

BUILDING RENEWAL™ NEVERFADE®

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE GUIDE

Fluoropolymers presents a relatively non-adherent, inert surface to airborne soil. If needed, a variety of methods for removal of surface deposits are available. However, note these precautions:



- Do not use wire brushes, steel wool, sandpaper, abrasives or other similar cleaning tools which will mechanically abrade the coating surface.
- Some of the cleaning agents listed below should be tested in an inconspicuous area before use on a large scale. Always test a small area first.

HOT OR COLD DETERGENT SOLUTIONS:

A 5% solution in water of commonly used commercial and industrial detergents will not have any deleterious effect on surfaces. These solutions should be followed by an adequate rinse of water. Use cloth, sponges, or a soft bristle brush for application. Cleaning should be done on the shaded side of the building or, ideally, on a mild, cloudy day.

CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS:

- Sodium hypochlorite solution (laundry bleach)
- Hydrochloric acid (muriatic acid)
- Oxalic acid
- Acetic acid (vinegar)

Hydrochloric acid (10% muriatic acid), diluted 1:10 with water, may assist in removing rust or alkali stains from the painted surfaces. Limit contact to five minutes or less. Caution acid solutions are corrosive and toxic, flush all surfaces with water after use.

Oxalic acid solutions or acetic acid (vinegar) may be used for the same purpose. Flush with water after use.

Laundry bleach may assist in removing certain stains.

Test a small area first before using any of the chemical solutions listed above.

MILDEW REMOVAL:

Remove mildew with a basic solution of the following:

- 1/3 cup detergent
- 2/3 cup trisodium phosphate
- 1 quart sodium hypochlorite, 5% solution

Rinse with clear water immediately.

SOLVENTS:

Most organic solvents are flammable and/or toxic and must be handled accordingly. Keep away from open flames, sparks and electric motors. Use adequate ventilation, protective clothing and goggles. Remove non-water soluble deposits (tar, grease, oil, paint, graffiti, etc.) from the painted surfaces using these solvents with caution:

- Petroleum solvents
- Aromatic solvents
- VM&P naphtha
- Xylol (xylene)
- Mineral spirits
- Toluol (toluene)

The above solvents should be used with caution on the surface. Limit contact to five minutes. Test a small area first. Dilute solvent with water if necessary.

- Esters, alcohols and lacquer thinner
- Ethyl acetate (nail polish remover)
- Isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol)
- Lacquer thinner

The above solvents should be used with great caution on the surface. Limit contact time to one minute. Test a small area first. Panel manufacturer and coating supplier are not responsible for damage from unrestricted use of these solvents. Dilute solvent with water if necessary.

- Acetone, ketones and paint remover
- Do not use acetone, ketones or paint remover on the coated surface

EXCESS SOLVENT REMOVAL:

Precautions should be taken to prevent sealants from getting on the painted surface. Sealants may be very difficult to remove. If any does get on the surface, it should be removed promptly with a solvent such as alcohol or naphtha type.

Caution: It may be possible for solvents to extract materials from sealants which could stain the painted surface or could prove harmful to sealants; therefore, these possible effects must be considered. Test a small area first.

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