

This document has been created to ensure correct maintenance of the paint film on our products.

Paint Film Maintenance and Aftercare

It is important to look after the paint film the regular cleaning. Yearly cleaning of the exterior paint of a home or building can not only keep the exterior looking nice but also prevent damage from surface dirt and debris. Cleaning the exterior is also a necessary first step when applying a new coat of paint. When cleaning the exterior paint, you want to ensure that you remove all debris and kill molds and fungi without damaging the surface.

Care and Cleaning of Exterior Coatings:

Establish procedures to maintain and clean interior and exterior painted substrates. To assure maximum washability and durability, wait at least two weeks before washing the dry paint film. Exterior coatings typically are very soft and flexible to allow for expansion and contraction of the coating during changes of temperature. Any hard scrubbing of standard exterior coatings is likely to damage the film. To clean and maintain the interior and exterior surfaces, we recommend these procedures.

Concentrated Cleaners, Liquid or Dry:

- Read all the package directions before using. It is always recommended to test any cleaner on a small, inconspicuous area prior to use.
- Mix or dilute the cleaner per package instructions. Solution strength may be adjusted depending on amount and type of soil.
- Remove any heavy debris and contaminants.
- Using a sponge or cloth, wash surface dirt and marks.
- Do not allow the cleaner to dry on the surface.
- Always clean from the bottom of a wall to the top.
- Rinse the surface thoroughly.
- Repeat if necessary.

Premixed Spray Cleaners:

- Read all the package directions before using. It is always recommended to test any cleaner on a small, inconspicuous area prior to use.
- Turn spray nozzle to desired spray pattern. (Open with nozzle facing away from you.)
- Remove any heavy debris and contaminants.
- Apply the cleaner to the dirt and marks; apply just enough to wet the area.
- Using a damp sponge or cloth, wipe to remove the surface dirt and marks and any excess cleaner. For difficult stains, some scrubbing may be necessary.
- Do not allow the cleaner to dry on the surface
- If recommended on the cleaner package, rinse the surface thoroughly.
- Repeat if necessary.
- Return spray nozzle to the closed position.

Cautions:

- Thoroughly read and understand all the label cautions prior to using any cleaner.
- Be sure that the cleaner is appropriate for the dirt/contamination.
- Do not mix together any cleaning compounds containing bleach and ammonia.
- Abrasive cleansers may damage a paint film.
- Bleach and bleaching type cleaners may damage or discolor existing paint films. Bleach free alternative cleaning solutions would be advised.

Durability Guide

Durability is a technical consideration that can help the owner to set up a maintenance programme which will be very dependant on the paint system used and the location of the asset.

It is essential that this durability range takes into account environmental conditions and general wear and tear over this period of time including aesthetic or other reasons.



Damage

It is imperative that regular routine inspections are made, in which to identify any damage, impact or otherwise that may affect the performance of the paint film. This damage should be recorded with images and highlighted directly to the asset owner.

This information should then be made available to the manufacturer so that corrective action can be taken and advice given on the correct procedure for repair. Failure to report this will increase the likelihood of paint related issues.