

MAINTENANCE FOR ACRYLIC & CEMENT BASED COATING SYSTEMS

To ensure your MAC texture system looks its best, it is essential that cleaning and maintenance occurs on an annual basis. Cleaning your system once a year will help to remove airborne grime, contaminants and algal growth.

- › General cleaning should be carried out with a pressure cleaner using low pressure (not greater than 450 psi) and cold water only. Keep the cleaning nozzle a minimum of 200 mm from the wall and at a 45 degree angle from the wall face. Applying pressure too close to and perpendicular to the wall can result in damage to the textured finish. A test area (in an inconspicuous location) should be completed and carefully checked for signs of pressure damage prior to continuation of works.
- › Stubborn grime should be removed with a soft brush using warm (not hot) soapy water. Do not use a stiff brush or hot water on acrylic finishes as this may result in damage to the texture coating system i.e. removal of coating material from the texture coating aggregates. Stiffer brushes may be used on cement-based finishes however care should still be taken to avoid damage to the surface.
- › Perform a careful visual inspection of the texture coating system. It is common for textured finishes to begin showing signs of deterioration where moisture ingress is present. Check for any structural cracking and damage to caulked areas typically found at control joints, around joinery or where different substrata meet each other. Where structural cracking is evident, moisture is able to enter the underlying render potentially causing efflorescence leading to coating damage. Cracks should immediately be neatly filled with a paintable polyurethane caulking compound until the source of the movement is identified and repaired by a trained professional. It may not always be possible to make invisible repairs to damaged areas. In this instance, re-coating of the entire wall face may be required.
- › Check areas subject to cold and damp conditions (around foliage and planter boxes) as these spots are prone to algal growth which can cause your coating system to deteriorate rapidly if not removed. Also check adequate fall/drainage has been provided on horizontal surfaces as ponding water will ultimately result in water ingress and coating damage.
- › Cement based finishes (i.e. Portofino and Suede FC) cannot be painted without losing the original effect of the finish. Any necessary repairs should be made prior to re-coating the entire face in the original finish and colour. Prior to re-coating, any efflorescence should be removed by lightly scrubbing with a 5% solution of white vinegar in water.

- Where necessary, repaint acrylic based finishes (i.e. Mactexture 1140, 3060 Crystal etc.) with MAC Satin (low sheen or matt) in the desired colour. Try to provide your supplier with a small chip of the damaged area to help with colour matching as some degree of fading may have occurred depending on exposure period or orientation to the sun. Prior to painting, any efflorescence should be removed by lightly scrubbing with a 5% solution of white vinegar in water.

For further information, please contact your local MAC reseller or contact a MAC technical representative on 1300 889 225.