



PANEL

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While factory-applied finishes are so durable that they will last many years longer than ordinary paints, it is desirable to clean them thoroughly on a routine basis. Apparent discoloration of the paint may occur when it has been exposed in dirt-laden atmospheres for long periods of time. Slight chalking may also cause some change in appearance in areas of strong sunlight.

A good cleaning will generally restore the appearance of these coatings and render repainting unnecessary. An occasional light cleaning will also help maintain an aesthetically pleasing appearance.

To maintain the original finish of the coated product, the only regular maintenance necessary is that of annual washing. Mild solutions of biodegradable cleaner or household ammonia will aid in the removal of most dirt, and the following are recommended levels:

1. One cup of Simple Green®, or other non-toxic biodegradable cleaner, which contain less than 0.5% phosphate, dissolved into two gallons of warm water.
2. NOTE: The use of detergents containing greater than 0.5% phosphate is not recommended for use in general cleaning of building panels.
3. NEVER BLEND CLEANSERS OR DETERGENTS WITH BLEACH.
4. One cup of household ammonia dissolved into five gallons of water (room temperature).

Working from the bottom to the top of the coated panels, the panels may be washed with either solution. The use of a well-soaked cloth, sponge, brush (with very soft bristles) and clean water rinse is advised. Do not use a pressure washer.

We do not recommend the use of scouring powders or industrial solvents, since these agents may damage the film. Solvent-containing cleaners such as Fantastic®, however, are very effective and can be used without concern.

If mildew or other fungal growth is a problem and cannot be removed as outlined above, household bleach, mixed at a concentration of one cup of bleach to five gallons of water, along with one cup of a mild soap (e.g., Ivory) to aid wetting, is recommended.

Once the coated product is washed, thorough rinsing with clear water is necessary to eliminate the possibility of residue. Failure to remove all residues from these cleaning steps may damage the film.