

# Care & Maintenance

**Technical Guide** 

FastPlank® Systems Inc. recommends the following care and maintenance of the FastPlank® V-NOTCH® System.

# **Cleaning After Installation**

- 1. Perform cleaning after installation to remove construction and accumulated environmental dirt.
- 2. Wash any exposed interior and exterior surfaces using solution of mild detergent and warm water, using a soft clean cloth. Wipe interior surfaces clean as part of final clean up.
- 3. Remove excess sealant with recommended solvent.
- 4. Upon completion of installation, remove surplus materials, garbage, tools and equipment barriers.

## Regular Care & Maintenance

A regular maintenance program must be instituted to clean the surface periodically to prevent accumulation of concentrated dirt, grime, salt deposits, and/or foreign debris. End user maintenance and cleaning must be adequately documented to ensure the validity of product and finish warranties.

- 1. Regular annual inspection of planks and trims for defect or damage.
- Each year, wash down exposed interior and exterior surfaces using solution of mild detergent and warm water,
   using a soft clean cloth. Wipe interior surfaces clean as part of final clean up.
- 3. Apply matching touch-up paint as needed to correct minor paint flaws.

Pressure washing and the use of harsh detergents or chemicals is not recommended.

#### Repair

Damage may be found on the surface when cleaning or otherwise maintaining the coated aluminum wall cladding. Paint repair should be restricted to small areas ( $\max$ . 5.0  $\text{m}^2$ ).

### When no corrosion is found:

- A touch-up paint can be applied for protective and aesthetic reasons.
- Clean and dry the surface (as described above) before applying a repair paint system (primer and topcoat) recommended by the material supplier.

# When small corrosion defects are found:

- Remove the dust by abrading, scraping, and sand blasting to the bare material.
- Degrease the complete surface.
- Clean and dry the surface (as described above) before applying a repair paint system (primer and topcoat) recommended by the material supplier.

If it is deemed necessary to re-paint or reclad large surfaces, contact the material supplier before execution. Investigate the economic feasibility of over-painting the existing structure or replacing the coated aluminum material. In case of any questions about overpainting please contact us. Using non-compatible systems of repair paints and original coated surfaces might cause undesired effects.



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