

## **Proper Care for your AridDek aluminum decking**

Maintaining the good looks of your powder coated AridDek aluminum decking is just like caring for your car – and is a smart way to protect your investment. Over time with exposure to the elements, powder coating may show signs of weathering such as loss of gloss, chalking and slight color change. A simple, regular clean will minimize the effects of weathering and will remove dirt, grime and other build-up detrimental to all powder coatings.

The frequency of such cleaning will depend on many factors including the:

- Geographical location of the deck.
- Environment surrounding the deck (marine, industrial, alkaline or acidic, etc.)
- Levels of atmospheric pollution including salts.
- Prevailing winds and the possibility of air born debris causing erosive wear of the coating (sand causing abrasion).
- Change in environmental circumstances during the lifetime of the deck (if residential became commercial).
- Usage of the deck (including furniture etc.)

Cleaning should start at the time the AridDek is installed, ensuring that construction materials such as concrete, plaster and paint splashes are removed before they have a chance to dry. Failure to remove these materials at this early stage will require the use of aggressive cleaning materials and techniques with potential damage to the powder coated surface.

The best method of cleaning is by regular washing of the AridDek using a solution of warm water and non-abrasive, pH neutral detergent. Surfaces should be thoroughly rinsed after cleaning to remove all residues. AridDek should be cleaned using a soft cloth or sponge or a natural bristle brush.