

# Maintenance of Frames & Finishes

## Polyester Powder Paint

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### **Selection of Cleaner**

Non-Alkaline Detergent (such as Fairy Liquid or Palmolive [pH value 7]) and warm water may be safely applied to any of the aluminium finishes using a soft cloth or sponge.

The use of rough scouring powder, wire wool, strong acids or the like should not be used.

Never clear colour coated surfaces with NITRO-THINNERS or similar solutions as this may cause the surface to peel off.

If there is any doubt, a few moments before testing the cleaner on an unobtrusive area of the aluminium is advised.

For sample testing, the cleaner should be in the same concentration and be applied in the manner intended for the job. It should remain in place for the time enabling it to dry, after which the area should be inspected for stains or for the softening or dissolution of the organic finish.

### **Frequency of Cleaning**

The accumulation of atmospheric grime makes it necessary to clean the surface of aluminium regularly to maintain its appearance.

In badly polluted industrial, marine or large city locations it is recommended that cleaning is carried out once every 3 months and in relatively cleaner rural locations once every 6 months.

Frame cleaning can usually be conveniently carried out when the glass is cleaned. The frequency of cleaning will also depend upon the standard of appearance that is required. It may for example, that the windows which can be closely inspected at ground level or immediately higher will need to be cleaned more frequently than windows at the higher levels.

### **Note: Documentation**

It should be noted that fully corroborative documentation records showing cleaning periods (not exceeding 3 months for marine environment conditions) be kept, in order that compliance with the terms of the paint applicators products guarantee be maintained.