## PRODUCT CARE AND MAINTENANCE



If cared for in accordance with these instructions, your building components made from COLORBOND® prepainted steel, ZINCALUME® steel and powdercoated Aluminium will give many years of low maintenance life.

## SAFE INSTALLATION GUIDE

- Store material clear of the ground and protect from rain and moisture prior to installation,
- Always use fasteners with durability equal to the material being used and which have carbon-black free washers
- Avoid materials and liquids which can cause corrosion, such as lead and copper, green or CCA (Copper-Chrome Arsenic) treated timber, uncoated steel supports, fertilizers, pesticides and abrasive cleaners
- Use non-carbon pencils, chalk or pen for marking sheets. Black carbon/lead pencils should not be used
- Use metal cutting discs or shears to cut sheets rather than angle grinder discs
- Use only neutral-cure silicone sealants
- Do any cutting off-site at ground level. Mask around holes to be drilled. Thoroughly clean away debris at the end of each day to prevent staining or corrosion
- Avoid immersion in concrete, soil or water, or build up of debris against the product
- Any minor scratches will self heal. Avoid using touch up paint
- Peel off the CORSTRIP® protective film from slats immediately following installation.

## HOW TO AVOID DAMAGE TO PRODUCT

- Never use abrasive or solvent type cleaners (turps, petrol, kerosene, paint thinners) on COLORBOND® steel, ZINCALUME® steel or powdercoated aluminium.
- Do not allow the product to be contaminated by fertilisers, pesticides or concrete. Ensure the product is kept clear of grass clippings and soil.
- Avoid incompatible metals: Due to a phenomenon known as galvanic corrosion, some commonly used metals can cause accelerated corrosion when used with ZINCALUME® steel or COLORBOND® steel.
  Copper and lead are two such metals.
- Copper pipes and lead flashing should not come in direct contact with either ZINCALUME® steel or COLORBOND® steel.
  - If building design is such that water will flow from lead flashing onto ZINCALUME® steel or COLORBOND® steel then it should be painted.
  - Water from copper pipes should not be directed onto COLORBOND® steel or ZINCALUME® steel.
  - Stainless steel fixings and fixings containing copper should also not be used with ZINCALUME® steel or COLORBOND® steel.

## **CLEANING GUIDE**

Simple maintenance of COLORBOND® steel, ZINCALUME® steel and powder-coated Aluminium by regular washing with water, will not only enhance its life but maintain its attractiveness for longer periods thus protecting your asset.

Your product should be washed down with a soft brush and water every 6 months. In coastal or industrial areas, the product should be cleaned every 2-3 months.

In cases where the regular maintenance referred to above does not remove all dirt which may have adhered to the surface of the paint, the following procedure should be carried out;

- Wash the surface with a mild solution of pure soap or mild non-abrasive kitchen detergent in warm water.
- Application should be with a sponge, soft cloth or soft bristle nylon brush, and should be gentle to prevent shiny spots.
- The product should be thoroughly rinsed with clean water immediately after cleaning to remove traces of detergent.