

# CARE & MAINTENANCE GUIDE: TEXTURA POWDER COATING

With the correct care and cleaning – you can help to reduce the impact of weathering to your Textura powder coating by removing dirt and grime.

**The key** in protecting Textura powder coating is conducting maintenance that is tailored to your environment, as **varying locations** require different cleaning frequency based upon your region's unique weather conditions.

**Cleaning** should start at the time the products are installed, ensuring that construction materials such as concrete, plaster and paint splashes are removed before they have a chance to dry. Failure to remove these materials at this early stage will require the use of aggressive cleaning materials and techniques with potential damage to the powder coated surface.

**The best method** of cleaning is by regular washing of the powder coating using a solution of warm water and non-abrasive, pH neutral detergent solution. Surfaces should be thoroughly rinsed after cleaning to remove all residues. All surfaces should be cleaned using a soft cloth or sponge.

#### Warning:

Do not under any circumstances use strong solvents such as thinners or solutions containing chlorinated hydrocarbons, esters or ketones. Abrasive cleaners or cutting compounds should not be used.

#### Stubborn Stains and Marks:

Bradnam's recommends nothing stronger than white spirits to assist with stubborn stains. When using white spirits, cleaning should be carried out in shade and during cooler temperatures using a soft cloth and gentle wiping only. It is also recommended that prior to use, a small non-visible area of the powder coated article be tested to ensure that no visual colour change or damage will occur, particularly with bright and deep colours.






# RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE INTERVALS

Type of Environment	Definition of Environment	Frequency of Cleaning
Mild	A mild environment refers to areas <b>far from the coast, industrial activity, and the tropics</b> . It includes sparsely settled regions, such as <b>outback Australia</b> , and <b>rural communities</b> not located on the coast.	Every 12 months
Moderate	A moderate environment includes areas affected by <b>light industrial pollution, very light marine influence</b> , or both. Such areas are usually the suburbs of cities located on sheltered bays like <b>Melbourne, Adelaide</b> and <b>Hobart</b> (except the coastal regions) and <b>most inland cities</b> .	Every 12 months
Tropical	The tropical environment encompasses the coastal areas of <b>North Queensland, Northern Territory, and North-West Western Australia</b> , except where they are directly exposed to salt spray.  <b>The tropical environment is characterised by:</b>  (a) <u>High rainfall</u> , with an average of more than <b>1200mm annually</b> . (b) <u>High humidity</u> levels throughout the year range from <b>65% to 100%</b> . (c) <u>Absence</u> of <b>industrial pollution</b> .	Every 6 months
Marine	A marine environment is a region that is moderately affected by <b>coastal salts</b> . The location of these areas can vary significantly, depending on factors such as <b>wind, topography, and vegetation</b> . This environment generally starts around <b>200m from the coast</b> and extends <b>5km inland</b> .	Every 3 months
Industrial	An industrial environment refers to the areas surrounding <b>industrial complexes located inland</b> , away from the sea.	Every 3 months

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