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Number 15

It's easy to fabricate signs from aluminum composite panels



One of the great things about aluminum composite is that it's easy to fabricate into cabinets and boxes--making signs and mountings that are exceptionally stable and durable. John Dutton, Quality Signs, Jasper, Alabama, used this approach on this project.

"The sign face and the boxes for the logo and secondary copy," says John, "are all aluminum composite material. The boxes are easy to make, and they add some dimension to an otherwise flat sign face. The customer loved it."

Cutting a V-groove with a router in the back of the PolyMetal aluminum composite sheet [www.nudo.com] makes it easy to "fold" a side on the panel. Such bends are held in place by bonding a few small pieces of aluminum angle along the bend. You can make sign faces, add-on panels, pole covers and more quickly. (Fletcher-Terry www.fletcher-terry.com now offers a V-Groove Tool for cutting grooves to allow 90-degree bends in aluminum composite panels without routing.)

[Click here](#) to see more on how John uses aluminum composite material, including making oval panels.

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