



## Care & Maintenance

### It's easy to Maintain the Beauty of Vinyl Window and Patio Door Frames

Vinyl windows and patio doors come closer to being maintenance free than most exterior building products. They may become dirty just as a freshly painted house or a new automobile does, or any other product which is exposed to atmospheric conditions. With very little effort, you can keep your vinyl window and door frames clean. In most cases a heavy rain is sufficient to clean these products. Avoid washing windows with high pressure spray. If rain does not do a satisfactory job, follow these simple instructions. They are based on a study conducted by the Vinyl Window and Door Institute on the efficiency of cleaning agents and their effects on the appearance of vinyl window frames after two years of outdoor exposure.

- \* Wash using a soft cloth or ordinary long-handled soft bristle brush.
- \* For difficult to remove dirt and stains such as top soil, motor oil, lithium grease, crayon, felt-tip pen, caulking, lipstick, grass, bubble gum, mold and mildew, use the readily available household cleaners listed here. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on use of the cleaners.
- \* Do not use cleaners containing aggressive organic solvents, petroleum based cleaner or caustic chemicals because they could affect the surface appearance of the glass or the vinyl. Examples of such cleaners are: chlorine bleach, liquid grease remover, strong soaps and detergents containing organic solvents, nail polish remover and furniture polish/cleaners. Always make sure to test cleaners in an inconspicuous area first.
- \* Never use a razor blade, putty knife or abrasive pad to clean the glass.
- \* Do not use a high-pressure spray nozzle when rinsing your windows after washing.
- \* All of these practices may damage the glass surface, the insulating glass seal, or component parts.
- \* Avoid washing glass in direct sunlight.
- \* Clean screens by first removing, then washing on a flat, clean surface with mild soap and water and a soft brush. Rinse, wipe dry and reinstall.

#### CLEANERS TO REMOVE STAINS FROM VINYL WINDOW AND DOOR FRAMES

<b>Bubble Gum</b>	Fantastik®, Murphy's Oil Soap®, solution of 30% vinegar and 70 % water, Windex®
<b>Crayon</b>	Lestoil®
<b>DAP (oil based chalk)</b>	Fantastik®
<b>Felt Tip Pen</b>	Fantastik®, water based cleaners
<b>Grass</b>	Fantastik®Lysol®, Murphys Oil Soap®, Windex®
<b>Lipstick</b>	Fantastik®Lysol®, Murphys Oil Soap®
<b>Lithium Grease</b>	Fantastik®, Lestoil®, Murphy's Oil Soap®, Windex®
<b>Mold &amp; Mildew</b>	Fantastik®, solution of 30 % vinegar and 70 % water, Windex®
<b>Motor Oil</b>	Fantastik®, Lysol®, Murphy's Oil Soap®, Windex®
<b>Oil</b>	Soft Scrub®
<b>Pencil</b>	Soft Scrub®
<b>Rust</b>	Fantastik®, Murphy's Oil Soap®, Windex®
<b>Tar</b>	Soft Scrub®
<b>Top Soil</b>	Fantastik®, Lestoil®, Murphy's Oil Soap®

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