

Based on 55% Al-Zn alloy coated steel sheets, NKK has developed and marketed new coated products that have, at the same time, excellent corrosion resistance and formability Furthermore, a new chromium-free corrosion inhibitor was developed and introduced into the organic coating film with the gradient structure developed for "GENIUS". This technology overcame the remaining shortcoming of 55% Al-Zn alloy coated steel sheets, that is, poor corrosion Fig.7 "SUPER GENIUS" after severe forming

## **3.** "GALFLEX-COLOR" - a new prepainted steel sheet for construction applications

## 3.1 Coating design

The type of steel sheet that is most commonly used as the substrate for a prepainted steel sheet is hot-dip galvanized steel sheet<sup>1)</sup>. However in recent years, it is losing its share of the market to a more corrosion resistant Zn-Al alloy coated steel sheet. In particular, prepainted steel sheets that use 55% Al-Zn alloy coated steel sheets as substrates are rapidly expanding their application in the roofing and

## Development of New 55%Al-Zn Alloy Coated Steel Sheets with Excellent Corrosion Resistance and Formability, "SUPER GENIUS" and "GALFLEX-COLOR"

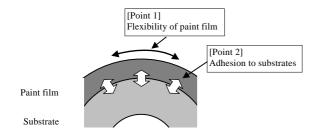


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