

CARE & MAINTENANCE OF PAINTED ALUMINUM

Cleaning Tips

In addition to their enduring good looks, Metals aluminum products are easy to maintain. Airborne pollutants, however, such as emissions from autos and local manufacturing plants, can cause an acidic build-up on any baked enamel product surface. This can easily be removed by periodic cleaning with any household detergent. Simply mix a few teaspoons of dishwashing liquid in a bottle or hose sprayer and apply liberally to all exposed surfaces, then rinse freely.

CAUTION: DO NOT USE ABRASIVE OR SOLVENT-TYPE MATERIALS OR PAINT REMOVER. THOSE MATERIALS MAY SOFTEN OR REMOVE YOUR BAKED ENAMEL FINISH.

To Remove Mildew: Black spots on the surface of your aluminum product may be caused by mildew. Watch carefully for it, especially on protected surfaces, such as beneath eaves or in patio enclosures. To eliminate mildew, prepare and apply the following solution:

1/3 cup detergent (i.e. Tide®)

2/3 cup tri-sodium phosphate (i.e. Soilax®)

3 quarts of water

1 quart 5% sodium hypochlorite (i.e. Clorox®)

Mix ingredients together and apply with sponge or cloth to mildewed areas. Wear protective gloves and avoid contact with skin.

CAUTION: GREATER CONCENTRATIONS MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE ALUMINUM FINISH. AVOID SKIN CONTACT. FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLEANING AND RINSING GIVEN ABOVE UNDER "CLEANING TIPS".