

### 7 WAYS TO INCREASE PRODUCT BRANDING IMPACT

Product Differentiation Through Finish Options



### MAKE AN IMPACT

Your brand is one of the most valuable items your company has. The combination of your logo and brand colors sends a message that your company is unique. But what if there was a way to take that message even further?

Incorporating a background finish into your nameplate can give an entirely different look and feel, from elegant to rugged or hightech to warm. The result is increased perceived value all from a simple design element.

Let's check out a few examples.



# ATTRACTIVE FINISH OPTIONS

Patterns, custom colors and special effects are attractive and effective elements to make your brand stand out. The versatility and possibilities are endless.

### **Background Finish Options for Nameplates, Labels and Decorative Trim**

Soft Touch Finish
Technical Finishes
Carbon Fiber Structures
Metallic Pigments
Patina Finishes
Contrasting Gloss
Integrated Elements



# **SOFT TOUCH FINISH**



Velvety smooth. Easy on the eye. No fingerprints. Resists scratching. It's no wonder that this soft touch coating is growing in popularity!

The clear finish stands up to exterior applications while bringing a flair of elegance to design.

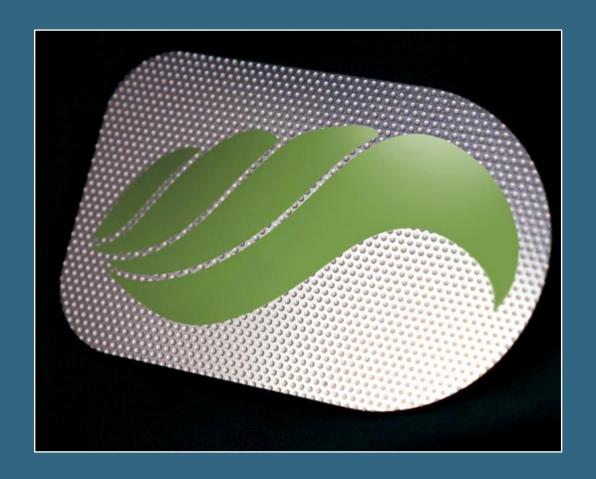
You pick the color, we develop the finish. Simple as that.

#### **Benefits of Soft Touch Coating**

Non-Reflective, Anti-Glare Finish Scratch and Mar Resistant Exterior Durability Luxurious, Silky Feel



# TECHNICAL FINISHES



Precise. Repeatable. Geometric. Tactile. Something different and unique to enhance brand awareness through the application of textures. Incorporate into full background coverage or add interest in a specific area.

Completely scalable and customizable to suit your needs.

Pick an existing structure or let's develop something new!

Reasons to Incorporate a Technical Finish into Nameplates or Decorative Trim

Add Interest and Dimension Enhance Brand Awareness Increase Perceived Value



# CARBON FIBER STRUCTURES



Looking for a finish that reflects strength? How about a sporty look? Carbon fiber is a choice structure that speaks to high performance and durability.

Woven, braided, mesh and layered fibers are all possible finishes that can be produced on metal surfaces. These finishes reinforce the brand message.

We're ready to review your project or send some samples for you to check out!

**Applications for Carbon Fiber Finishes** 

Decorative Trim
Nameplates and Badges
Overlays and Panels



### PATINA FINISHES



Handcrafted. Vintage. Distressed. These all describe the patina finishes. There is something to be said for an aged and worn surface. It gives a feeling of longevity – like the product has been and will be around for awhile. It's familiar and comfortable.

No matter if you are looking for a rugged hammered finish or a scratched tarnished surface – as detailed as needed, and in nearly any color imaginable.

Nature translated onto metal surfaces? Yes!

**Types of Patina Finishes** 

Hammered

Distressed

Aged

Water-marked



# METALLIC FINISHES



Classic and authentic. Blasted metal. Fine or coarse. A metallic finish is typically used to cover the background surface for trim and badges.

One of the great things about a metallic finish is its natural low gloss which results in an amazing contrast when paired with bright graphics or border elements.

Although metallic silver is the most common choice for this type of decoration, custom color matches are possible.

#### **Benefits of Metallic Finishes**

Visual Dimension Complements Mating Surfaces Authentic Finish



# **CONTRASTING GLOSS**



Tone-on-tone. Visual depth. Clean. Elegant. Sometimes keeping it simple is the key to taking things to the next level. Contrasting gloss is a great example of this brought to life for an elegant way to enhance brand awareness.

Looking for something other than two-tone? No problem! Change up the background to any color and make it a matte finish with bright graphics – what an impact!

#### Appealing Elements of Contrasting Gloss Levels

Two-Tone Look
Increase Perceived Value
Visual Depth
Enhance Brand Awareness



### INTEGRATED ELEMENTS



Think it's not necessary to include your brand into trim or information tags? Wrong! What a great opportunity to build rapport within the market and increase brand awareness!

Background colors, patterns and finish options just need to take into consideration what graphic elements are needed – is there an embossed logo or graphic that can be dropped in?

We're ready to help identify integration options for your product identification and trim.

Advantages of Integrated Design Elements for Product Identification and Decorative Trim

Economical Use of Material Minimal Assembly Coordinated Design



## SUBSTRATE OPTIONS

Finishes can be translated to both metal and plastic substrates. All products are custom designed, meeting the unique needs of each project and spec.

Aluminum, brass and steel are durable options for nameplates, ID Plates and panels. Polycarbonate, polyester and vinyl are economical materials for labels, decals and overlays.

We'll work with you to identify the appropriate substrate and attachment solution, whether indoor or outdoor application.



### RELATED RESOURCES

Check out these articles and eBooks for even more helpful information about design for impressive nameplates, labels, and trim.

#### **Articles**

Where and When It Makes Sense to Use Patterns

6 Tips to Simplify Graphic Overlay Design

5 Tips to Prepare for Your Nameplate Project

#### **eBooks**

Nameplate Substrate Guide

Custom Domed Nameplates and Labels

5 Building Blocks for Metal Nameplate Design



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