Coating Maintenance Guide

While all Acryloc coating systems are formulated with the highest quality ingredients to give the best possible durability, maintenance of the coatings can significantly extend their service life.

This is because the build-up of airborne pollutants, bird droppings, dirt, mould and especially salt in coastal regions will deteriorate any coating if not removed on a regular basis.

Extra care and maintenance may also be needed with;

- **Horizontal Surfaces or Surfaces at Low Angles,**
  Due to their orientation these surfaces are more susceptible to holding dirt and bird droppings as well as growth of moss or mould, all of which can compromise coating life.
- **Areas that are shaded and/or get little sunlight**
  This is the perfect condition for mould growth. Moisture, in combination with low sunlight, accelerates mould, moss and lichen growth. Mould growth is more common in tropical climates.

Recommended Maintenance

- Inspect coatings annually, checking for both mechanical damage and cleanliness
- Notably, check the sealant in expansion joints. If there is a failure in the sealant, remove the old material and replace immediately. Failure of the sealant will allow water to penetrate into the Wall cavity and damage both the substrate and the coatings.
- Wash down all surfaces gently, taking care not to damage the surface.

  Water Wash

  Coatings can be cleaned by low-pressure water washing.

  Using a pressure cleaner with greater than 450psi pressure or with the tip closer than 40cm will damage the integrity of a coating and is not recommended.

  Manual Cleaning

  Clean all areas with a moderately stiff broom or brush, using detergent and warm water.

  Use subtle pressure but do not damage the coating and profile. Rinse clean as you work.

  Finally, rinse the entire surface.

Repairing mechanical damage or cracking

Mechanical damage or cracking from structural movement can allow moisture to penetrate behind the coating. This can cause blistering of the coating itself, or worse, swelling and deformation of the substrate if it absorbs water.

Damage to or movement of the substrate should be investigated by an appropriate expert and repaired in accordance with their recommendations.

Texture and paint coatings can then be re-applied as required. Recoating from edge to edge, or expansion joint to expansion joint is recommended to ensure a consistent finish and colour.

Recoating

We recommend that you apply an additional coat of paint to all surfaces part way through the service life, ideally at 7-8 years. This will require minimal preparation because the original coating will be in good condition and it will preserve, protect, refresh and extend the life of your coatings.

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