

# Cleaning instructions



# Keeping Your Rockpanel Clean and Well-Maintained

In general, Rockpanel requires minimal maintenance. Thanks to the self-cleaning properties of the boards, most of the dirt on the facade is washed away by rain. However, in certain situations, such as being located under trees or due to other factors like bird excrement, the boards may still become dirty. In such cases, we recommend occasional cleaning to maintain the facade's appearance.

## Maintenance

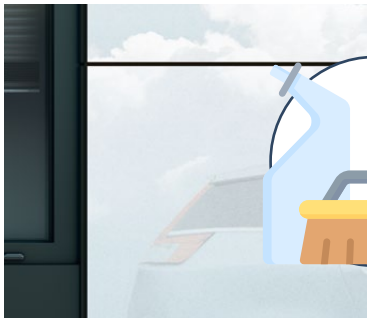


**Rockpanel doesn't need much attention, but it's good to check it occasionally.**

We recommend conducting an annual visual inspection of facade's appearance and stability.

If you notice any issues with the fixing or stability of the boards, or any other elements of the facade or building that might pose a risk, repair them immediately.

## Cleaning



If you choose to clean Rockpanel products, you can do so with clean water or additionally with mild cleaning products, similar to those used for washing a car.

When using cleaning agents, be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions. It is important to conduct a suitability test beforehand. Please also refer to the following special cleaning methods on the next page and important information regarding Rockpanel products. If you are unsure, you can also contact a specialist facade cleaning company.

## Installation (after cutting and drilling)



Before assembly, all dust (e.g. from cutting, pre-drilling, edge treatment) or other contamination must be completely removed from the facade panels.

# Choosing the Right Cleaner

## Different types of Rockpanel need different cleaning methods:

### Rockpanel Colours

To clean Rockpanel Colours, use clean water. Mild cleaning agents (e.g. all-purpose cleaner, facade cleaner or car shampoo without additives) can be added. Use the cleaning agent in lukewarm water according to the manufacturer's instructions for use. Use soft cleaning equipment, such as a soft cloth, soft sponge or soft brush for the cleaning process. Ensure that both the cleaning agents and equipment are suitable for painted surfaces, like car paint. It is recommended to perform a check before using them. Do not use solvents or special water (e.g. osmosis water) when cleaning, as these are unsuitable. Please also note the important information below.

### Rockpanel with ProtectPlus finish

Rockpanel has products in the assortment that come as standard with a protective coating layer called ProtectPlus. This provides extra protection against UV light and graffiti.

Graffiti on Rockpanel products? If graffiti ends up on Rockpanel products, you can use our anti-graffiti cleaner. The cleaner leaves no traces or marks.

### Rockpanel Natural

Do not clean Rockpanel Natural with solvent or detergent. A wire brush can be used, but be gentle to avoid removing too much of the naturally weathered surface. Concerned about removing too much? Don't be, as over time it will blend back in with the rest of the weathered boards. For optimal cleaning, it is recommended to perform a preliminary test of the cleaning equipment and procedure on an inconspicuous part of the facade.

## Important Notes

- When cleaning, use the recommended protective equipment and follow the safety regulations.
- If you have any technical cleaning-related questions, contact a specialist facade cleaning company.
- When using cleaning agents, always read the manufacturer's instructions carefully and follow the Rockpanel instructions.
- Always check the suitability of the cleaning agents and equipment for use. The test can be carried out, for example, on a less visible or non-representative part of the facade.
- Do not use cleaning agents with a high or low pH value. Cleaning agents with solvent-based ingredients or with an abrasive or aggressive effect are not suitable. These can cause irreparable damage.
- Do not use hard cleaning devices with an abrasive effect. Such cleaning devices (e.g. scourers, steel wool or hard brushes) are unsuitable. These can leave irreparable scratches on the surface.
- Always use clean and suitable cleaning devices (e.g. soft cloth).
- Always use clean water for cleaning (e.g. drinking water quality).
- The use of high-pressure water devices to rinse out dissolved contaminants or to treat stubborn contaminants is not recommended.
- Always clean the entire facade from top to bottom.
- Do not clean when the outside temperature is below 5 °C. Facade cleaning should also be avoided in direct sunlight and hot temperatures.
- Rinse the cleaned facade with clean water to remove any dissolved dirt or residues from the cleaning agent.
- Rockpanel reserves the right to change the product composition and specifications without prior notice.



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