

Petrarch Cleaning Instruction

Petrarch is non-absorbent and will not, in normal circumstances, pick up atmospheric dirt. Nevertheless, during fixing or subsequently during building alterations, building site dirt and dust can contaminate the surface. The following lists the most common contaminants and the recommended course of action for cleaning.

Petrarch Cutting Dust

Best removed prior to fixing the panel; for standard finish panels, wash down the panel using a sponge or brush with hot soapy water and finally wash down with clean water.

Petrarch Drilling Dust

On the occasions when it is necessary to drill the panel on site, it is important to clean down the panel prior to it being installed. For standard finish panels this should be done using a sponge or brush with hot soapy water and a final wash down with clean water.

Shot-Blasted Panels

For projects where panels have been shot blasted dust can occur on the face of the panels. Once installed in a rain screen application the panels will naturally clean. On other areas such as soffits it is recommended that the installer would wash down the panels prior to handover.

Splashes of Plaster and Concrete

These are most easily removed before the plaster or cement has set. To clean simply hose off with a jet of water and finally wipe down with a clean cloth.

Paints

Again these are best removed when the paint is wet, using the appropriate solvent to the affected area and when softening occurs scrub the affected area with a nylon brush. It may be necessary to repeat this several times before all the paint is removed. Afterwards thoroughly scrub the panel using hot soapy water and rinse with clean water. In no circumstances should paint stripper be used as these can permanently stain the Petrarch.

Tar, Creosote, Grease, Lacquer, Paint

Clean the affected area with an appropriate solvent and if necessary scrub with a nylon brush. Finally wash down with hot soapy water and rinse with clean water.

Pen, Pencil, Crayon

Use hot soapy water and scrub down with a nylon brush, finally rise with clean water.

Cleaning Interval after Installation

The location of the building can determine the frequency that cleaning of the cladding panels is required. As a guide this is usually between 2-5 years by a specialist company. It is not recommended to use a high pressure cleaner at close range as this can leave marks on the cladding. It is also not advised to use chemicals other than a mild detergent mixed with warm water when necessary.