

CARE & MAINTENANCE OF YOUR DEKSMART RAILINGS

Clean the aluminum components of the rail with warm soapy water using a sponge or soft cloth. Do not use any types of abrasive cleaners that may scratch the railing. For stubborn stains consult your **DekSmart** representative.

If the product is installed within one (1) mile of a coastline, saltwater bay, or any area prone to saltwater spray, there are additional and specific maintenance requirements within these installation, care, and maintenance instructions, that apply. **DekSmart Aluminum Railing Systems** will require cleaning and caring for the exterior aluminum surfaces. Annual inspections are sufficient for most areas; however coastal areas have special requirements.

Coastline Maintenance Requirements:

The salt and moisture in the air of such regions can create a damaging build up of salt on the railing components. This damaging build-up requires monthly inspections of all railing components to detect and subsequently remove the harmful residue. If upon detection of any salty build-up, monthly cleaning of the aluminum surface is required to regain the product's original look, quality and luster and to maintain its warranty eligibility.

Product Cleaning:

For light cleaning, rinse with water from bottom to top and back to bottom. This will clean the surface on the way up and prevent the collection of dirty "run down" and possible streaking. Air dry or wipe dry with a soft, dry, lint-free cloth.

If light cleaning does not clean the debris, rinse the surface with clean water from top to bottom. Use a sponge and clean with mild soap and water. Immediately rinse any "run down" to lower parts of the building. Do not allow cleaning solutions to collect or "puddle" on surfaces. Immediately rinse with clean water. It is very important that cleaning solution does not dry on the surface. Air or wipe dry with a soft, dry cloth. For stubborn, water-soluble debris, repeat steps above until clean.

For a protective wax finish, apply a quality brand of car wax to the aluminum surface (follow wax manufacturer's application instructions) for optimal cleaning, do not clean coated aluminum surfaces in direct sunlight or in temperatures too hot or too cold. Do not use abrasive cleaners that may scratch the cladding and avoid excessive rubbing or over-cleaning. Using the same process apply wax to all exposed fasteners every 3-6 months to help prevent oxidation. This should be performed more frequently if product is located in high salt content areas.

Recommended Maintenance Schedule:

Aluminum handrails and guardrails are intended to provide both safety and aesthetics for the life of the structure to which they are installed. **DekSmart Aluminum Railing Systems** recommends that the following actions be undertaken:

1. Railing should be hand washed with mild detergent and rinsed with clean water as needed.
2. All screws should be checked every year for snugness. Caulking should be removed and replaced if showing signs of deterioration. If screws require replacing, replace them with appropriate fasteners.
3. Guardrails fastened to concrete decks should be inspected carefully on an annual basis at each plate for evidence of moisture leakage or loose connections.

Any evidence of these anomalies should be reported to your **DekSmart** dealer or technical representative for further action.

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