



ALUMINUM PRODUCTS CLEANING GUIDELINES

AFCO Columns and Railings Aluminum Products are designed to provide durable performance; not only in their structural performance, but also in their aesthetic beauty. Part of that aesthetic beauty is the powder coat finish applied to these products. In order to best maintain this finish, occasional cleaning is important. These cleanings will help avoid signs of weathering resulting from the products' exterior exposure.

The cleaning guidelines for AFCO Columns and Railings Aluminum Products are:

- The powder coated surfaces must be cleaned bi-annually. Depending on the exterior environment in which the product is installed, such as salt air environments or exposure to airborne contaminants, more frequent cleaning is required.
- The best method for maintaining the finish of AFCO Columns and Railings Aluminum Products is to wash with a solution of warm water and a non-abrasive, pH neutral detergent solution (used as recommended). **Do not use solvents such as thinners or solutions containing chlorinated hydrocarbons, esters or ketenes.**
- Cleaning should be done with a soft cloth, sponge or non-abrasive brush.
- The outdoor temperature, as well as the temperature of the powder coated surfaces, during cleaning should not exceed 85°F (30°C).
- The cleaning solution should not be allowed to be in contact with the powder coated surface for more than 30 minutes.
- After cleaning, the powder coated surface should be completely rinsed-off with clean, fresh water.
- A record of cleaning, including details and receipts of the cleaning products and/or services used, should be kept and documented.

Failure to adhere to the cleaning guidelines noted will void the AFCO Columns and Railings Aluminum Products Warranty relative to any product issues that may develop due to any such adherence failure.