

THE CARE AND CLEANING OF ANODIZED ALUMINUM

Anodized material has an extremely hard surface that is very colorfast and mar resistant. A Class I clear or color anodized finish applied by a high-quality anodizer specializing in architectural finishing will provide consistent color and long product life in a variety of applications.



Much like painted surfaces, an anodized finish should be cleaned using mild soap solutions to retain its original beauty. Products that are safe for use with bare hands, including most commercial cleaning products, can be safely used. The cleaning solution should be applied with a soft cloth, sponge or brush. Avoid the use of strong acid or alkali cleaners. Severely soiled anodized surfaces can be cleaned a little more aggressively than painted surfaces. For example, slight scuff marks and rub marks on an anodized surface can be removed with a mild abrasive pad such as the 3M Scotch-Brite™ pad. Use the pad to remove the mark, and then clean the surface using the mild soap solution. Rinse the surface thoroughly with clean water and dry with a soft cloth.

As with painted surfaces, in coastal areas where the finish is exposed to salt spray or in areas containing heavy industrial pollutants, the cleaning should take place as part of a regular maintenance program.