



Grey alkyd explained: Colour coated steel is classed as prime-quality or non-prime-quality. Non-prime colour coated steel can be referred to by the name of NP, Grey alkyd, seconds or B-grade.

All non-prime steel has a galvanised coating on top of the steel substrate. The galvanised steel is then treated with a pre-treatment and primer, followed by its intended topcoat colour and coating.

The top of the sheet is usually finished with a polyester based paint or plastisol PVC finish. The bottom or reverse side of the sheet is finished with a high performance backing coat as standard. This backing coat is a polyester based smooth painted finish that is pale grey in colour, and we refer to it as **Grey alkyd**. This becomes your external topcoat finish, leaving a random colour and coating on the underside of your roof sheet.

Reasons for colour coated steel to be classed as non-prime (NP): There are several reasons why colour coated steel may be rejected as prime-quality, the list below gives an indication but is not exhaustive. In most circumstances it is hard to notice any difference.

- Aged stock
- The topcoat or backing coat may be missing in areas
- Quality checks not passed
- Colour shade differences
- Galvanising, primer coat, or topcoat may not meet the required standards
- There might be damage to the edge of the colour coated steel coils that are used to manufacture roofing sheets
- Imperfections in the steel
- Coating imperfections

What to expect when ordering grey alkyd non-prime roof sheets: When we receive an order for Grey alkyd roof sheets, we will choose a colour coated steel coil based on your selections and verify with you what to expect. At this point, you will be given the option to continue with your order, or cancel and choose a different material. Please note that this material is subject to availability.

Our non-prime roof and cladding sheets are manufactured with the Grey alkyd finish face up. The Grey alkyd finish becomes your external topcoat, leaving a random colour and coating on the bottom side of your roof sheets. Rest assured that we make every effort to ensure that each batch of roof sheets has the same colour and coating on the underside. The colour of the underside of your roof sheets can be discussed with a member of our staff.

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