



U. S. Steel Košice

A subsidiary of
United States Steel Corporation

U. S. Steel Košice, s.r.o.
Vstupný areál U. S. Steel
044 54 Košice
Slovak Republic

GUARANTEE

for surface finish of hot galvanized sheets with organic coating produced by U. S. Steel Košice, s.r.o.

U. S. Steel Košice, s.r.o. (hereinafter USSKe) offers a 10 years guarantee for the surface finish of organic coated sheet products to buyers of organic coated coils produced by USSKe.

Guarantee for surface finish includes organic coatings with standard parameters (primer 5 μm + topcoat 20 μm), which are exposed in the interior or exterior to conditions of their use. Guarantee for coating relates to all uniform shades, which are used by the producer.

Guarantee applies to:

- flaking of coating from the sheet,
- formation of cracks in coating caused by unsuitable technology of application,
- corrosion of organic coated sheets on undamaged areas,
- color difference exceeding agreed tolerances.

Guarantee will be assumed only when organic coatings on sheets were not damaged during forming operations and when certain accurately established principles of transport, storage, handling and installation were observed (see "Recommendations related to transport and storage of organic coated sheets").

Guarantee does not cover:

- Uniform change of color, fading of coating color, changes in coating color caused by dust and changes in gloss of coating.
- Guarantee is binding only in cases when the product was used under normal environmental conditions. Guarantee does not cover any damage of the coating caused by extraordinary meteorological conditions or acts of nature (earthquake, fire, storm, floods, torrential rain, hurricane, hailstorm), products used in the aggressive environment (industrial pollutants, fumes or deleterious gases, ammonia, chlorine, saltpetre, salts or other chemical substances, etc.) and damage due to war, riots and terrorist actions.
- Guarantee does not cover the products, which were in contact with corroded objects, aggressive chemicals, structural elements manufactured of copper and with liquids flowing out of copper pipes, as well as damages caused by force majeure.

- Guarantee does not cover color differences in coils, which were not manufactured in one production batch.
- Guarantee does not cover damages arising during improper forming of organic coated sheets, also sheets which were stored for the period exceeding 6 months, and which were formed at temperatures below 18 °C.
- Guarantee does not apply to cut edges and additionally made openings, which were not adequately protected by protective paint.
- Guarantee does not cover damages arising from incorrect storage of sheets.
- Guarantee does not cover damages originating during forming, transport and installation caused by mechanical or chemical effects, including contamination of the coating by metal particles produced during cutting, milling or boring operations.
- Guarantee does not cover damages arising from incorrect and unprofessional method of installation and unsuitable placement of products in the final place of their use (low slope of roof without possibility of water drainage).
- Guarantee does not cover the corrosion of backing sides of coated products.

Guarantee claim:

- Guarantee is valid from the date of production, which is identified on the accompanying label of a coil.
- Guarantee claim requires unambiguous identification of the claimed product (notification of the date of production, purchase contract number, USSKe coil number) and submission of this "Guarantee Form" together with the invoice for purchase of the goods.
- Guarantee claim procedure can be started only when min. 5% of all sheets used in construction are damaged. The defects must be notified immediately after their ascertainment and a claim must be lodged in writing within 15 days from the detection of the defect.
- USSKe will replace the acknowledged damaged coatings with new material, or it will reimburse the cost of renovation of the product. USSKe reserves the right to select one of the above mentioned methods of claim settlement. However, USSKe will not be liable for indirect costs or damages arising from the damage of coating (dismantling, installation costs).
- Responsibility of the manufacturer is limited by the invoice issued by USSKe during sale of the product, which is the subject of claim. Under no circumstances shall this guarantee cover any cost in excess of the original invoice amount after deduction of all taxes.
- After expiration of the guarantee period, the claims will not be acknowledged.

Košice

Július Lang

U.S. Steel Košice, s.r.o.
 Generálny manažér pre predaj výrobkov
 na technické použitie
 044 64 Košice

