

APR Composites

Cleaning & Maintenance Guide

Thank you for choosing APR Composites.

Our range of composite products are built to last and are virtually maintenance free. This means they won't rot, rust, splinter, be eaten by termites or dramatically weather with age or UV radiation. They are also chemically inert, which means they won't leach chemicals into the environment like treated wood, they have a lower thermal conductivity than metal and concrete and are sea water and salt resistant.

Like metal, wood, and plastic, products from APR Composites can easily be cut, drilled, screwed, bolted and stapled and are far stronger than competing plastic products. They are lighter and easier to handle than wood, metal or concrete and will outlast any traditional material.

RECOMMENDED CLEANING METHOD

Correct cleaning is important and will ensure longevity of your product.

To clean your composite product, we recommend using a soft cloth or sponge with a bucket or hose.

Household cleaning products such as detergent, methylated spirits, turpentine or kerosene are recommended. Follow the guidelines on the cleaning product label for use.

NOT RECOMMENDED

High Pressure Sprayers are not recommended.

If you do need to use a High Pressure Sprayer, follow the guidelines below:

- Household Pressure Sprayer – ensure nozzle is at least 200mm or more away from the product.
- Industrial Pressure Sprayer – ensure nozzle is at least 500mm or more away from the product.

DO NOT USE

Harsh chemicals will damage your composite product.

Do not use caustic or alkaline cleaners, sugar soap, degreaser, ammonia or washing soda.

NOTE: *If your product has a slip-resistant coating applied, it is important you also follow the Swan Coatings Warranty & Maintenance Regime on the following page.*



Post & Rail Fencing



Viewing Platforms



Commercial Fitouts



Warranty & Maintenance regime

Warranty

Swan Coatings offers a standard 12-month applicators warranty. Should a longer time frame be desired and/or a suppliers material warranty be needed, please discuss your needs with Swan Coatings to ensure warranty can be supplied.

Swan Coatings will warrant the performance of all works carried out in the course of any specific contract or trade package for the nominated period against faulty workmanship resulting in the delaminating or failure of any system or product to perform the specified task or to meet the specifications as detailed in the manufacturer's technical data.

Any warranty written or implied is issued subject to a strict maintenance regime being established and the implementation of good housekeeping practices.

Maintenance Regime

In addition to any standard or project specific guidelines issued by the manufacturer, the following points should be observed:

- All chemical spills must be diluted immediately and the area thoroughly rinsed clean.
- Do not use mechanical or steel scrapers to remove any impediments from the floor surface.
- Avoid any freestanding steel work this may result in rust stains on the floor.
- All floors should be inspected on a regular basis.
- Any mechanical damage must be reported immediately to ensure minimal risk of water tracking resulting in delaminating of the applied finish (failure to observe this point may result in any warranties being voided).
- A regular cleaning regime and basic good housekeeping practices should be established and maintained for all floors in particular where high concentrations of acid are involved.
- Cleaning agents: The use of alkaline-based detergents, degreasers and mild caustic solutions is recommended for the cleaning of most floors.
- Any chlorine-based sanitizers must be mild as higher concentrations could cause bleaching of the floor.
- Cleaning equipment: Industrial scrubbing machinery (soft or medium bristle), heavy-duty brooms or high pressure water cleaners.

NOTE: It is strongly recommended that water in excess of 70 degrees or at a pressure higher than 110 psi not be used on epoxy, polyurethane or other composite floors as this may cause thermal shock resulting in cracking or delaminating of the floor topping.