

CARE and MAINTENANCE for Aluminum Railings

GENERAL PRODUCT CLEANING:

Clean all surfaces of the railing system with warm detergent and water using a sponge or soft cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners that may scratch or dull the paint surface of the railing.

For light cleaning, rinse with water from the bottom to the top and repeat from top to bottom. This will clean the surface in a manner to avoid possible streaking. Air dry or wipe down with a soft, dry, lint-free cloth.

If this light cleaning fails to remove debris, adhere to the surface, rinse the surface with clean water from top to bottom, and then use a sponge and a mild detergent and water to wipe the entire railing surface. Immediately wrenched the clean surface with clean water. Do not let any cleaning solutions dry on the railing surface, as these will discolor the painted surface of the railing. This is especially true for glass railings. Always use a commercial glass cleaner to avoid streaks and staining of the surface of the glass. Always hand dry glass surfaces with a clean, dry lint-free cloth.

Do not clean the painted aluminum surface in direct sunlight or temperatures too hot or too cold for optional cleaning. Do not use abrasive cleaners that may scratch the surface and avoid excessive rubbing or over-cleaning.

To remove paint or surface sealant, use Methylated Spirits, Turpentine, White Spirits, Alcohol, or Isopropanol. Always remove any SAP, tree seats, hugs, etc., as these will become more difficult to remove as sun exposure were baked these elements onto the painted surface.

For a protective wax finish, apply any quality automotive wax to the surface following the wax manufacturer's application instructions. This will remove any oxidized paint, bring back the original shine of the finish, and make it easier for future cleaning.

If you have deep scratches, matching touch-up paint is available from GRECO. Always paint over clean, dry surfaces and follow all instructions located on the spray can.

Do not use:

- Abrasive cleaners
- Cleaners with solvents
- Abrasive materials – Steel Wool – Scotchbrite, etc.

SALT WATER ENVIRONMENTS:

If the product is installed within one mile of the saltwater body of water or any other area prone to salt water spray, there are additional and specific maintenance requirements that



apply. The salt-laden here in corresponding moisture of such regions can create a damaging buildup of salt on the railing surface and, if not removed, will cause permanent damage to the finish of the railing. Should such buildups be evident, monthly cleaning of the aluminum surface is required to retain the product's original finish and to maintain its warranty eligibility stipulated by all paint manufacturers used by GRECO.

Under most other non-salt environments, annual inspections in the cleaning of the surface usually is sufficient.

RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE:

GRECO Railings are designed to provide both safety and aesthetics for the life of the building to which they are attached period to ensure that these factors are maintained independently upon a periodic review and maintenance schedule. The following is recommended to perform at a minimum of annually:

- General Product Cleaning as outlined above
- All mechanical fasteners should be inspected for tightness
- Any caulking that shows signs of cracking or erosion should be replaced
- Any concrete cracking or evidence of water penetrations should be noted and means and methods devised to eliminate this from happening

If you have any concerns, questions, or would like more information on the above information, please contact GRECO directly at 727.372.1100 for the U.S. and 519.966.4901 for Canada.