

Product Care + Maintenance

Aluminum is a structurally and aesthetically versatile material that can be used in a wide array of architectural applications. Its beauty and adaptability lends itself to use on facades, windows, doors and more. Not only is it beautiful, it is long-lasting, and easy to care for. Parallel manufactures our aluminum parts with integrity in the USA, and applies a state-of-the-art powder coat that further bolsters the products' ability to withstand everyday wear and tear, as well as harsh conditions. Please continue reading for more information on how to properly performance maintenance in order to get the most out of your Parallel aluminum.

The type and extent of cleaning that should be performed will depend upon the finish, the amount of dirt or grime, and the area that needs to be cleaned. Dirt and grime will cannot be prevented from accumulating on any exposed surfaces, but if cleaned regularly with a mild method you will find that your Parallel products will maintain their cleanliness.

There are many ways to clean aluminum, from using plain water to harsh abrasives. When cleaning your Parallel aluminum products, always try the mildest method possible. The following cleaning materials and procedures are listed in ascending order of harshness. The gentlest treatment (plain water) should be tried on a small area and if not satisfactory only then should you attempt to apply the next item on the list.

- *Plain water*
- *Mild soap or detergent*
- *Solvent cleaning, e.g. kerosene, turpentine, white spirit*
- *Non-etching chemical cleaner*
- *Wax base polish cleaner*
- *Abrasive wax*
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Once you have cleaned the affected area(s) with the proper cleaner, rinse the aluminum surfaces and thoroughly dry them in order to avoid streaking. Always be sure to follow the directions given by the maker of any specific cleaning chemical you may choose to use.

If an abrasive cleaner or chemical is used, it is possible that the finish of the Parallel aluminum products could be altered. As a preventative measure, please be sure to always clean in the direction of any grain, if applicable.

If the condition of the surface does require the use of abrasive or etching materials it is recommended that you consult cleaning specialists or the Parallel Architectural Products team.