

# CARE TIPS

## FOR TUFFTEX ARCHITECTURAL COATINGS



TUFFTEX Architectural Coatings are extremely durable and only require minimal care to keep the exterior looking its best. As a rule of thumb, the exterior texture coatings should be cleaned annually.

This will help improve the appearance and to preserve TUFFTEX Architectural Coatings.



## CLEANING

The best way to clean is with a low-pressure water blast. The fan of the water blaster should be kept a minimum of 400mm from the surface with the lance held at an angle to the wall to soften the force of the water blast. Keep dirt and mildew away by occasionally rinsing off accumulated dirt. Northern exposures and protected areas are more likely to accumulate dirt and mildew. Grime or ingrained dirt should be removed by cleaning with a scrubbing brush with a solution of mild detergent and warm water.

Coastal or River areas require maintenance on a more regular basis as salt can cause efflorescence if maintenance is not regularly attended to at least once a year and even 6 monthly depending on the severity of wind and general climatic conditions.

## ANNUAL BUILDING DEFECT CHECKS

Annual building defect checks and maintenance are recommended particularly in multiple storey developments. It is wise to check sealants where walls meet with other substrates, particularly around openings. Any exposed sealants or substrates where the barrier seal may be broken, cracked or non-existent may cause water or moisture getting in behind the TUFFTEX coating. Any visual cracks may need the advice of a TUFFTEX accredited applicator or a TUFFTEX representative.

## MOISTURE

Moisture is the #1 enemy of any acrylic coatings. If chips occur and moisture is allowed in behind, it will cause further peeling and/or blistering. Maintenance may be needed if the area is continually moist. During any inspections check areas that also include cold and dark walls, such as behind heavy foliage. Dirt provides the perfect nutrient for mould and algae growth.

## EXTREME CONDITIONS

In extreme river or coastal conditions where wind can be prevalent, it is recommended that a top coat be applied. TUFFTEX TUFFShield Texture Paint is recommended for such applications.

## EXTENDED WARRANTY

Applying TUFFShield Texture Paint to a new textured surface gives an extra 7 year warranty - totalling 14 years for a TUFFTEX 3 coat system! TUFFTEX recommends that TUFFShield Texture Paint be applied after a minimum 7 years and a maximum of 10 years to a textured home for it to keep performing to its maximum and having the dwelling look aesthetically pleasing. Speak to one of our specialist consultants today on (08) 9248 8788.



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