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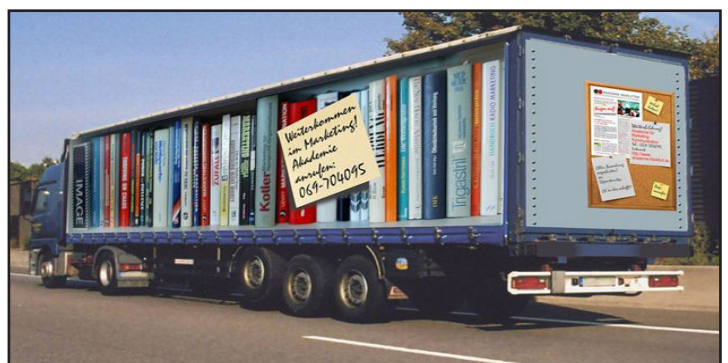


Promotion for digital truck cover services using Cgate tarpaulin

Tarpaulin is one of those products that has multiple applications, from marquees to high strength protective curtains. Using printable tarpaulin on trucks is a great platform for advertising and corporate image designers have used their creative skills to generate some extremely eye catching Trompe-L'oeil designs such as the images on the right.

Cgate supplies a range of high quality white printable and coloured coated banner for truck cover from a 600gsm light tarpaulin to the standard 900gsm material.

The largest truck cover supplier and printer in South Africa uses Cgate tarpaulin as seen in the above promotion.



The above 2 images show designs for creative truck covers. The banner may not have been supplied by Cgate.

ROAD SIGNS

Until about 10 years ago, almost all road signs, and particularly those on motorways, were made with solid aluminum. The construction of the signs had to adhere to strict regulations both for the construction of the sign itself and the surface for the application of the self-adhesive banner with the printed information.

Authorities became concerned when many signs were stolen for recycling of the valuable aluminum. As a result, they started to consider other materials for road signs. Aluminum Composite Panels (ACP) became an obvious alternative since they could be made to be as durable as the solid aluminum sign and would be less of a target for theft.

Cgate was invited to participate in 2005 in a project initiated by the Ministry of Transport in Israel and was asked to specify a panel to meet these requirements. Since 2006 many major road signs in Israel (pictures on the right) are constructed with Cgate Traffic and have withstood the test of time. Our study shows that Cgate has been the first supplier to provide ACP for the road traffic signs application.

Cbond Traffic is the special grade of Cgate's aluminum composite panels that has been optimized for road signs. The aluminum skins are made with a special alloy (3003) and the surface has been tested and approved by 3M for applying the Diamond Grade widely used for road signs.



TECH CORNER

Cgate's newsletters now include useful technical tips



UL and CE Certification for Cbond

After the 3 star approval from HP, Cgate ACP has been further endorsed in 2012 by receiving UL certification for the US and Canadian markets, thus confirming the uniform quality of the product. **Cbond has also received CE certification and is now approved for road sign applications in Europe.**

ACP Installation tips: Customers often ask us for guidelines for fixing aluminum composite signs. The following recommendations will help to prevent erosion or delamination.

- As aluminum is an alloy, it is essential that it should not come in contact with metal. Only aluminum fixing screws, rivets and washers should be used.

CGATE QUALITY CONTROL

Long distance shipping requires that special attention be given to packing and loading. Cgate's Shanghai staff supervise both the production of each order and the packing and loading of each container. The packing has been designed by Cgate to meet customer demands and is supervised by our logistics team. The first two pictures below show Cgate banner packing. The bottom picture shows a customer warehouse with Cgate stock after delivery.



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