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#### **Maintaining Aluminum Finishes**

Regular maintenance of the surface finish will be necessary to reduce the rate of weathering. The frequency of cleaning will depend on the environmental conditions, but as a guide should be done at 3 monthly intervals, or more frequently in aggressive coastal or industrial environments.

- Remove loose deposits by gently brushing or hosing.
- Clean using a sponge or soft brush and warm water with a mild detergent. Avoid cleaning agents with a caustic base, abrasive materials or harsh chemicals.
- Rinse with clean water.
- Dry with a chamois (optional).
- Apply a 'non-abrasive' car polish to maintain the lustre of the finish (optional).

### **Glass Maintenance**

For best results glass blades should be regularly cleaned with mild, non-abrasive detergents. Low e glass blades should be installed with the coated side facing to the inside of the building and should only be cleaned with mild, non-abrasive detergents. Abrasive detergents or cleaning tools will visibly damage the low e coating.

## Louver Maintenance

It is recommended that inspection be carried out at the time of installation and then at yearly intervals. This may be required more frequently depending upon the variation of location, and environmental conditions.

Inspection and checks

- Inspect all fittings and screw fixings for firmness.
- Check the louver clips for any degradation over time.
- Check that the blade is firmly and safely positioned in the clips.
- Ensure all louver blades operate freely.
- Ensure that seals are in place and clean.

#### Lubrication

All internal louver operating mechanisms are pre-lubricated, prior to assembly, with a clear lubricant where required. Under normal conditions this will be satisfactory for the life of the window.