



## Postforming

Q What does postforming mean?

**A** Postforming is bending with heat to a radius of 3/4" (19.1mm) or less.

Q Do all laminates postform?

**A** While all laminates bend with heat to some extent, postforming laminates are designed to achieve consistent results with much tighter radii. Postforming laminates utilize specialized papers, resins, and precisely controlled press cycles.

Q How tight a radius can you achieve?

**A** Formica Corporation manufactures a variety of postforming grades, both horizontal and vertical, which are designed to achieve 1/8" (3.18mm) to 5/8" (15.88mm) outside radii, depending on the grade.

Q Can all postforming laminates be bent to an inside radius?

**A** While most postforming laminates can be formed to a gradual inside radius, Grade 12/HGP is specially designed to achieve inside radii as tight as 3/16" (4.8mm).

Q What conditions affect postforming?

**A** Laminate grade selection, radius, core preparation, humidity control, temperature control, and proper equipment adjustment and maintenance can affect postforming.

Q Are all fabricators capable of postforming?

**A** No. Equipment ranging from a minimum investment to a capital investment is required to do postforming.

Q What grades, finishes, sizes, and colors are available in postforming?

**A** All Color Portfolio solid colors, Formations® Collection, Woodgrains and most Patterns are available in a variety of sizes and finishes.

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