

# CARE & MAINTENANCE

## **NORMAL MAINTENANCE**

Regular maintenance is essential to maintain the good looks of your Stratco steel product. It will ensure you receive the maximum possible life-span for a steel product in your location, this is especially important for coloured pre-painted steel.

To maintain the product's surface, wash it with clean water at least every six months. A more frequent wash is recommended in coastal or industrial areas. Maintenance must be frequent enough to prevent dust, salts, pollutants and any other material to accumulate on the product and reduce its life. Products that are regularly washed by rain require no additional maintenance.

Avoid locating a Stratco steel product near polluted areas or in areas with aggressive environmental factors that could reduce the life of the steel. This includes areas near barbecues, diesel fumes, air-conditioners, clothes dryers, sprinklers, bore water, water softeners and industrial applications. Stratco steel products and materials are not recommended for use as enclosures for swimming pools or spas.

## **AREAS NOT WASHED BY RAIN**

More regular maintenance is required on the areas of a product that are not naturally washed by rain. A product's life-span may be reduced from not following a regular maintenance program because night time condensation in these areas can combine with salt and pollution on the surface, resulting in accelerated corrosion.

Wash areas that are not naturally cleaned by rain with fresh, clean water. It is recommended that you clean the surface as often as you would wash your car to maintain its duco. In marine or industrial environments you should wash more often. Maintenance must be frequent enough to prevent dust, salts, pollutants and any other material to accumulate on the product and reduce its life.

If washing with clean water does not completely clean the surface, a mild solution of detergent should be added to the water and applied with a soft bristled nylon brush. Rinse the coloured surface thoroughly. Never use abrasive or solvent based cleaners such as turps, petrol or kerosene.

Contact Stratco or the steel manufacturer for more information on the correct maintenance for your application.



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