



VINYL CARE & CLEANING

Vinyl fence, deck, pergola and railing comes closer to being totally maintenance free than any other comparable building material on the market today. It will become dirty just as does a freshly painted house, a new automobile, or any other product which is exposed to atmospheric conditions. However, with very little effort you can keep your vinyl clean. Although it will get dirty, heavy rain will often do wonders in cleaning it. Or you can wash it down with an ordinary garden hose. If neither rain nor hose does a satisfactory job, just follow these simple instructions:

Normal Maintenance

1. Use an ordinary long handled car washing brush that you can purchase at your auto supply store. This brush has soft bristles and the handle fastens onto the end of your garden hose, and it allows you to wash the vinyl just like you wash your car.
2. If dirt, such as soot found in industrial areas is hard to remove, wipe it down with one of the following solutions:
 - a. Clean with cloth and solution of Simple Green™.
 - b. Use a mixture of the following solution:
 - 1/3 cup of powder detergent (e.g. Tide™, Fab™ or equivalent*)
 - 2/3 cup of household cleaner (e.g. Soilax™, Spic & Span™ or equivalent*)
 - 1 gallon of water
3. If mildew is a problem in your area, use the solution above, but substitute 1 quart of household bleach for 1 quart of the water.
4. While washing down your vinyl structure, start at the bottom and work your way to the top to prevent streaking.
5. If stubborn stains persist, use one of the suggested cleaning methods listed on page 2. While using any of the cleaning methods listed below, follow the precautionary labels on the cleaning agent containers and making certain to protect nearby shrubs from direct contact with cleaning agents.

*Reference to proprietary names is intended for illustration purposes only and is not intended to suggest that there are not equally effective competitive products available.

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Stain Removal

1. Light oils and greases, heavy grease, caulking compounds, wax, crayon, asphalt, tars etc.:
 - a. Cleaning agents: Mineral Spirits, VMP napha, auto tar remover.
 - b. Preparation: Remove excess with plastic or wood scraper.
 - c. Special cleaning procedures: Use soft cloth to apply cleaner (*avoid polishing stained area by using too much pressure*). After removing stain, rinse with water.

2. Inks (marking), nail polish, paint, lipstick, gum, etc.:
 - a. Cleaning agent: Cleaning fluid (Trichloroethylene).
 - b. Preparation: Remove excess with plastic or wood scraper. Chill gum to remove excess.
 - c. Special cleaning procedures: Use soft cloth to apply cleaner *avoid polishing stained area by using too much pressure*. After removing stain, rinse with water.

3. Rust stains:
 - a. Cleaning agents: Oxalic acid, auto radiator cleaner, Bright Bowl™, Ridido-Rust™.
 - b. Preparation: Make solution of 1 tablespoon of oxalic acid crystals to 1 cup of warm water.
 - c. Special cleaning procedures: Apply oxalic acid solution with soft bristle brush. Wipe with a damp cloth and flush with rust free water (*use rubber gloves and eye protection while cleaning*).

4. Stubborn stains:
 - a. Cleaning agents: Xylene, Lacquer Thinner.
 - b. Preparation: Try above procedures (1-3) first. If they fail, then use the following procedure.

Dampen small section of cloth with Xylene or Lacquer Thinner and rub the effected area. Do not allow excess solution to remain on vinyl (*use rubber gloves and eye protection while cleaning*).

Scratch Removal

The following method is recommended for removal of surface scratches in the vinyl:

- a. Smooth out scratches by rubbing area vigorously with 0000 steel wool.
- b. Finish by using a soft rag to polish area with fiberglass boat polish to restore luster.

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