



# MAINTENANCE GUIDE

To ensure your render system looks its best, it is essential that cleaning and maintenance occurs on a regular basis.

We recommend cleaning your system a minimum of once a year.

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In order to get the best performance and maintain your warranty of the Render System we recommend cleaning your system a minimum of once a year (or more regularly if needed) to help to remove airborne grime, contaminants and algal growth.



### STEP 1

General cleaning should be carried out with clean water which is cold to warm in temperature (using a garden hose, not a pressure cleaner). Keep the cleaning nozzle a minimum of 500 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.



### STEP 2

Remove stubborn grime 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 render system i.e. removal of coating material from the texture coating aggregates.



### STEP 3

Perform a careful visual inspection of the render 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 substrates meet each other.



### STEP 4

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.

**TIP:** Complete a test area (in an inconspicuous location) and carefully check for signs of discolouration or other damage caused by cleaning products prior to continuation of works.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Over coating is recommended every 7-10 years to prolong the life of your Render System and keep it looking its best. A higher frequency of overcoating may be required with deeper colours or due to other environmental reasons. Although the Render System is finished with an acrylic texture, a membrane (paint) overcoat will provide a fresh surface which is easy to maintain.

For peace of mind if you would rather have a professional inspect and maintain your Render System, feel free to contact the team at Exterior Finishes. They can put you in touch with a professional who can help.

