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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## FIELD CUTTING

Tin snips or a "nibbler" type electric tool are recommended for field cutting the panels. Cutting the steel generates slivers or metal chips. These slivers and metal chips must be immediately removed from the panels because they will damage the finish and shorten the life of the product.

One method of preventing this problem is to flip the panels over when cutting. This allows the slivers and metal chips to be brushed from the back side and avoids damaging the paint on the top side of the panels.

When cutting the panels, goggles must be worn for eye protection.



**CAUTION:** All product surfaces should be always free of debris. Installed surfaces should be wiped clean at the end of each work period. Never cut panels over metal surfaces. Metal shavings will rust on the surface, voiding the warranty.

## TOUCH-UP PAINT

All painted panels and flashings have a factory applied baked on finish. Handling and installing panels may result in some small scratches or nicks to the paint finish. Touch- up paint is available in matching colors through Western States Metal Roofing. Touch-up paint is not stocked and will be a custom order item; lead times will apply. It is recommended that a small brush be used to apply touch- up paint to those areas that need repair. Touch- up paint does not have the superior chalk and fade resistance of the factory applied paint finish and will normally discolor at an accelerated rate. Aerosol paint should not be used because of the over- spray that may occur.



**Note:** Western States Metal Roofing does not recommend touch-up painting of damaged surfaces (minor scratches, etc.) due to fading and weathering differences of the touch-up paints in comparison to factory applied paint systems.



