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**We are excited to announce a new, environmentally-friendly anodizing process from Tubelite.**

This new acid-etched anodic coating process comes at a time when our market is very sensitive to the use of products that provide environmental benefits in commercial construction. This new technology allows us to provide a product with distinct advantages for the architect and the building owner.

**Benefits:**

- Uses recycled billet and provides a consistent finish.
- Reduces aluminum removed during the acid-etched process.
- Produces 90% less landfill waste compared to the caustic process.
- Process byproducts from the acid-etch process are recyclable.
- Reduces the energy used in the anodizing process.
- Provides low gloss levels, reducing the glare in bright sunlight.
- Provides an aesthetic, matte finish.

SIGCO, Inc. has begun to transition its inventory to this new finish. As we deplete our existing inventory, new projects will soon begin using the new finish. ***Please communicate with us at order entry if your project specifically requires either the caustic-etch, or the matte-etch finish.*** Caustic etch material will continue to be available upon request following the transition; however the lead time for these items may be extended.

The finish codes will be changing to distinguish the new process. For example, Class II clear anodized in the matte-finish will be designated as C2, instead of 0A. Dark bronze matte-finish anodized will be designated as DB, instead of 3K. At the same time, we will be changing the color of our standard dark bronze anodized finish to that of the industry standard color. The current dark bronze anodized color will be available in the new finish as Extra-Dark Bronze.

Promotional literature and finish samples are available from your salesperson. Additional information is also available at: [www.tubeliteinc.com/product\\_types/acidetch.html](http://www.tubeliteinc.com/product_types/acidetch.html)

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

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SIGCO, Inc.

