

The most
beautiful
tank you'll
ever own

UGLY

Introducing the 'Supernatural' from Luxfer

Shiny painted scuba tanks look great when they're brand new. But if you haul your tank around a lot and bang it against underwater obstacles, even the best paint inevitably gets chipped. Then you either have to repair the paint or, eventually, strip it off.

That's why unpainted brushed aluminum and shot-blasted tanks have become increasingly popular. Those are shiny, too, when they're new. But they don't stay shiny long. After a few dives, they start turning gray—that's what aluminum naturally does when it's exposed to water. And it happens even faster in seawater.

Luxfer's proprietary aluminum alloy is naturally corrosion resistant, especially after our proprietary heat-treatment, which gives the metal a super corrosion-resistant oxide barrier. We call this kind of a tank a 'natural'—because at that point, the natural oxide barrier hasn't been removed by brushing or blasting.

The only problem is that a "natural" tank isn't very pretty. In fact, it's downright ugly. It's streaky and gray. But it's the most corrosion-resistant, easy-to-maintain tank you can use—which makes it a natural not only for individual divers, but for hard-working tank fleets.

Lately, serious divers have been telling us that they care much more about longer-lasting corrosion resistance and ease of maintenance than appearance—especially since unpainted or stripped aluminum cylinders eventually turn gray, anyway. Why not just start out gray and get the benefits of a 'natural' tank to begin with? As one veteran diver put it: "In this case, ugly is beautiful."

Give a Luxfer natural tank a try—and find out why some divers have started calling it the 'supernatural.'

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