

STAINLESS STEEL DATA SHEET



"THE SOURCE" FOR SPECIALTY METAL FINISHES

Random Swirl

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

Random Swirl is a decorative steel consisting of a patterned polished finish applied mechanically to the surface of stainless steel sheets. These finishes can be created with various visual effects. They are designed for architectural applications such as wall panels, elevator cabs, coping, and trim.



SELECTING THE GRADE

For the best results over time, selection of the proper grade of Random Swirl is important. Type 304, for most environments, is sufficient to prevent corrosion. Type 316 should be used near the seacoast. Low carbon versions of these grades (304L / 316L) should be used when parts are to be welded. See Table I for highlights of chemical analyses and properties. For extreme locations, e.g. near chemical plants or where steel may come into contact with salt water spray, different alloys will be required, subject to application review.

POUNDS PER PIECE

Thickness (in.) x Width (in.) x Length (in.) x .292

AVAILABLE SIZES

See Table II. Coil widths. Inquire for length.

FIRE RESISTANCE

Should a fire occur, Random Swirl provides additional protection as stainless steel has a melting point of 2750° F.

FABRICATION & INSTALLATION

Random Swirl can be welded or soldered. Preferably, use a grade of welding wire more noble than the work piece. Through use of shield gasses, formation of a heat tint scale may be avoided in lighter gauges. When scale does form, care must be taken to remove it through mechanical or chemical means. Random Swirl is quite sensitive

to alignment. Some projects may require the calculation of a border margin to ensure that panels with return legs that are installed next to each other are properly aligned. After soldering, flux residue must be removed. When installation is completed, remove any rust stains from tools/construction debris.

MAINTENANCE

Random Swirl is designed to be essentially maintenance free. It will last for decades without requiring attention. Yet it may be appropriate at times to clean the surface in order to maintain its original appearance. Specific stainless steel agents are widely available. For general cleaning, any detergent or ammonia solution is effective. For stains, a sodium carbonate paste with a warm water rinse can be applied. For severe stains, you may use tri-sodium phosphate and caustic soda solutions. More difficult contaminants, like adhesive residue, will come off with pure acetone. Always avoid products containing chloride. Regularly clean out areas where debris may collect such as gutters.

PATTERNS & COMBINATIONS

Other patterns and finishes are available. Color tinting, before or after pattern polishing, is also available. Please contact us for further information.

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Table I		304
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS		
Nickel		8%
Chromium		18%
Molybdenum		
TYPICAL MECHANICAL PROPERTIES		
Yield Strength (psi)		50,000
Tensile Strength (psi)		96,000
Elongation in 2 inches		50%
Hardness (Rockwell B)		85
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES		
Density (lb./cu. in.)		0.292
Modulus of Elasticity in Tension (X 10 ⁶ lb./sq.in.)		28.0
Mean Coefficient of Thermal Expansion per °F (x 10-6)	32 - 212°F	9.6
	32 - 600°F	9.9
	32 - 1000°F	10.2
Melting Point Range °F		2550 - 2650

Table II	Size Range (inches)				
	WIDTH				
THICKNESS	.75 - 18	>18 >24	24 - 36	>36 - 49	>49 - 60
.0291 - .135	•	•	•	•	
.0178 - .029	•	•	•	•	
.015 - .0177					

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