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Qualicoat Member Almetron Develops New Chrome Free Pretreatment Systems



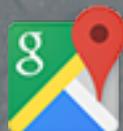
Qualicoat UK & Ireland member Almetron has recently launched a new chrome free pretreatment system, 'Tetramet 1000 Plus' has Qualicoat product approval and uses some of the most up to date technology to offer aluminium pre-treatment.

During the pretreatment process of aluminium, prior to the application of powder coating, metal surfaces are thoroughly cleaned and chemically etched. The pre-treatment 'chemical conversion coating' is then applied that offers both corrosion protection and a substantial 'key' for the final finish. For many years 'chromates' have been used, but with doubts over continued use of chromate, coaters are reviewing their choice of pre-treatment system.

Almetron are one of the UK's leading suppliers of pre-treatment systems for conversion coating in the architectural coatings sector. The company has also recently updated and gained Qualicoat approval for a further non-chrome pretreatment system known as Almetron CF20.

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