

Research, Development, Quality Control

Coatings, Plating, Adhesives, Sealants, Rust Inhibitors

Steel and Aluminum Test Substrates

Test substrates from Q-Lab Corporation minimize metal variability as a source of bias in critical tests. At the same time, they are economical enough to be used for sales samples and batch records.

The World Standard

For over 40 years, Q-Panel brand test panels have been recognized as the world standard for a consistent and uniform test surface. Thousands of labs use millions of our panels each year.

Consistent

Three factors assure consistent quality at the lowest possible prices.

- Volume metal purchasing from selected mills.
- Automated production on a high-speed line.
- Rigorous inspection at several processing stages from raw material to finished product.

Economical

Due to their high volume production, our panels cost less than you might expect for such a standardized surface. Equally important, the convenience of clean, safe, standardized panels reduces the expensive time lab personnel spend cleaning and handling panels.

Convenient

For maximum convenience, Q-Panel brand substrates are supplied pre-cleaned, with a 1/4" (6 mm) hole. For safety and ease of handling, the panels have rounded corners and deburred edges. In addition, the panels are specially packed to provide a shelf life of several years. Our inventory of over a million panels means that 95% of our orders are shipped from stock.



A wide range of panel sizes and types are available for immediate shipment from stock.

Pre-Cleaned

Our production process thoroughly cleans the panels and removes any oil that might be on the surface. In addition, we go to extraordinary lengths to assure that all panels are free from handling marks and fingerprints. Our automated production line minimizes handling. Moreover, when it's necessary to handle unpacked panels, our highly trained personnel wear clean white gloves and handle the panels only by the edges.

Millions of Our Test Panels Are Used Every Year

Thousands of labs use millions of Q-Panel brand steel and aluminum panels every year for color development, weathering exposures, salt spray and corrosion testing, physical properties testing and quality control.



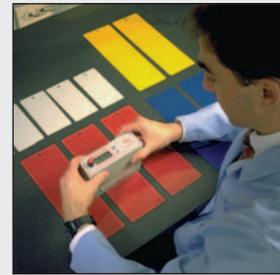
Weathering Tests



Color Development



Corrosion Test

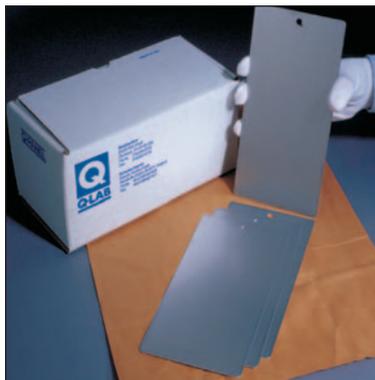


Appearance Retention

Packaging

Steel panels are packed in plastic bags in quantities of 20 to 50 panels depending on type and thickness. Each packet contains vapor phase rust inhibitor. Between 4 and 10 packets are placed in a sturdy cardboard carton.

With this multi-layer packaging, our steel panels have a shelf life of up to 10 years. The panels are stored completely clean, so there is no chance of oil stain ruining the surface. Aluminum panels are packed similarly, except without rust inhibitor.

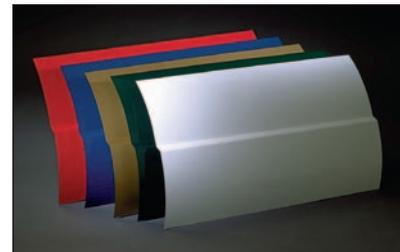


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Special Panels

In addition to our standard panels, we can also make types and sizes not shown on our regular Price Lists. Special panels can be manufactured with various alloys and finishes. These specials are most cost-effective when there are quantities sufficient to allow an economical production run and when the special panels employ either our stock metal or readily available alloys.



Special panels can be made in a variety of shapes, sizes, alloys and finishes.

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