

# ALPINE DISTRIBUTION

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All the pre-painted steel that Northland Steel & Trim purchases from Alpine Distribution is domestically produced. Technically, the raw substrate for this steel can come from all over the world on overseas vessels into our supplying steel mills for processing. The standard criteria to determine DOMESTIC is that whenever the product receives 55% or more to the final value during domestic processes it is considered DOMESTIC under United States classification purposes. Those U.S. based processes, in this case, include chemically treating the sheet to remove rust, milling the steel from approximately .0750" down to approximately .0130" and then heat treating, tension leveling, side trimming, galvanizing, chemically treating again as paint preparation, adding primer, painting, quality testing, slitting and/or breaking for weight per pallet and packaging for shipment. At this point the steel has far more than 55% value-added and then it goes into Alpine storage, ships and is received by Northland Steel & Trim for further value-added processing prior to it being a finished product.

Our supply for Northland Steel & Trim is produced at Kalama, WA and Rancho Cucamonga, CA and the paint comes from Riverside, CA for all the steel regardless of whether the mill is in Washington or California. Attached is a typical mill packing slip showing the address in Washington.

We assure you from this that you will be receiving DOMESTIC steel when you purchase from Northland Steel & Trim.