

PRODUCT CARE FACTSHEET:

Guidelines for the care and maintenance of Aluminium Windows & Doors

Introduction

A simple cleaning and maintenance routine will ensure that the appearance and functionality of your windows and doors are preserved for many years.

Keeping surfaces free from pollutants and environmental contaminants will secure long-lasting performance whilst also maintaining the benefits of the applied surface finish

Cleaning Instructions

External window and door frames are to be washed with clean water and a mild, non abrasive detergent followed by a fresh water rinse. Use a soft clean sponge to avoid scratching of the aluminium surface. Cleaning is recommended at least every three months however in coastal or industrial areas a monthly cleaning routine is recommended.

Check sliding windows and door sills and drainage slots regularly to ensure that they are kept free of dust and grit and have not been blocked.

Abrasive type cleaners and cleaning materials must be avoided as they can damage aluminium surfaces. The use of solvent based cleaners and etching chemicals should not be used for cleaning of windows and door frames.

Cleaning glass

Clean water with a small amount of a mild detergent should be used to wash the glass. Ensure that cleaning cloths are free of abrasive substances. After washing, thoroughly rinse the glass with clean water to remove any residue. For coated and speciality glass types please refer to our Technical Fact Sheet: Guidelines for Cleaning Glass.

Cleaning Hardware

As hardware components have moving parts, they require regular maintenance. Maintenance is recommended every six months or every three months in marine and industrial environments.

Exposed surfaces of hangers, hinges, pivots and brackets should be wiped down with warm soapy water and rinsed clean to remove any dust and grit. The lightly sprayed with a corrosion preventative followed by a light wipe to remove any excess. Spray any drop bolts with a silicone based lubricant at the sliding pin inside the bolt.

Stainless steel hardware items will also require regular cleaning. While they are resistant to rust, the formation of a rust coloured stain may occasionally occur. This can be easily removed by using a mild abrasive cleaner and rinsing with fresh water.

Stainless steel hardware must not be exposed to chlorine based cleaning products such as bleach and hydrochloric acid, concrete dust, soap concentrate or water with a high heavy metal content.

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