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Care & Maintenance Sheet 9 PPX External Render

The Armourcoat PPX system is a natural mineral material that will age naturally over time. If water is allowed to run down the surface in isolated areas it may lead to streaking over time.

1. Cleaning

Armourcoat PPX will over time accumulate airborne dirt and dust onto the surface which needs to be cleaned off. Wet down the surface with a hose or water spray prior to washing the surface. The surface can then be washed using a mild detergent solution that is applied to the surface with a sponge, soft brush or mop.

Wash the surface and then rinse with clean water with a hose or a power washer. When using a power washer please ensure that you use a fan shaped pattern and the tip of the power washer is never closer than 200mm to the surface.

When washing or cleaning the surface look out for any areas of the surface that begin to darken due to the uptake of water. These areas will require a spot application of the sealer or surface impregnator once they have dried out.

Do not use abrasive cleaning pads like pan scourers on the surface as this may abrade the surface sealer. Under no circumstances use acid-based cleaners for this process, as they may cause permanent damage to the walls.

2. Inspection

The surface should be inspected on an annual basis to check for surface damage, movement cracks and any signs of moisture ingress at window and door openings.

All silicone seals at window frames and interfaces with other materials should be inspected and repaired if required to avoid any ingress of water into the building.

3. Damaged areas

If the surface of the PPX is chipped or damaged it should be repaired and the surface sealer reapplied. If a particular area is damaged very severely it may not be possible to make good the surface and a reapplication of the finish is required. The reapplication of the finish coat will add approximately 1- 2 mm to the final surface.

If you see areas that are darkening or staining, it may be that water is penetrating the finish. In this case it is important that the sealer originally used in the PPX system is reapplied over that area.

We would recommend that every 10 years the surface is fully cleaned and the surface sealer reapplied over the entire surface.

If the problem still occurs or if you need a repair, please contact Armourcoat on the number below.

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