Delhi has led the way in development of the urban transport system of the nation, especially the Metro Rail Network. The roaring success of the Delhi Metro is now waiting to be replicated in Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmadabad, and Chennai. Many African and Asian countries have also approached DMRC to replicate it in their cities.

Stainless Steel - Metal par excellence
Stainless Steel has been preferred by the Metro Rail System on account of its qualities like weight to strength ratio, extended shelf life, corrosion resistance and maintenance free properties. Strength to weight ratio has allowed Metro to build lighter coaches while this has had a direct impact on energy consumption. Moreover, in case of an eventuality passengers would be safer due to the high impact resistance properties of stainless steel grades used in metro coach body.

Since meta-stable austenitic stainless steels exhibit excellent combination of high strength and high toughness in cold rolled tempers, body structures of rail coaches have been made from austenitic stainless steel such as 304 & 301L in different cold rolled tempers such as High tensile (HT), Medium tensile (MT) and Special Tensile (ST).

Talking about his decision to use stainless steel extensively in the Delhi Metro Dr. E. Sreedharan, Ex-MD of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, said, “The idea was to build something lightweight yet durable and safe in the face of any eventuality. We therefore chose stainless steel for the body. Using stainless steel has also ensured less maintenance and repair for the exterior and interior. Inside the coaches also we have used stainless steel extensively for seats and poles. With ever increasing flow of passengers we have been proven right in our choice of stainless steel over other materials for the Delhi Metro”.

Stainless steel has not only been used in Metro Rail coaches, but, can be seen all across the metro stations in various innovative forms; railings, poles, elevators, dustbins, planters etc. While stainless steel is today being extensively used in the ABC & ART sectors, but, one has to admit that the Metro rail system has given stainless steel high visibility and continues to inspire architects and designers to innovatively use this magical metal.

Applications in Metro Rail Project

Metro Rail Coaches
Complete Shell, Structure members, Head stock, Flooring and ceiling, Seats, Seat Supports, Grab Poles, Hand Holds, Doors.

Metro Rail Infrastructure
Turnstiles, Barricades, Handrail – stairs, Advertising panels, Benches, Waste bins, Kick rail, Guard rail, Ticketing counters, Skirting, dado, Spider glazing, Pillar cladding

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stainless steel and play its part in the
development of new age mass transit
system for the country.
Investments in metro rail projects are
expected to increase significantly at a
CAGR of around 26 per cent over the
next five years. Investments in Phase
III of the Delhi metro, Jaipur metro,
Hyderabad metro and Chennai metro
are expected to drive the rise in overall
investments on metro rail projects.
The above investment opportunity
in Metro Rail Projects is estimated to
translate into substantial consumption
of stainless steel over the next five
years.

With increasing population, passenger
trafic is expected to grow at a steady
pace. To decongest tier-I cities,
Planning Commission has established
threshold population level required
for MRTS at 4 million, therefore, there
is tremendous scope for metro rail
project to expand at a rapid pace and
this gives us confidence that the Metro
Rail System is going to be one of the
major catalysts in driving the demand
for stainless steel in the country.

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When it came to building a robust and efficient urban transport system for Delhi Metro, DMRC chose to rely on Stainless Steel. As Dr. Sreedharan, Ex. DMRC chief put it, "The idea was to build something lightweight yet durable and safe in the face of any eventuality. We therefore chose stainless steel for the body. Using stainless steel has also ensured less maintenance and repair for the exterior and interior. Inside the coaches also we have used stainless steel extensively for seats and poles. With ever increasing flow of passengers we have been proven right in our choice of stainless steel over other materials for the Delhi Metro."

At JSL we are proud to have supplied our high quality stainless steel for making India’s urban transport infrastructure stronger for longer.

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