

MAINTENANCE - ANODISED ALUMINIUM

PROTECT THE ANODISING WHEN INSTALLING

One of the times of greatest risk occurs when anodised furniture is being installed. The anodised surfaces can be unintentionally splashed with wet cement which will permanently and irreparably stain the anodising. We therefore highly recommend that all exposed furniture surfaces are temporarily covered and protected during the installation process.

AVOID THESE SUBSTANCES AT ALL TIMES

Wet cement mortar of any kind.

Brick cleaning acid.

Acid cleaners.

Alkaline cleaners.

Emulsion cleaners or proprietary chemical agents may also attack the anodised coating. They should NEVER be used except in consultation with companies specialising in the cleaning of anodised aluminium.

CLEANING PROCEDURE

The aim of the cleaning operation should be to remove grime deposits without damaging the anodised coating. The frequency of cleaning will vary from monthly to six monthly according to the environment that the surface is exposed to, and the cleaning method adopted will depend on the current condition of the surface and the time that has elapsed since it was last cleaned.

Regular cleaning should be carried out by washing down the anodised aluminium with warm water containing a suitable wetting agent or mild soap solution. Hand rubbing with a soft clean cloth is recommended, however a soft natural bristle brush is also acceptable.

Difficult-to-remove grime deposits may require the use of a very mild abrasive such as pumice powder and water, however NEVER USE SCOURING PADS, EMERY PAPER, SAND PAPER, STEEL WOOL OR OTHER HIGHLY ABRASIVE MATERIALS as this may permanently damage the anodising.

Greasy deposits can be removed using a soft cloth dipped in white spirits.

All surfaces and crevices should be thoroughly rinsed with water after cleaning to ensure the removal of all residues.

