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Proper Care And Maintenance Of Your Powder-Coated Aluminum Decking

Maintaining the good looks of your powder coated aluminum decking is just like caring for your car – and is a smart way to protect your investment. Over time with exposure to the elements, powder coating may show signs of weathering such as loss of gloss, chalking, and slight color change. Simple, regular cleaning minimizes the effects of weathering and removes dirt, grime, and other build-up that is detrimental to all powder coatings.

To keep your deck system clean, apply a solution of warm water and a non-abrasive, pH neutral detergent regularly with a soft cloth or natural bristle brush. Rinse the surface of your deck thoroughly after cleaning to remove all residue.

The necessary frequency of such cleaning depends on several factors:

- Geographical location of the deck.
- The environment surrounding the deck (i.e., marine, industrial, alkaline or acidic.)
- Levels of atmospheric pollution including salts.
- Prevailing winds and the possibility of air born debris causing erosive wear of the coating (sand causing abrasion).
- Change in environmental circumstances during the lifetime of the deck (if residential became commercial.)
- Usage of the deck (including furniture, etc.)

Cleaning should start as soon as you complete the installation of your aluminum decking to ensure that construction materials such as concrete, plaster, and paint splashes are removed before they have a chance to dry. Failure to remove these materials at this early stage will require the use of aggressive cleaning materials and techniques with potential damage to the powder coated surface.



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