

# **Railing Care and Cleaning**

# Keep Your Aluminum Railing or Fencing in Top Condition

Innovative Aluminum Systems' products are among the finest available on the market today. Precision welded to the highest standards, our products are powder coated to ensure a tough, maintenance-free finish. Light care and cleaning of your Innovative railing or fencing will keep it in top condition for decades.

#### Fasteners

The only regular maintenance other than cleaning is inspecting the fasteners. Fasteners should be inspected once a year.

Over time fasteners may loosen and may need to be tightened down as necessary. A light coat of floor or car wax can be applied to the tops of any exposed fasteners every 3-6 months to help prevent oxidation (more often if you are located in a high UV and salt spray climates).

Fastener surface rust is a normal part of the aging process. This does not affect the integrity and strength of the fastener.

## **Natural Aging Process**

During the natural aging process of the powder coating you may notice a white 'chalk' or powder that forms on the surface. This is normal and can be cleaned and polished (Using 'Vim', 'Soft Scrub' or a cut-polish) to bring back the sheen.

## **General Cleaning**

Your railing should be cleaned at least twice a year with a mild, non-abrasive soap and water, using a soft sponge. In areas where salts and pollutants are more prevalent (beach front or industrial areas) then the railings should be cleaned more frequently. Always rinse with fresh water to remove any residual soap.

Avoid using a dry sponge, which may scratch the surface.

Use regular glass cleaner for glass.

To remove minor scuff marks or scratches use 'Soft Scrub' or 'Vim' or equivalent mild or nonabrasive products.



To remove paint or sealant spots use Methylated Spirits, Turpentine, White Spirits, Alcohol or Isopropanol.

Always remove any sap, tree seeds, bugs, etc. as soon as possible, as sun exposure and heat will make them more difficult to remove.