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# Aluminium Window & Door Care and Maintenance Guide

# Care & Maintenance

## Powdercoated Products

Starke use Dulux powders. For care of your powdercoated windows & doors, please read the following Dulux care & maintenance guide.

Powder coating is one of the most durable colour coatings available and, with very little effort on your part, it will provide you with many years of excellent service. To extend the life of powder coated articles and to comply with warranty requirements for powder coated aluminium joinery, a simple, regular maintenance program should be implemented.

The effects of ultra violet light, atmospheric pollution, dirt, grime and airborne salt deposits can all accumulate over time and should be removed at regular intervals.

As a general rule cleaning should take place every three months. In areas where pollutants are more prevalent, such as beachfront houses and industrial or geothermal areas, then a cleaning program should be carried out on a more frequent basis ie, every one to two months.

### Three steps to cleaning your powder coating:

1. Carefully remove any loose surface deposits with a wet sponge.
2. Use a soft brush (non abrasive) and a dilute solution of a mild detergent, eg, pH-neutral liquid hand dishwashing detergent in warm water (DO NOT use solvents) to remove dust, salt and other deposits.
3. Ensure you thoroughly rinse the surfaces with clean fresh water after cleaning to remove all residues.

For more information on Dulux powdercoatings, please visit:

<https://www.duluxpowdercoatings.co.nz/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/dulux-use-care-20142.pdf>

For further assistance, call us on 09 279 8617 or send us an email [sales@starke.co.nz](mailto:sales@starke.co.nz)

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## The 11 golden rules for protecting your window joinery

- Please mask your joinery when building, renovating, plastering or painting.
- If paint splatters or sealants do get on joinery, do not allow to dry, remove immediately.
- DO NOT use turpentine, white spirits, thinners, citrus based cleaners or other aggressive solvents on powder coating (these may be harmful to the extended life of the powder coated surface and should be avoided as the damage may not be visible immediately and may take up to twelve months to appear)
- Keep sunscreens away from powdercoating, some sunscreens adversely affect painted finishes.
- DO use isopropyl alcohol or Methylated spirits and rinse with warm soapy water.
- Do clean only when powder coated surface temperature is below 25 C
- DO NOT rub powder coating excessively, especially metallic finishes.
- DO refer to the WANZ web site (<https://www.wganz.nz/> for additional information.
- DO use approved tapes only to mask joinery & use masking tapes in accordance with manufacturer's instruction.
- If in doubt, please check with Dulux Powder & Industrial Coatings on 0800 800 975.



## Care & Maintenance Anodised Aluminium Products

Recommendations for the care of anodised aluminium is as follows:

Because of the hardness of the aluminium oxide layer formed during anodising, scars and wear from fabrication, handling, installation, frequent surface dirt, cleaning and usage are virtually non-existent.

Regular rinsing or mild soap and water cleaning usually will restore an anodised surface to its original appearance. Never use an abrasive or caustic cleaner.

Cleaning is required every three months to maintain your anodised windows & doors. If you are in a coastal area or harsh environment you are advised to wash your windows monthly with cold water.

