

Don't Blame the Steel

South African Stainless Steel Development Association (sassda) Executive Director, John Tarboton, says, "Based on the number of complaints we receive, we have seen a rising trend towards C steel fabricators moving into the stainless steel area without a full understanding of the differences between the materials, often with costly mistakes.

Sassda's role is to uphold an industry standard, provide advocacy and education for its members and the consumer and be a voice for best practice. Our code of conduct provides access to key pointers for contractors and consumers to consider before utilising a so-called 'expert' contractor."



During contractor altercations, end-users often place the blame on stainless steel as a product, however sassda counters that in most cases it may not be poor fabrication, but rather the poor installation of the product. Apart from this being a safety risk, it can lower the life expectancy of the stainless steel product as its corrosion resistance becomes compromised. Sassda is clear that member companies which fail to adhere to their code of conduct regarding best practices will see their membership terminated.

John concludes, "We appeal to consumers to only make use of our industry standard member knowledge and practices to avoid costly mistakes."

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