
Exhibit Bases

Frequently Asked Questions



Exhibit Bases FAQ

What is an Exhibit Base?

An exhibit base is a practical way to protect and display your graphic panels. KVO offers both standard and custom exhibit bases in a variety of sizes and finishes, in both KVO and NPS (National Park Service) models.

When should I use an Exhibit Base?

Exhibit Bases are used extensively to display interpretive graphics for parks, scenic byways, trails, visitor centers, botanical gardens and more. They are attractive, practical and offer your graphic panels good protection.

What's the difference between KVO and NPS Exhibit Bases?

KVO's Exhibit Bases are similar in style to the standard NPS models but are manufactured from computerized metal fabrication equipment and can be made out of powder coated aluminum, powder coated steel, or Corten weathering steel. NPS frames are manufactured from aluminum extrusions and are available in a standard polyurethane paint finish (powder coat finish available for an additional charge). KVO Exhibit Bases can be delivered within 6 weeks while NPS frames take up to 12 weeks. KVO's Exhibit Bases are priced slightly higher than the NPS models.

What material should I use for my Exhibit Bases?

Painted aluminum works well in most environments and is the most economical choice. For added durability, either powder coated aluminum or steel is recommended. For a more natural look with little to no maintenance, Corten weathering steel is an excellent choice.

What is Corten weathering steel?

Corten weathering steel has a unique, natural oxide coating that forms on the surface of the steel, making it virtually impervious to corrosion. This coating turns a rich reddish-brown color and takes on a patina finish over time. This finish works extremely well in natural settings and requires little to no maintenance. In fact, it tends to look better over time while other finishes can begin to degrade. Corten Exhibit Bases are only available in the KVO models and are priced slightly higher than powder coated aluminum.

What sizes are available?

To see the available sizes for our different models, please go to the Exhibit Bases section of our website at kvoindustries.com, or contact us at 707. 573. 6868 for more information. Custom sizes are always available but may cost more and can take longer to fabricate.

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What finishes are available?

KVO Exhibit Bases are available in powder coated aluminum, powder coated steel and Corten weathering steel. The powder coat finish comes in 15 standard colors. Our NPS Exhibit Bases are available in a textured polyurethane paint finish in three standard colors. NPS Exhibit Bases can also be powder coated for an additional fee.

Standard Powder Coat Finish Colors

 Cardinal T032-BL04 Blue Texture Semi-Gloss	 Cardinal T243-GR522 Flint Gray Fine Texture Semi-Gloss	 Cardinal T028-GR02 Steel Gray Pearlescent 80% Gloss
 Cardinal T241-BK59 Black Texture Semi-Gloss	 Cardinal T241-GR11 Platinum Gray Fine Texture Semi-Gloss	 Cardinal T091-GR309 Mock Rock Texture Semi-Gloss
 Cardinal T032-BR62 Brown Fine Texture Semi-Gloss	 Cardinal T243-GR301 Quartz Gray Fine Texture Semi-Gloss	 Cardinal T091-GN57 Verdigris Texture Semi-Gloss
 Cardinal T032-BG03 Beige Texture Semi-Gloss	 Cardinal T241-GR142 Light Gray Fine Texture Semi-Gloss	 Cardinal T091-BR47 Rust Texture Semi-Gloss
 Cardinal T032-WH15 White Texture Semi-Gloss	 Cardinal T025-BR01 Bronze Pearlescent 50% Gloss	 Dupont GFG-600-W2 Spruce Wrinkle Semi-Gloss

Standard Polyurethane Paint Finish Colors

 NPS Black	 NPS Brown	 NPS Med. Gray	 NPS Dark Green	 Natural Finish
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Corten Weathering Steel

How much do the KVO and NPS Exhibit Bases cost?

Please contact KVO for pricing of our Exhibit Bases as there are a number of factors that dictate final cost such as style, material, finish, size and quantity.

Does KVO offer custom framing systems?

Yes. We can work directly from your specifications or we can help you design and fabricate a framing system that makes sense for your specific application.

What is the warranty for KVO and NPS Exhibit Bases?

KVO and NPS Exhibit Bases and Framing Systems are warranted for a period of one year from the date of delivery against defects in materials and workmanship. You must have a written warranty from KVO for your specific project before any claims can be honored.

For more information:

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