

Cleaning and Maintenance Instructions

Precautions:

- Do not use wire brushes, abrasives or similar cleaning tools which will mechanically abrade the coatings surface.
 - Always test the cleaning agents listed below in an inconspicuous area before use on a large scale.
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Hot or Cold Detergent Solutions:

- A 5% solution in water of commonly used commercial (non-industrial) detergents will not have any deleterious effect on a paint surface. These solutions should be followed by an adequate rinse of water. Use a cloth, sponge or a soft brush for application. Cleaning should be done on the shaded side of the building or on a mild, cloudy day.

Solvents:

- Most organic solvents are flammable and/or toxic, and must be handled accordingly. Keep away from open flames, sparks and electric motors. Use adequate ventilation, protective clothing and goggles. Remove non-water-soluble deposits (tar, grease, oil paint, etc) from surface using these solvents with caution.
 - Alcohols
 - Denatured alcohol (ethanol)
 - Isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol
 - Methanol (wood alcohol)
 - Petroleum Solvents
 - VM&P naphtha
 - Mineral spirits
 - Turpentine (wood or gum spirits)
 - Aromatic Solvents (these solvents should used with caution – limit contact to five minutes)
 - Xylol (xylene)
 - Toluol (toluene)
 - Ketones, Esters, Lacquer Thinner (these solvents should be used with great caution – limit contact to one minute)
 - Methyl isobutyl ketone (MIBK)
 - Ethyl acetate (nail polish remover)
 - Lacquer thinner

Chemicals:

- Mildew: Areas subjected to high humidity levels, dirt and spore deposits can permit mildew growth. The following solution is recommended to remove mildew when necessary.
 - 1/3 cup dry powdered laundry detergent (ex. Tide)
 - 1 qt. sodium hypochlorite 5% solutions (ex. Clorox)
 - 3 qts. Water
- Rust Stains: Hydrochloric, citric or muriatic acid, diluted with ten volumes of water, may assist in removing rust stains. Limit contact to five minutes. Oxalic acid solutions or acetic acid (vinegar) may be used for the same purpose. Flush with water.

Caution: Acid solutions are corrosive and toxic. Flush all surfaces with copious amounts of water after use.

Warranty:

- Misuse or abuse of any of the cleaning agents listed above will result in a voiding of warranty for the surface affected.
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Please contact us if you have any questions regarding the cleaning and/or maintenance of a Verta, Inc. applied finish.