## 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.

## **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 areas of industrial fallout or coastal 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.

## 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.

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