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Powder-Coated Steel Care Guide.



Overview:

Designed for outdoor environments, Archipello. coated steel products combine the strength of galvanised steel with a durable, high-quality powder-coated finish. Although these products are low maintenance, routine cleaning and sensible care are important to protect their appearance and maximise their lifespan.

This guide provides simple recommendations for caring for your Archipello. planters, edging and retaining walls.

Note:
Refer to the relevant product installation guide for additional information about caring for your Archipello. product.

Powder-Coated Steel

Archipello. coated steel elements are manufactured from Sendzimir galvanised steel, which features a protective zinc layer to resist corrosion. The steel is prepared for coating and finished with a strongly adhesive primer and durable powder-coated topcoat.

The Dulux powder-coated finish provides excellent resistance to weathering, wear and corrosion, while offering a sleek, contemporary appearance.

Available in a range of colours, these finishes are designed to provide long-lasting performance with minimal maintenance.

Cleaning and Maintenance

Regular cleaning helps prevent the build-up of dirt, salt and environmental contaminants that may affect the powder-coated finish over time.

For routine cleaning:

- Gently remove loose dirt and surface deposits using a wet, soft sponge.
- Wash with warm water and a mild, pH-neutral detergent, such as diluted dishwashing liquid, using a soft cloth, sponge or non-abrasive brush.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean, fresh water to remove detergent residue.
- Inspect the surface for scratches, chips or other signs of damage.

For stubborn marks, Dulux recommends using only approved cleaning products or suitable solvents such as isopropyl alcohol (IPA) or methylated spirits on the affected area, followed by thorough rinsing with clean water.

Note:
Clean when the surface temperature is below 25°C.
Avoid cleaning in direct sunlight when the coating is hot.



Recommended Cleaning Frequency

The frequency of cleaning depends on the environment in which your Archipello. elements are installed.

Environment	**Minimum cleaning frequency**
Urban, rural and inland locations with low salt exposure	Every 12 months
Coastal locations with moderate sea spray, and some geothermal environments	Every 6 months
Exposed coastal locations with heavy sea spray or high industrial pollution	Every 3 months

These intervals follow Dulux's recommended maintenance schedules for different atmospheric conditions. Elements exposed to salt spray, airborne pollutants, fertiliser deposits or accumulated dirt may require more frequent cleaning.

Note: Sheltered surfaces that do not receive regular rainfall may accumulate contaminants more quickly and should be inspected and cleaned as required.

Protecting Your Powder-Coated Finish

To maintain the appearance and integrity of the coating:

- Avoid abrasive cleaning pads, steel wool, wire brushes or harsh scrubbing.
- Do not use paint thinners, turpentine, white spirits, kerosene, citrus-based cleaners, insect sprays or other aggressive chemicals.
- Avoid excessive rubbing, particularly on matt, textured or metallic finishes.
- Prevent sharp tools, machinery and heavy objects from scratching or chipping the coating.
- Remove paint splashes, sealants and other contaminants promptly, before they dry.
- Avoid contact with sunscreen, which may adversely affect powder-coated finishes.
- Do not attempt to sand, polish, repaint or repair damaged coatings without seeking professional advice.

Regularly inspect coated surfaces for scratches, chips or other damage. If the protective coating is compromised, contact an Archipello. representative for advice on suitable repairs to help prevent corrosion of the underlying steel.

Caring for Planters

Correct installation and drainage help protect your planter and support healthy plant growth.

- Ensure drainage holes remain clear and water can flow freely from the planter.
- Before planting, place a layer of gravel approximately 100 mm deep (35 mm grading) at the bottom of the planter, where appropriate for the planter design.
- Place a layer of Advance Landscape Systems Filter Fabric Premium (SKU 260091) over the gravel to separate the drainage layer from the soil.
- Fill with a suitable growing medium for your chosen plants.
- Avoid using hydro pellets that retain excessive moisture.
- Prevent prolonged waterlogging or standing water inside the planter.
- Take care when using gardening tools to avoid scratching the interior or exterior coating.

Refer to the Archipello. Planter Installation Guide for further installation and planting recommendations.

Caring for Edging and Retaining Walls

Archipello. powder-coated edging and retaining walls are designed to provide durable, architectural definition to outdoor spaces.

To maintain their finish:

- Remove accumulated soil, leaves and debris from exposed surfaces.
- Avoid scratching the coating during garden maintenance, trimming and landscaping work.
- Keep fertilisers, herbicides and other garden chemicals from prolonged contact with coated surfaces, and rinse away accidental splashes promptly.
- Check accessible joins and fixings periodically for signs of damage, movement or corrosion.
- Ensure drainage and installation requirements are maintained in accordance with the relevant product installation guide.

Coastal and Harsh Environments

Coastal, geothermal and industrial environments may expose coated steel to increased levels of salt, moisture and airborne contaminants.

In these conditions, more frequent cleaning is essential to help protect the powder-coated finish and maintain its appearance.

Before installing Archipello. coated steel elements in highly corrosive environments, including properties close to the coastline, we recommend consulting an Archipello. representative to confirm product suitability and any applicable warranty conditions.

Warranty and Product Care

Archipello. elements are covered by a 10-year warranty, subject to the applicable warranty terms and recommended care requirements.

Regular cleaning, appropriate installation and prompt attention to coating damage are important to maintaining product performance.

Failure to follow recommended maintenance procedures, inappropriate cleaning methods or exposure to unsuitable environmental conditions may affect warranty coverage.

Note: Refer to the relevant product installation guide for additional information about caring for your Archipello. product.



Archipello. Elements are available through Advance Landscape Systems.

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