



**Decoral LAB**  
Research and Development



# Accelerated Weathering Test Natural Exposure Test



MRK 010-0724



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# TEST DI INVECCHIAMENTO ACCELERATO:

## Invecchiamento accelerato

Tutti i campioni vengono sottoposti all'irraggiamento di lampade allo xenon ed a cicli umido/secco mediante speciali apparecchiature (Q-Sun, SolarBox). Tali apparecchiature vengono utilizzate in conformità agli standard internazionali imposti dalla norma ISO 16474-2 rispettando le seguenti impostazioni:

- intensità luminosa,  $550 \pm 20 \text{ W/m}^2$  (290-800 nm)
- temperatura del pannello nero,  $65 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$
- ciclo umido 18 minuti
- ciclo secco 102 minuti

Alla fine dei test, che normalmente hanno una durata minima di 1000 ore, viene valutata la variazione di brillantezza (EN ISO 2813, con angolo di incidenza  $60^\circ$ ) ed il cambiamento di colore  $\Delta E$  (metodo CIELAB ISO 7724/3) rispetto ai valori di partenza. Questo permette di stabilire, in maniera parametrizzata, l'invecchiamento delle varie superfici testate. La corretta conduzione dei test viene verificata attraverso l'utilizzo di campioni in bianco ad invecchiamento noto.



Figure: apparecchiature per l'invecchiamento accelerato.  
Pictures: equipment for the Accelerated Weathering Test

## Accelerated Weathering Test

All samples are exposed to radiation of Xenon lamps and to wet/dry cycles by special equipment (Q-Sun, SOLARBOX). Such equipment is used in accordance with international standards imposed by norm ISO 16474-2, i.e. complying with the following settings:

- light intensity,  $550 \pm 20 \text{ W / m}^2$  (290-800 nm)
- black panel temperature,  $65 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$
- wet cycle 18 minutes
- dry cycle 102 minutes.

At the end of the test, whose minimum duration is 1000 hours, Residual Gloss (EN ISO 2813, with an angle of incidence  $60^\circ$ ) and Colour Variation  $\Delta E$  (CIELAB method - ISO 7724 / 3) are measured comparing pre-test values. In this way it is possible to evaluate the aging of surfaces using standard indexes. The accuracy of the test is verified through the use of samples in white, whose aging behaviour is known.

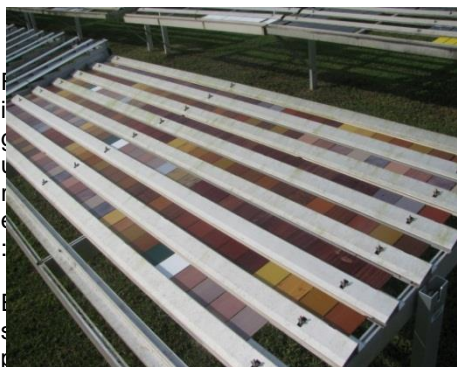
# ESPOSIZIONE NATURALE IN FLORIDA:

## Esposizione naturale

Le esposizioni naturali vengono condotte in Florida presso il sito espositivo della Atlas Weathering Service; il sud della Florida fornisce infatti un clima caldo umido e ad alto irraggiamento UV. Invecchiamento naturale: tutti i campioni vengono sottoposti all'irraggiamento naturale in Florida. L'esposizione viene effettuata, in conformità allo standard internazionale descritto nella ISO 2810, rispettando le seguenti specifiche:

- esposizione del pannello in direzione sud
- angolo di inclinazione del pannello 5°
- pannello scoperto sul retro

Al termine del periodo di esposizione, pari a 12 mesi, viene valutata la variazione di brillantezza (EN ISO 2813, con angolo di incidenza 60°) ed il cambiamento di colore  $\Delta E$  (metodo CIELAB ISO 7724/3) rispetto ai valori di partenza. Anche l'esposizione naturale viene monitorata attraverso l'invio di campioni in bianco ad invecchiamento noto.



Esposizione naturale, campioni esposti all'AWSG in

Florida







**Pictures: Florida Natural Exposure, test samples**

## Natural Exposure Test

Natural Exposure Tests are conducted in Atlas Weathering Service Sites – Florida. South Florida climate indeed is hot, wet and highly exposed to UV-rays. All samples are subjected to natural irradiation in Florida according to the international standard ISO 2810, i.e. complying with the following specifications:

- facing south
- tilt angle 5° from the horizontal
- open backing.

After 12 months exposure period, residual gloss (EN ISO 2813, with an angle of incidence 60°) and colour variation  $\Delta E$  (CIELAB method - ISO 7724 / 3) are measured comparing pre-test values. Even the Natural Exposure Test accuracy is verified by through the use of samples in white, whose aging behaviour is known.

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TR-IA-202-2013	DS 402	2118/01	202	
TR-NE-52-2015	DS 405	2112/01	52	
TR-IA-201-2013	DS 742	2118/02	201	
TR-NE-76-2014	DS 755	2118/02	76	
TR-IA-203-2013	DS 457	2118/02	203	
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Laboratory  
Test

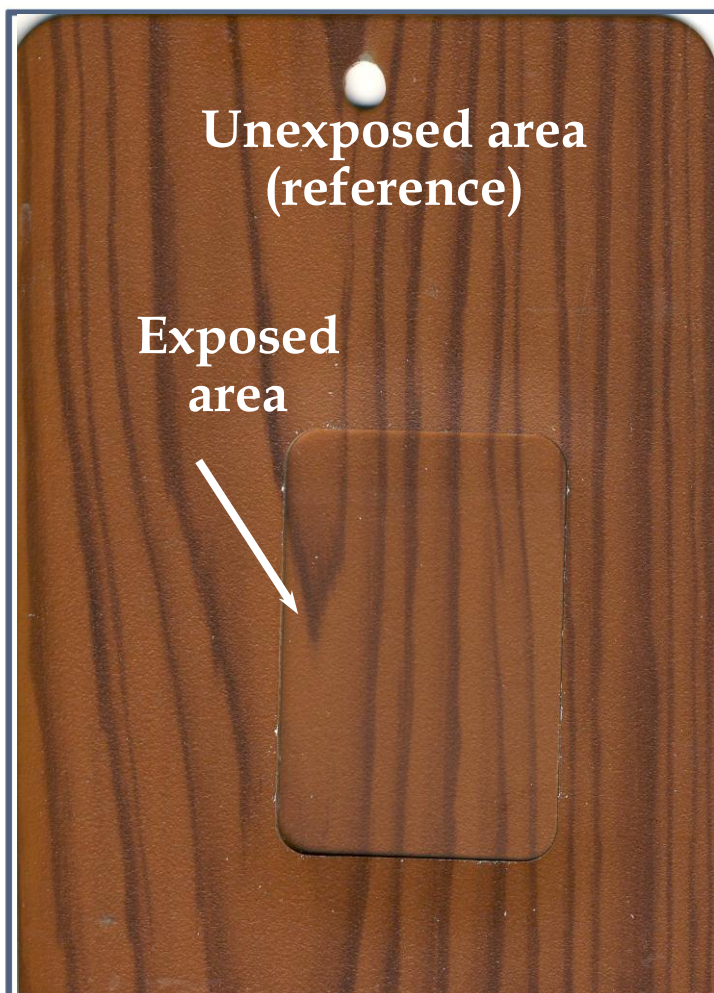
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Device:  
Solar 1500eN



Total duration:  
1351h



LAB. ID NUMBER: 31832  
POWDER COATING: DS 742  
HEAT TRANSFER FILM: 2118/02  
Colour variation( $\Delta E$ ): **1,69**  
residual gloss: **56%**

### Technical Remarks

Excellent residual gloss and very low colour variation ( $\Delta E$ ), after 1351 hours on decorated sample.

Technical Opinion:

**Suitable for  
OUTDOOR USE**

Test was carried on samples prepared according to technical specifications supplied by raw materials manufacturers. However, the resistance against accelerated weathering test is only one of the conditions necessary for the evaluation of the resistance of the finished product. For a final assessment see further analysis on natural exposure in Florida.



Laboratory  
Test

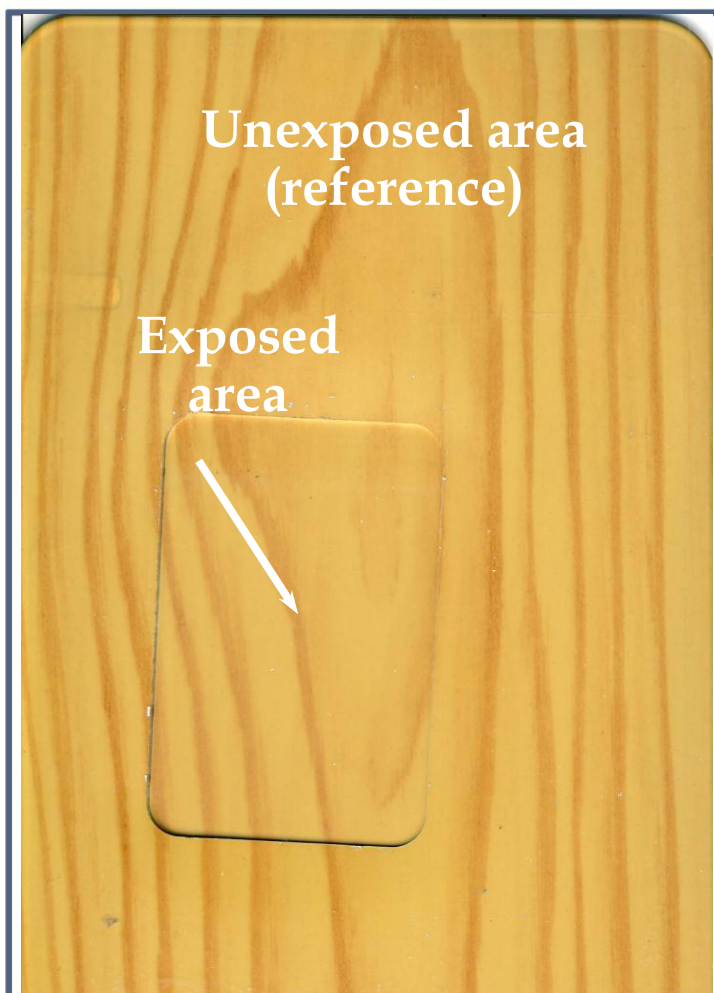
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Device:  
Solar 1500eN



Total duration:  
1351h



LAB. ID NUMBER: 31831  
POWDER COATING: DS 402  
HEAT TRANSFER FILM: 2118/01  
Colour variation( $\Delta E$ ): **0,74**  
residual gloss: **63%**

### Technical Remarks

Excellent residual gloss and very low colour variation ( $\Delta E$ ), after 1351 hours on decorated sample.

Technical Opinion:

**Suitable for  
OUTDOOR USE**

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Laboratory  
Test

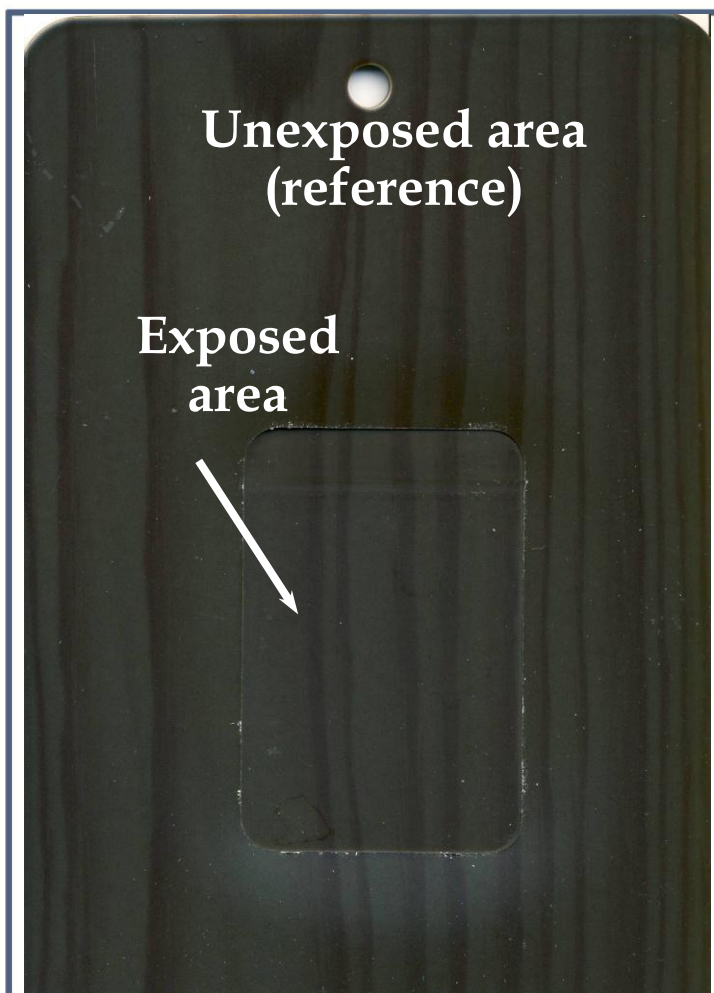
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Device:  
Solar 1500eN



Total duration:  
1351h



LAB. ID NUMBER: 31834  
POWDER COATING: DS 457  
HEAT TRANSFER FILM: 2118/02  
Colour variation( $\Delta E$ ): **0,65**  
residual gloss: **84%**

### Technical Remarks

Excellent residual gloss and very low colour variation ( $\Delta E$ ), after 1351 hours on decorated sample.

Technical Opinion:

**Suitable for  
OUTDOOR USE**

Test was carried on samples prepared according to technical specifications supplied by raw materials manufacturers. However, the resistance against accelerated weathering test is only one of the conditions necessary for the evaluation of the resistance of the finished product. For a final assessment see further analysis on natural exposure in Florida.



Laboratory  
Test

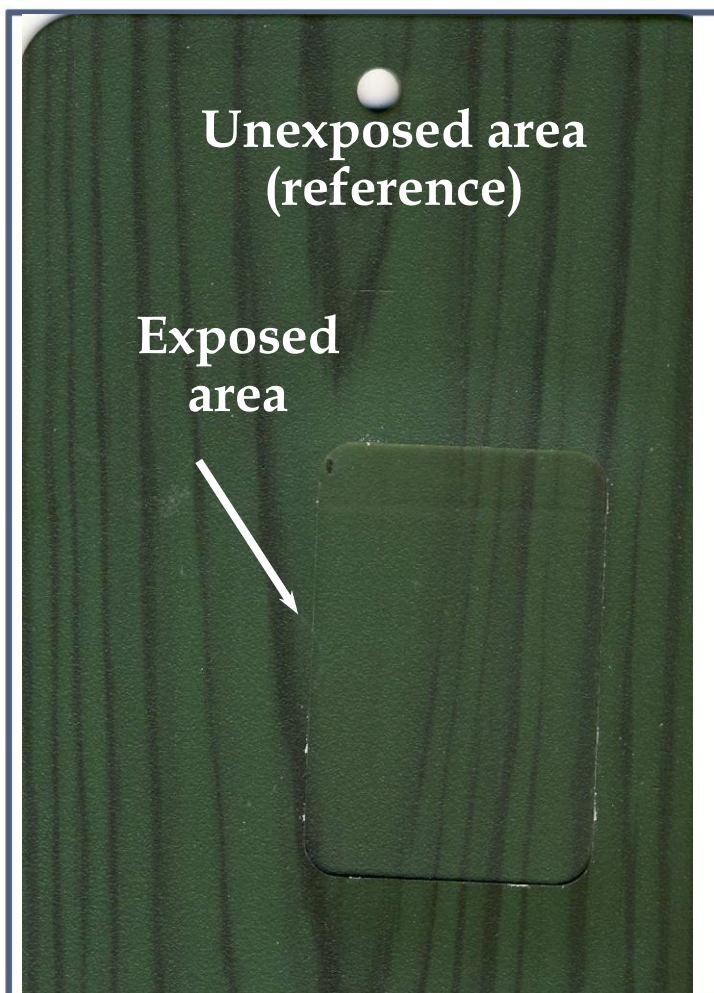
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Device:  
Solar 1500eN



Total duration:  
1351h



LAB. ID NUMBER: 31835  
POWDER COATING: DS 770  
HEAT TRANSFER FILM: 2118/02  
Colour variation( $\Delta E$ ): **0,42**  
residual gloss: **97%**

### Technical Remarks

Excellent residual gloss and very low colour variation ( $\Delta E$ ), after 1351 hours on decorated sample.

Technical Opinion:

**Suitable for  
OUTDOOR USE**

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**Florida  
Test**



**Total duration:  
12 months**



**EXPOSURE PERIOD:**

**FROM: 25/11/2013**

**TO: 25/11/2014**

LAB. ID NUMBER: 32877  
POWDER COATING: DS 405  
HEAT TRANSFER FILM: 2112/01  
Colour variation ( $\Delta E$ ): **4,27**  
residual gloss: **100%**

### Technical Remarks

Excellent residual gloss and low colour variation ( $\Delta E$ ).

### Technical Opinion:

**Suitable for OUTDOOR USE**

Test was carried on samples prepared according to technical specifications supplied by raw materials manufacturers.

### QUALIDECO REQUIREMENTS

The residual gloss must be at least 50% of the original gloss. The final evaluation will be based on visual inspection with the naked eye, with a maximum value of 4 on the grey scale (ISO 105-A02).





**Florida  
Test**



**Total duration:  
12 months**



**EXPOSURE PERIOD:**

**FROM: 20/12/2012**

**TO: 02/01/2014**

LAB. ID NUMBER: 28568  
POWDER COATING: DS 755  
HEAT TRANSFER FILM: 2118/02  
Colour variation ( $\Delta E$ ): **2,13**  
residual gloss: **76%**

**Technical Remarks**

Good residual gloss and low colour variation ( $\Delta E$ ).

**Technical Opinion:**

**Suitable for OUTDOOR USE**

Test was carried on samples prepared according to technical specifications supplied by raw materials manufacturers.

**QUALIDECO REQUIREMENTS**

The residual gloss must be at least 50% of the original gloss. The final evaluation will be based on visual inspection with the naked eye, with a maximum value of 4 on the grey scale (ISO 105-A02).

