

## CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Proper installation and maintenance are extremely important to obtain the best performance and appearance from the insulated panel.

Dirt, oil grease, fingerprints or any other kind of contamination must be completely removed when the installation is finished to maximize coatings performance.

The building will require periodic maintenance according to conditions at the site: U. V., dirt, smoke, corrosive atmosphere, etc. If further assistance is required, please consult the technical department of AWIP.

To remove oxidation and tough stains, it is recommended to use a household cleaner for use with porcelain followed by a thorough rinsing. Wire brushing or any abrasive material may damage the painted surface and should not be used.

If "touch up" paint is required, contact AWIP to obtain an air-dry urethane color match for your project.

## REMOVING OXIDATION AND TOUGH STAINS

The recommended method if the stains are not too severe is to use a household cleaner recommended for use on porcelain sinks and bath tubs. This should be followed with a thorough rinsing. Wire brushing or any abrasive material may damage the painted surface and should not be used.

## CLEANING THE PAINTED SURFACE

Dirt pickup may cause apparent discoloration of the paint when it has been exposed to dirt-laden atmospheres for long periods of time. Slight chalking may cause some change in appearance in areas of strong sunlight. A good cleaning will often restore the appearance of these buildings.

In many cases simply washing the building with plain water using pressure sprays will be adequate. In areas of heavy dirt deposits, a solution of water and detergent may be used. Use a rag or sponge to clean. A clear water rinse should follow.

## EXPOSURE TO HEAT OR FLAME

Although AWIP urethane core panels are acceptable for use in *non-combustible* building assemblies in accordance with IBC and have been exhaustively tested for fire resistivity based on their end use, they are not *non-combustible* in and of themselves. They are not "fire rated" per ASTM E 119. Therefore, they shall not be exposed to extreme high temperatures or direct flame at any time. In simple terms, don't use a welding torch on or near insulated panels any more than you would on a wood building assembly. Refer to Panel Test Data information under "Fire" for detailed information on ignition, heat of combustion and surface burning.