With proper care and maintenance, the appearance of your PREFERRED® Railing Products will last for years. It is critical to the long-term appearance and protection of your investment. We recommend an occasional wash, every three (3) months, as the best way for this to be accomplished. Climate conditions affect the performance and cleanliness of painted aluminum in the same way as other coated materials. Natural exposure to the elements, over time, will cause your railing to show signs of aging, such as loss of gloss, chalking, or a slight color change. Normal interval cleaning may minimize these natural effects of weathering by removing the dirt, grime and other build-up that is detrimental to the appearance of your railing.

We recommend cleaning your PREFERRED® Railing Products every three months. Where salts or pollutants are more prevalent, such as seaside or industrial areas, a cleaning program should be carried out more frequently.

**HOW TO CLEAN POWDER COATED SURFACES:**

1. Remove loose deposits with a wet sponge (avoid scratching the surface by dry dusting).
2. Using a soft, clean cloth and a mild, pH neutral detergent in warm water, clean the powder coating to remove dust, salt, and any other deposits. DO NOT USE steel wool, sandpaper, Scotch-Brite, or any other abrasive cleaners or materials.
3. Always rinse with fresh water to remove detergent after cleaning. Any remaining residue may cause discoloration or surface damage when exposed to the elements. Additional care should be given if a pressure washer is used, and in no case should you exceed 400PSI.

**WARNING:** in some cases, strong solvents recommended for thinning various types of paints and also for cleaning up mastics/sealants are harmful to the extended life of the powder coated surface. These solvents should not be used for cleaning purposes and will render the warranty void if used. If paint splashes or sealants/mastics need to be removed, then *the following solvents can be used safely*: Methylated Spirits, Turpentine, White Spirits, Ethyl Alcohol, Isopropanol.

The frequency and necessity of cleaning will depend on the environment and railing location. Due to the adverse effects to your PREFERRED® Railing Products, when it is not cleaned as suggested or the potential use of non-approved cleaners/detergents; we require these steps to maintain the manufacturer’s warranty in force. These records may be requested in the unlikely event of a claim against the manufactures warranty.

1. Clean your PREFERRED® Railing Products every 3 months.
2. Write down your cleaning dates and schedule.
3. Clean your PREFERRED® Railing Products as outlined above.
4. Write down notes of your cleaning methods and chemicals used.
5. Maintain a copy of your commercial invoices for cleaning.
6. Maintain a copy of your purchase receipts of the cleaners used.

PREFERRED® Railing has been coated with an extremely durable surface meeting AAMA2604 specifications. As an added measure of protection and finish life you can periodically wax your railing just as you might your car. This process will remove any oxidized paint, bringing back the original color and shine of your products.