

# Dulux®

## POWDER COATINGS



## Making it last

The effects of ultra violet light, pollution, dirt, grime and salt deposits can all accumulate on your powder coated surface over time. To extend the effective life of powder coatings and protect any warranty requirements that may exist, a very simple regular maintenance program should be implemented for the removal of any residues.

As a general rule, cleaning should take place every six months. However, in areas where pollutants are more prevalent, especially in coastal or industrial regions, a cleaning program should be carried out on a more frequent basis (i.e. every three months).

To clean your powder coated surface:

1. Carefully remove any loose deposits with a wet sponge.
2. Use a soft brush (non abrasive) or cloth, and a mild household detergent solution to remove dust, salt and other deposits.
3. Rinse off with clean fresh water.

For powder coatings that offer a minimum of 10 year colour warranty, please refer to the International Standards AAMA 610.1 for care and maintenance requirements.

Detergents that recommend the use of gloves when handling should be avoided as this is a good indication that the detergent is harsh and, therefore, unsuitable for cleaning your powder coating.



Although some strong solvents are recommended for removing sealants or other building residues, these may be harmful to the extended life of the powder coated surface and should also be avoided as the damage may not be visible immediately and may take up to twelve months to appear.



*Examples of solvent misuse on a powder coated surface after a 3 year period.*

If paint splashes, sealants or other residue need to be removed, then either Methylated Spirits, Turpentine, or White Spirits may be used safely.

For advice on how to repair your powder coating, contact Dulux Powder Coatings on 13 2499.

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