

Maintaining & Cleaning Products

Prevention is better than cure

BAYRIDGE WALLS

- ▲ If constructing in and around the area, cover the wall to protect against damage.
- ▲ Protect your wall against possible staining from mortar, oxides, cement and rust.

CLEANING

Routine cleaning will keep your project in pristine condition, however should mould growth occur - follow these simple steps:

- ▲ Initially try wet brush cleaning with warm water and household detergent or high pressure water blasting (ONLY use fan jet) with or without detergent or use ordinary bleach diluted down as per specifications then scrub with stiff brush. Make sure this area is flushed down with water.
- ▲ Identify type of stain carefully before taking action.
- ▲ Assess the efficacy of the cleaning compound or procedure by a trial on a small inconspicuous area of the pavement.
- ▲ Remove the worst stains first.
- ▲ Where abrasives, detergents or chemicals are used, ensure that all residues are immediately removed.
- ▲ All cleaning methods should be trialed in a small area first to make sure there is no adverse affect to the blocks.

General Soiling – Mild detergent (dish washing liquid), water and a good scrub with a medium brush.

A pressure clean will also help. Mortar Stains – Stiff nylon brush and water, avoid all corrosive chemicals.

Organic or timber stains – spray lightly with liquid chlorine (diluted 1 part to 20 parts water or as per product instructions), keep moist and rinse thoroughly after the stain has disappeared.

Rust Stains – Phosphoric acid 1 part acid to 10 parts water (use cautiously) and rinse thoroughly.

Pre-sealing admixtures are incorporated during the manufacture of these products. These admixtures significantly enhance waterproofing and assist in maintaining the appearance of your blocks for years to come.

SEALING

Apex Masonry recommends to seal your finished project. There are many options available. The two main options to use for sealing are – a topical wet-look sealer or a penetrating sealer. Sealing products recommended are from ENVIRONEX International Pty Ltd product (www.klen.com.au).

EFFLORESCENCE

The most common cause of concrete product discolouration is efflorescence. It is a transitory occurrence and will usually disappear in time under abrasion by pedestrian and vehicular traffic and general weathering. Efflorescence does not affect the structural integrity or strength of the product. Efflorescence will usually diminish and disappear in the course of time as the product is exposed to the elements. Efflorescence may be removed by stiff brush or the application of Anti-Eff (ENVIRONEX International product) - Read suppliers instructions before use.

COLOUR VARIATION

Due to the changes in raw material, variation in colour can occur. When ordering your product, order all elements of your project together to reduce the possibility of colour variation. We do not guarantee different batches will be the same colour.