FOSSIL
INDUSTRIES

CARE AND MAINTENANCE - Panels & Hardware

PANELS: CLEANING FOSSIL PANELS

FOSSIL Graphics are protected with our exclusive finish and are easy to clean. The surface is so smooth and inert that an annual soap & water washing should be all that is needed to keep graphics looking clean and bright.

Pre-Clean: Prior to applying any chemical solutions, it's important to pre-clean the panel to remove any surface particles that may become abrasive when wiping the surface. Additionally, avoid cleaning panels when they are exposed to sunlight or when they are hot, as this can affect the cleaning efficacy and the panel's integrity.

Mild Cleaning Agents: For mild cleaning needs, many stains can be effectively wiped off using a damp cloth. For more comprehensive cleaning, disinfection, or removal of tougher stains and graffiti, several effective solutions are available. Our top recommendation is Krud Gutter Graffiti Remover by Rust-Oleum®, an environmentally friendly product proficient in removing difficult stains like permanent marker and dried latex paint. Other recommended products include 3M Citrus Adhesive Remover, Alcohol, Household Bleach, Clorox All Purpose Cleaner, Fantastic Multi-Purpose Cleaner, Plastix Cleaner, Simple Green, Soap & Water, Vinegar, WD-40, and Windex. Be sure to follow the manufacturers suggestions.

Strong Cleaning Agents: Tough stains on FOSSIL Graphics: Some staining agents, especially those with grease bases paint or ink, will require the use of a strong cleaning agent for removal. Once again, our top recommendation is Krud Gutter Graffiti Remover by Rust-Oleum®, an environmentally friendly product proficient in removing difficult stains like permanent marker and dried latex paint. Other recommended products include: Xylene Solvent; Kerosene; Turpentine; Lacquer Thinner; Mineral Spirts; Chromic Acid (30%); Hydroxide; Hydrochloric Acid and Sulfuric Acid (35%). Do not use Goof Off or MEK. Use of other solvents should be tested on a small, non-conspicuous area first. Use a soft cloth and follow cleaning agents procedure with a detergent rinse and a water rinse. If you are not satisfied with the result of the cleaning, repeat the procedure until the stain is removed. Be sure to follow the manufacturers suggestions.

PANELS: MAINTENANCE

The top surface of your FOSSIL Graphics does not require any maintenance. To keep the sides of your FOSSIL Graphics looking vibrant and to protect the edges from chafing, apply a liquid sealant such as Nu Finish (www.nufinish.com) polymer auto wax or Thompson's Waterproofing Wood Protector® to the sides of your panel on an annual basis.

PANELS: SURFACE REPAIR

Minor blemishes, nicks and light scratches can be concealed using a polymer based surface treatment such as Meguiar's® PlastX™ Clear Plastic Cleaner & Polish.

HARDWARE: CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

Regular Cleaning: Clean the pedestal with a mild detergent and water solution. Use a soft cloth or sponge to avoid scratching the surface. Rinse thoroughly to remove any soap residue. IMPORTANT: For hardware equipped with weep holes, consistent cleaning of these openings is imperative. Neglecting this task can lead to water accumulation and subsequent damage to panels from prolonged exposure to standing water.

Touch-Up Paint: If you notice small chips or scratches, use touch-up paint that matches the powder coating color to cover them. This helps prevent rust and further damage.

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