



Dakota County • Lone Oak Trailhead monument

■ PROPRIETARY FIVE-COAT SYSTEM

THE CORTEN LOOK. NONE OF THE RUST.

Real weathering steel bleeds rust for years, staining the concrete, pavers, and turf it sits on. Our proprietary five-coat process builds that same warm, weathered patina onto **lightweight aluminum** — so the monument reads like solid Corten and **never streaks a drop** onto the greenway around it.

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HAND-APPLIED
COATS

0%

RUST RUNOFF
ONTO SITE

20+

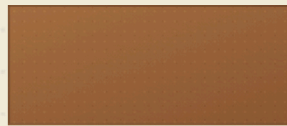
YEARS UL-LISTED
FABRICATION

HOW IT'S BUILT

FIVE COATS. HAND-APPLIED.

Five color coats, layered by hand — the subtle tone shifts and fleck that read as real Corten from across the site.

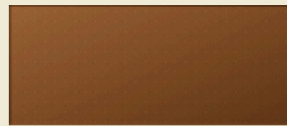
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Base Tone

The warm oxide ground that sets the overall Corten hue.

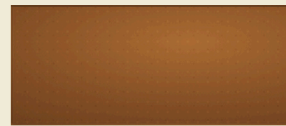
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Depth Tones

Deeper browns layered in for age and dimension.

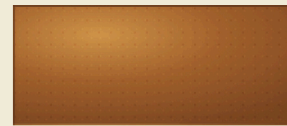
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Mid-Patina

The dominant amber-brown of steel left out for years.

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Highlights & Bloom

Lighter ochre passes, like sun-caught weathering.

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Fleck & Mottle

Fine speckle and hand-worked variation — the tell that reads as Corten.

FLAT BASE TONE

FLECKED PATINA — READS AS CORTEN FROM ACROSS THE SITE



Zero rust runoff

Never streaks concrete, pavers, or turf — the finish stays on the sign.



A fraction of the weight

Aluminum ships lighter and sets faster than a steel monument.



Won't corrode through

Holds its look for decades, not seasons — no thinning, no perforation.



Finish-matched details

Even custom 3D-printed post caps wear the exact same patina.

THE FINISH, ON PAPER

SUBSTRATE	Aluminum & ACM — plate, formed pan, or composite
FINISH	Five hand-applied color coats — faux-Corten patina with hand-worked fleck
WEIGHT	Far lighter than solid steel — easier freight & install
RUNOFF	None. Zero iron-oxide bleed onto surrounding hardscape
SERVICE LIFE	Holds the weathered look for decades; won't corrode through
MAINTENANCE	None required — an occasional wipe-down is plenty

BUILT FOR

Where a real Corten sign would stain everything around it.

PARK ENTRANCES

TRAILHEADS

MONUMENTS

CAMPUS ID

PLAZA & WAYFINDING

INTERPRETIVE PANELS

Set in mulch, turf, or on concrete? That's exactly where weathering steel does its damage — and exactly where this finish earns its keep.

■ BRING US THE LOOK

**WE'LL BUILD IT IN ALUMINUM —
AND MAKE IT WEAR LIKE STEEL.**