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# Digger Specialties, Inc. Aluminum Products Care and Cleaning Guidelines

Digger Specialties, Inc.'s Aluminum Products add beauty, distinction, and a lasting value to your home. Your home's exterior requires cleaning and Aluminum Products by Digger Specialties, Inc. are no different. Over time, with exposure to outdoor elements, your product will show signs of normal weathering such as a slight loss of gloss and a slight color change. Cleaning your Aluminum Product is the best way to protect your investment by minimizing the effects of weathering as well as removing dirt, grime, and other substances detrimental to the appearance of your railing, fencing, or columns.

Some geographic locations offer unique environmental exposure issues that require specific cleaning schedules. To ensure your investment lasts a lifetime please adhere to the below cleaning requirements for your Digger Specialties, Inc. Aluminum Products. **Disregarding the following cleaning requirements will void the Digger Specialties, Inc. warranty. For the purpose of warranty claims you are required to keep a Maintenance Log of the cleaning date, method used, and chemical/cleaner used. Maintenance Logs are available on the DSI Website.**

1. For Aluminum Products located within 1,500 feet of a body of salt or brackish water or in areas influenced by other airborne contaminants cleaning is required every three months.
2. For Aluminum Products located more than 1,500 feet from a body of salt or brackish water or in areas influenced by other airborne contaminants cleaning is required every six months.

## **Hand Washing Instructions:**

1. Wet the Digger Specialties, Inc. Aluminum Product with a garden hose
2. Hand wash all surfaces with a sponge, soft cloth, or soft bristle brush using a mild detergent (see recommendations below)
3. For best results start at the top of the product and work downward
4. Thoroughly rinse the product to remove all residues. Water with high solids or mineral content may leave spots – for areas with these issues we recommend drying the product with a soft white cloth

## **Pressure Washing Instructions:**

1. A detergent additive is suggested (see recommendations below)
2. The pressure capabilities of pressure washers vary greatly. Test your pressure washer setting in a less visible area and inspect the results prior to completing the entire project. Do not exceed 1,000 PSI and keep nozzle tip at least 18" from your product. Wash all exposed surfaces
3. Thoroughly rinse the product to remove all residues. Water with high solids or mineral content may leave spots – for areas with these issues we recommend drying the product with a soft white cloth

## **Detergent Recommendations:**

General purpose household soaps and detergents are acceptable. Do not use any type of soap or detergent that recommends gloves or respirators for personal protection. Do not use soap or detergent that could damage a painted finish.

A Digger Specialties, Inc. Aluminum Maintenance Log is required to be maintained for all aluminum products. Disregarding this cleaning schedule will void the Digger Specialties, Inc. warranty.