



## Powder Coated Aluminum AAMA 2604 | AAMA 2605 Care & Maintenance

Although powder coated factory-applied finishes are extremely durable, a periodic cleaning to remove build-ups of dirt or residue is a good idea to extend coating life. If your window glass looks dirty, that same dirt is on the coated aluminum and should also be cleaned.

### Regular Maintenance

- Cleaning should be performed regularly, at least twice per year. If your home is located in a more extreme environment, including coastal (salt spray) or a caustic (chemically corrosive) environment, cleaning should be performed at least four times per year and more often as necessary. Use clean water with mild soap or slight amounts of mild alkaline detergents to clean the powder coated surface. Do not use abrasive or caustic cleaners, scraping tools or cleaning pads as these can damage the finish. Rub with a clean, soft, non-scratching cloth with modest pressure. The temperature of the powder coated surface should not exceed 80 degrees Fahrenheit prior to cleaning. To remove grease or oily substances, use isopropyl alcohol. Do not allow any cleaning solution to remain on the coated surface for more than one hour. After cleaning, rinse with clean, cool water.
- Chips and scratches must be repaired immediately. Do not leave bare aluminum exposed to the elements. Touch-up paint is available for minor scratches or chips, and is not intended to be used for deep scratches or over large areas. Touch-up paint may fade and weather differently than the original factory finish.
- Do not use high-pressure nozzles or power washers on your windows or doors. These can damage the finish, as well as the glass seal and/or the weather stripping. Avoid harsh, abrasive cleaning pads such as steel wool. Treat the powder coating as you would treat the paint on your car.
- Any use of a solvent-based cleaner will void the warranty. Under no circumstances should strong solvents be used. Remove caulk compounds, oil, grease, tars, wax and similar substances by wiping with a cloth soaked in mineral spirits or isopropyl alcohol. A small area should be tested prior to attempting to use solvents on significant surfaces. Wipe only contaminated areas and follow with detergent cleaning and rinse thoroughly. Always finish by flushing metal with lots of fresh, clean water. If the local water is high in mineral salts, complete the powder coated metal cleaning with deionized water and/or a chamois.

### AAMA 2604 Textured Coatings

Care should be taken with the textured coatings to protect the exterior finish during construction. If dirt and dust accumulate on the exterior finish, in addition to the above, a clean, soft bristle brush (one you would use on a car) can be used.