

Care & Cleaning

Aluminum Grid

Interior: The Clear anodized finish IBP grid system will resist airborne dirt, and in most cases, periodic cleaning with water will keep the surfaces clean. For stains that water alone will not remove, the use of a detergent is recommended. Use a rag, sponge or soft bristle brush with a gentle rubbing action. (Vigorous rubbing can cause an undesirable glossy area over the satin finish) CAUTION: Do not use abrasive or solvent type cleaners or paint removers; these type of cleaners may remove or dull the finish.

Exterior: It is important to know exterior clear anodized units exposed to outside weather will turn gray over time. Once the finish becomes gray, it is a formidable task to bring back the original clear anodized finish. The responsible party, therefore, should make a decision: If the goal is to have a soft natural gray appearance, simply relax and let nature do the job. If the intent is to keep the exterior aluminum finish bright and in original condition, the task will be greatly eased by lacquering or waxing the anodized aluminum grid before it begins to weather. Any kind of wax that is free of abrasives and cleaners can be used. Automotive lacquers in a spray-can may also be used and can provide even longer protection. CAUTION: Varnish and shellac should not be used.

Structural Glass Units & Glass Pavers

Interior: The glass should be cleaned with a mild, non-alkaline detergent that contains no abrasives or polishing agents to prevent scratches or residue left on the glass, which may cause patchiness, especially on the satin etched or sandblasted surfaces. Abrasive or caustic cleaners are not to be used in any application. Wipe the glass until dry using a soft cloth mop or squeegee removing any streaks that may have formed; liquids left on the glass may cause staining. If any contaminants remain on the glass, a solution of 50/50 of water and isopropyl alcohol can be used to remove it. This works well with sticky or gluey materials. Use light to moderate pressure as excessive pressure or hard scrubbing motions may damage the glass surface.

Exterior: Regular cleaning is an important part of building maintenance when glass is used in exterior applications. Pollutants in the air and water and run off from concrete or mortar during construction will leave deposits on the glass. These deposits, if left to sit and not be cleaned off during routine maintenance, will corrode the glass and can permanently stain or etch the surface.

To wash glass, first rinse it off with fresh clean water to remove any loose dirt or other particles that may scratch the glass. After the glass is thoroughly soaked, using a mild, abrasive free detergent and a soft brush or other non-abrasive applicator to wipe down the glass. Dry the glass with a squeegee; any residue on the glass or surrounding gaskets, frame or sealants must be wiped dry with a cloth.