At Urban Accessories we believe that a metal’s ability to develop a natural corrosion resistant patina is an important part of its innate strength and beauty. This is particularly true of our products when cast in Grey or Ductile Iron.

But we are also know the weathering process takes time, and project completion schedules and grand openings dates demand metal work that looks great on day one.

In order to bridge this gap between raw iron as an ideal material and finish for many products, and the need for metal work to look immediately, Urban Accessories provides what we call our Rust Conditioner finish.

Developed in conjunction with a local high end home furnishings designer, Rust Conditioner is a proprietary curing process which allows us to deliver cast iron products with a beautiful weathered finish straight from the factory - no more waiting for natural weathering to occur.

Our surface conditioning process takes cast iron from the initial oxidization “bloom” and immediately transforms the new orange rust into a dark brown antique patina. This adds additional protection¹ against the potential for rust “bleeding” onto adjacent surfaces and provides a regularity to the finish appearance, without compromising the parts ability to develop a natural weathered finish, as the treated surface dissipates².

Please contact you local salesperson for additional information. We would love to provide more photos and/or a physical sample of the treated surface for your consideration.

¹ We have an extensive installation history of treated materials used in direct contract with concrete surfaces, as seen in the bike rack photo above, without the cast iron bleeding. However, some corrosive de-icing chemicals have been shown to compromise this protection, and cause oxidization which may bleed onto surrounding materials. We recommend a best practice of avoiding the application of such chemicals near any metal products.

² The exact life span of the surface treatment is subject to environmental conditions present at the installation location. Expect the gloss of the finish to fade within the first year, and the sealing to dissipate such that natural variations in color and texture appear thereafter. To preserve the treated surface after installation, avoid abrasive surface cleaning methods such as pressure washing or wire bristle brushing. Use low pressure water or air blower to remove construction debris, if needed.