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## CARING FOR YOUR POWDER COATED DOOR OR JOINERY

To extend the life of the powder coat and to comply with warranty requirements for powder coated aluminium doors and joinery, a simple, regular maintenance program should be implemented. The effects of ultraviolet light, atmospheric pollution, dirt, grime, and airborne salt deposits can all accumulate over time and should be removed at regular intervals. As a general rule cleaning should take place every six months. In areas where pollutants are more prevalent, such as beachfront houses and industrial or geothermal areas, then a cleaning program should be carried out more frequently.

### Three steps to cleaning your powder coating:

1. Carefully remove any loose surface deposits with a wet sponge.
2. Use a soft brush (non-abrasive) and a mild household detergent (do not use solvents) in warm water, remove dust, salt, and other deposits.
3. Rinse off with clean fresh water.

### Warning: regarding use of solvents!

In some cases, strong solvents are recommended for thinning various types of paints and also for cleaning up mastics and sealants. These can be harmful to the extended life of the powder coated surface and must not be used for cleaning purposes. It is important to note that the damage will not be visible immediately and may take up to 12 months to develop. Paint splashes or sealants and mastics need to be removed before they cure. The following may be safely used for removal: Methylated Spirits, Ethyl Alcohol, Isopropanol or preferably a mild detergent in warm water.

### Restoring weathered or scratched surfaces:

If your powder coated aluminium joinery is scratched or damaged, don't panic Dulux Powder & Industrial Coatings colour Repair Kits are available in all Dulux colour card colours. Spray cans make easy aesthetic repairs to scuffed or scratched powder coated surfaces while Dabsticks are ideally suited for small scratches or chips. Dabsticks may not be available in all colour card colours. Weathered areas or mild scratches can also be restored with the use of Dulux Gloss Up which is a light to medium cutting cream ideally suited for gloss restoration and has been specifically designed for this purpose. Dulux Gloss Up contains no waxes or silicone and is a one-step system. Do not use Gloss Up on Matt finishes.

All the activity on a construction site means that your door and joinery may get knocked or scratched, splattered with mortar, plaster, textured coating or paint during the later stages of construction. Please ensure that all powder coated articles are masked or covered at this time. It is far easier to prevent accidents than to try and correct them. Should your joinery receive mortar or paint splashes see that these are removed before cure.