



# THE CARE AND CLEANING OF YOUR ALIGN™ COMPOSITE CLADDING

Like any other exterior siding surface, Gentek Building Products ALIGN Composite Cladding will have dirt exposure from atmospheric conditions. Ordinarily, the cleaning action of rainfall will be adequate to wash the cladding. However, cladding should be rinsed periodically with a garden hose and clear water, particularly in those areas not exposed directly to rain. If you desire a more thorough cleaning, or where high soil collection conditions occur, follow these simple instructions:

1. Use a soft-bristled, long-handled washing brush that attaches to your garden hose. This tool brush will make washing your siding easier. Do not rub vigorously, as this may create glossy areas over the cladding finish.
2. For hard-to-remove dirt, such as soot and grime found in industrial areas, wipe the siding down with a solution consisting of the following ingredients:
  - 1/3 cup powdered detergent (Tide®, Fab® or equivalent powder detergent)
  - 2/3 cup household cleaner (SoilMax®, Spic & Span® or equivalent)
  - 1 gallon water
3. If mildew is a problem in your area, prepare the solution above but substitute 1 quart of laundry bleach for 1 quart of water.
4. If you wash down the entire house, start at the bottom and work up to the top, as less streaking will result.
5. It is important that immediately following all washing operations, the entire surface be thoroughly rinsed with fresh water from a garden hose. Avoid prolonged or high pressure rinsing of open, ventilated areas.
6. For best results when using a cleaning solution, select an overcast cool day (55°F–75°F/13°–24°C) and wash only small areas at a time. This should allow the wet cleaning solution to remain in contact with the finish for a period of not less than 3 minutes; then rinse with clear water before it has a chance to dry.

**CAUTION:** GREATER CONCENTRATIONS MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE CLADDING FINISH. DO NOT USE CLEANERS CONTAINING ABRASIVE PARTICLES, SOLVENT OR AMMONIATED-TYPE CLEANERS OR PAINT REMOVER FOR CLEANING THE CLADDING. WHEN USING ANY OF THE ABOVE CHEMICAL CLEANING AGENTS, OBSERVE THE CHEMICAL MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED SAFETY PRECAUTIONS. PROTECT AGAINST CONTACT OF THE SOLUTION WITH EYES OR SKIN.

This cleaning and maintenance information is suggested in an effort to be of assistance; however, Gentek Building Products can assume no responsibility for results obtained which are dependent on the solution chemicals as prepared and method of application.



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