



TECH NOTE

Sign delivery time.

Talk to any Purchasing or Contract Manager & they will generally complain that delivery to an agreed program is often not achieved.

In our experience that complaint also applies in the sign industry & as it is one of the last trades in building completion work, it can delay project sign off.

For example a typical program to manufacture & install a galvanised steel structure that holds a graphic panel, involves the following steps - Shop drawings for approval, sign off drawings, fabrication of structure, galvanising & assembly.

As delivery to galvanisers, galvanising & return, takes at least one week, it would then mean that to achieve the 3 week delivery, the company would have to start immediately & generally that is not possible.

Signs involving engineering certification & paint finish with preparation & curing time, cannot be the same delivery as off the shelf Traffic & Accessible Signage.

Nevertheless, we are often told our opposition company can deliver in a time we believe to be unrealistic & if accepted is always late.

Protect yourself against late delivery by asking for a works program spreadsheet itemizing each step in the process & the time estimated for each step.

You will often be able to see missed steps, or that time allowed for some steps is too short.

At Central Signs Pty Ltd our approach to every program involves completion of a manufacturing plan, starting with shop drawings, approval & sign off & then all the steps in the manufacturing process to give a total time before job completion.

