

Cleaning and Maintenance of stove-lacquered Surfaces

Expert and regular cleaning not only maintains the aesthetic and representative finish of stove-lacquered surfaces, but also preserves their value and service life by removing dirt and aggressive deposits that are not washed away by rainwater.

Annual inspection

The inspection of roofing and walls should take place at least once a year. This will depend on local environmental conditions.

General instructions

- Remove leaves, grass and other objects.
- Remove
 - any parts clogging the roof gutter to avoid overflow;
 - any accumulation of dirt from wall areas that are inaccessible for rainwater (e.g. roofing).

These areas not only impair the physical appearance of the building but can also result in a premature deterioration of the coating.

- Make sure to check the condition of joint sealers, holders/supports and decorative parts on the building to prevent any water penetrating.
- Make sure to inspect local defects (e.g. scratches) which could result in a premature deterioration of the coating or corrosion of the substrate.

Once the building has been completed, particular attention should be paid to holders/supports, coating defects, boreholes, deformations caused by rivets, as well as to the general basic cleaning.

Cleaning

Annual cleaning is recommended. The surfaces should be cleaned either manually using a soft brush or by means of a high-pressure cleaner (max. 50 bar) with clean water. If necessary, a mild cleaning agent (pH 6-7) may be added, up to max. 10%. For details please contact your supplier (GRM - Gütegemeinschaft für die Reinigung von Metallfassaden e.V.). Cleaning should take place from top to bottom. After cleaning, rinse with clean water to remove any cleaning agent residue.

Generally, we recommend trying out the cleaning agent on an unobtrusive part of the object to be cleaned to check whether the surface appearance is affected.

Do not clean surfaces heated by the sun (>40°C) as the quick drying process may cause blemishes.

Cleaning agents

A list of neutral cleaning agents for organically coated aluminium components can be obtained from

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Phone +49 211 47 96 -0
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www.aluinfo.de

Please observe the manufacturer's cleaning and safety instructions!

For further information, e.g. addresses of approved cleaning companies, please contact

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Phone +49 9 11 20 44 41
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Non-suitable cleaning agents

Please do not use any strong alkaline cleaning agents such as potassium hydroxide, sodium carbonate or caustic soda, any strong acidic products or highly abrasive cleaning agents such as Vim, Ajax or Imi, or any cleaning agents that corrode paint.