information contained within this datasheet is therefore subject to change without notice. The customer is responsible for ensuring that each product is fit for its intended purpose and that the conditions for use are suitable. All quoted data is nominal and subject to production tolerances.



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Secret Fix Coping Parts and Accessories:							
	<u>Coping Section</u> <u>Type A</u>	A B C	<u>Flat Coping Section</u> <u>Type B</u>				
lsomn	<u>Corner Coping</u> <u>90 Degree</u> <u>135 degree</u> <u>Custom degree</u>		<u>Coping Welded</u> <u>End Cap</u>				
150mm 150mm	<u>T-Joint Coping</u>		<u>Coping Welded</u> <u>Abutment End</u>				
	Internal Joiner		<u>External Joiner</u>				
	<u>Secret Fixing</u> <u>Type A</u>		<u>Coping Slip on</u> <u>End Cap</u>				
	<u>Corner/Half_Fixing</u> <u>Type A</u>	A	<u>Secret Fixing</u> <u>Type B</u>				

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## **Cleaning & Maintenance**

#### Introduction:

These recommendations cover procedures for cleaning and maintenance of powder coated Aluminium rainwater, eaves, window cills and coping systems. Powder Coatings are organic coatings which need to be cleaned and maintained regularly to ensure that the decorative and protective properties of the coating are retained. Powder Coated Aluminium materials, gutter and rainwater pipe systems are not a FIT and FORGET product and regular cleaning and maintenance (depending on environment) will be required to ensure product/ system lifespan and correct functionality.

#### **Method:**

Coping's should be regularly cleaned of debris, leaves and grit to maintain the designed finish and to prevent ponding or debris build up which will in turn damage finishes. Check all joints are watertight, fixings are secure and take any remedial action to rectify if necessary. Usual maintenance of powder coated applied products can be done with an appropriate cleaning product, followed by clear water rinsing and wiping using a soft cloth. All surfaces should be cleaned using a soft cloth or sponge, using nothing harsher than natural bristle brushes. There is no need to overclean or apply excessive pressure or rubbing. We recommend frequent mild cleaning rather than infrequent heavy cleaning. If the project is subject to any hazardous unusual environmental factors, or is close to salt water, an estuary or marine environments then Seamless Aluminium International must be consulted on an individual project basis. If the coating is very heavily soiled (i.e. due to lack of maintenance), then the recommendation is to consult a specialized cleaning company.

#### **Recording:**

Failure to follow cleaning and maintenance guidelines will render all Warranties null and void therefore a written record must be kept in respect of all inspections, maintenance, cleaning and repair work detailing the following Information Name and details of inspection , cleaning body, date of works (cleaning, maintenance and or repair), detail of works undertaken and Inspection report findings.

#### **Cleaning Products:**

Before cleaning the cleaning agent's datasheet must be consulted. Usual maintenance can be done using water with mild detergent (pH 5 to 8) rinsing down afterwards with fresh water If the atmospheric pollution has resulted in heavy soiling of the coating, some stains or marks may require stronger domestic products such as products based of alcohol, petroleum spirits, white spirit, or bleach (diluted to 5%). In this case, it is necessary to rinse the coating immediately after the cleaning product has been used. In no circumstance should any abrasive cleaner or polish, or any cleaner containing ketones or esters be used.

#### **Frequency:**

The frequency of cleaning depends in part on the geographical and environmental location of the building, the elements it is exposed to and the standard of appearance that is required . Also the requirements to remove deposits, which could, during prolonged contact with either the powder film or the metal substrate, (if exposed) cause damage. As a general rule the coated surface should be cleared at least once a year in a normal environment. However in areas where pollutants are more prevalent, coastal areas or industrial areas a more frequent cleaning programme must be carried out. The Industry standards for the cleaning of Powder Coated Aluminium products dependant on their located environments are as follows:

Environment	Frequency of Cleaning
<b>Normal</b> Urban industrial. Moderate SO <sub>2</sub> levels in coastal area with low salinity	12 months
Severe Industrial areas and coastal areas with moderate salinity and SO <sub>2</sub> levels >30 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	6 months
Hazardous Industrial areas with humid and aggressive atmospheres, with SO <sub>2</sub> > 30mg/m <sup>3</sup> Coastal and offshore areas less than one km from coast with high UV, high humidity and salt > 12 mg per litre rain water)	3 months