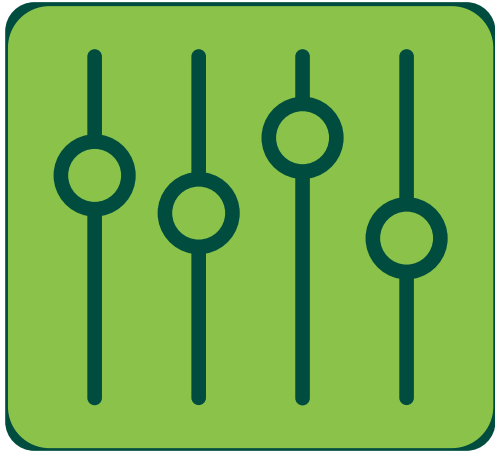


Home Building 101: Conquer That Gate

5 KEY TAKEAWAYS

to follow choosing the right finish for a new metal gate fence or railing



KEY 1: SELECT THE COLOR BRAND

Although color selection in powders is in the thousands, there has not been enough expansion to cover every brand of color available in the paint market.

KEY 2: USE A PRETREATMENT

No matter how exotic the paint or powder, if the pre-treatment isn't good, the coating will be poor.



KEY 3: CONSIDER IT ALL

Consider all components to new projects including, substrate types and use of dissimilar metals that expose you to early decay from electrolysis.

KEY 4: WHERE'S IT GOING?

Location is important. Where your project ends up i.e. the quality of the environment should be discussed as well as its expected longevity. This will help your coater determine the best approach and cost of the project.



KEY 5: GIVE IT YOUR BEST

For everyday fabrications we recommend an AAMA 2604 finish which in simple terms is a primer coat specific to the metal with an outdoor-rated color coat that provides greater durability.