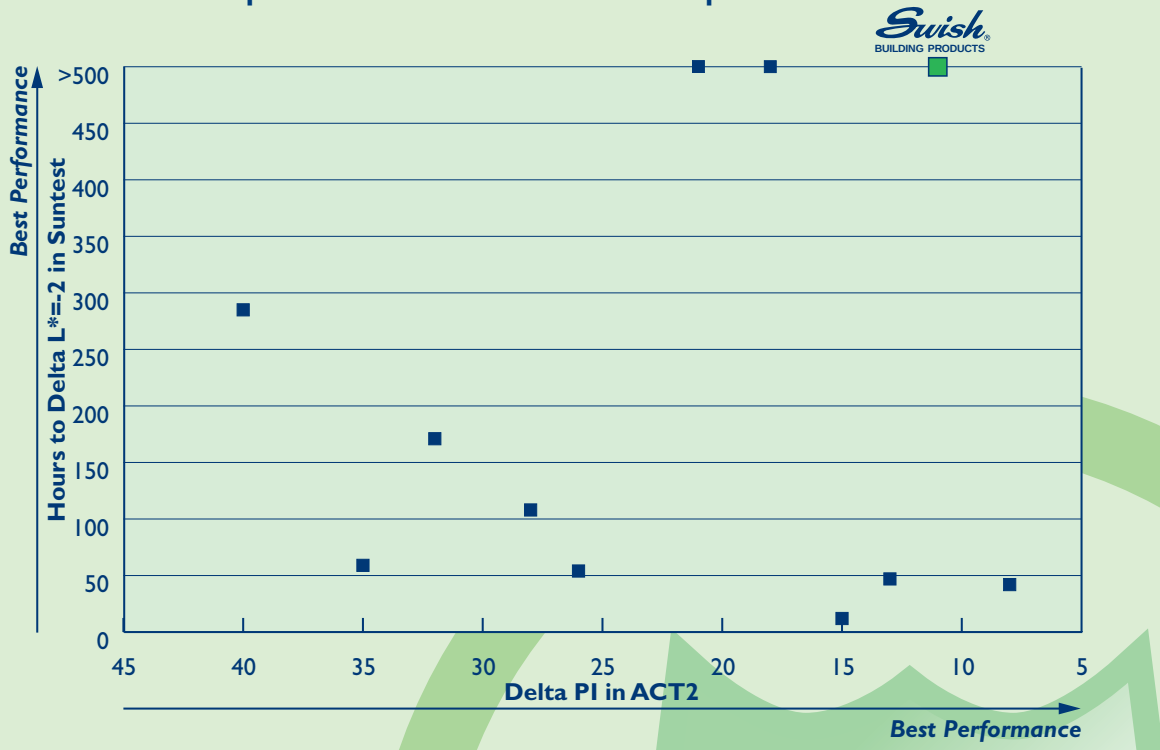
Cellular PVC - Weathering Performance

All white Swish cellular PVC extrusions are manufactured using a unique formulation, designed to provide top quality weathering performance and avoid discolouration problems.

Research continues into the discolouration phenomenon known as “pinking”. Two schools of thought seem to exist, with significantly different views as to the cause of the problem. Two performance tests have been proposed - The Sun test and the ACT test.

Swish has tested its own material, along with multiple samples of competitors products purchased from UK stockists.

Major Cellular PVC products – Suntest and ACT2 performance



- Swish samples demonstrated excellent performance. Exhibiting low delta PI in the ACT 2 test but also not reaching a Delta L* of -2 even after 500 hours in the Suntest.
- Many other competitors formulations performed relatively poorly in both tests.

Swish believes that the British Standards for cellular PVC should be amended to incorporate the results of both tests as soon as possible. In the meantime all users should ask for suitable test results and performance guarantees.

Swish offers a 15 Year Guarantee against “pinking”.

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