

ALX CLEANING & CARE



Cleaning your Aluminum Railing or Balusters will minimize the effects of weathering as well as remove soiling agents to enhance the appearance of your railing.

Disregarding the following care and cleaning guidelines may void the Deckorators ALX Railing and Baluster limited warranty. For warranty claims where the product is installed within one mile of coastal salt water, you are required to follow the cleaning guidelines and frequency below, and keep a log detailing each cleaning date, method used and detergent used.

1. For Railing or Balusters located within one mile of coastal salt water, cleaning is required every three months.
2. For Railing or Balusters located more than one mile from coastal salt water, cleaning is recommended every six months or at a minimum, annually. The amount of surface soiling on your railing will vary depending on geographic area and environmental conditions. Cleaning may need to be more frequent to restore and maintain the desired appearance in your area.

DETERGENTS

Most mild soaps and detergents ruled safe for bare hands are acceptable for coated aluminum. Do not use any type of soap or detergent that recommends gloves or respirators for personal protection. Do not use any soap or detergent that could damage a painted finish. For example, never use aggressive alkaline or acid cleaners, strong solvents, or abrasive cleaners that could damage the surface.

The best time to clean the railing or balusters is in mild temperatures and when the metal is shaded. Do not attempt to clean hot, sun-baked metal surfaces. Also avoid cleaning in freezing temperatures or when the metal is cold enough to cause condensation.

HAND WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Wet the Deckorators ALX Railing and/or balusters with clean water.
2. Wipe down all surfaces with a non-abrasive sponge or soft cloth using a mild detergent cleaning solution.
3. For best results start at the top of the railing or balusters and work downward.
4. Thoroughly rinse the railing or balusters with clean water to remove all cleaning solution and residue. In areas where water has high mineral content, we recommend drying with a soft lint-free cloth or chamois to avoid spotting.

PRESSURE WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

1. A mild detergent cleaning solution is recommended as a medium to carry away dirt.
2. Use moderate pressure and a fan tip nozzle. Do not exceed 1,000 PSI and keep nozzle tip at least 18" from your railing or balusters
3. Wash all exposed surfaces
4. Thoroughly rinse with clean water to remove all cleaning solution and residue. In areas where water has high mineral content, we recommend drying with a soft lint-free cloth or chamois to avoid spotting.

DECKORATORS ALX RAILING AND BALUSTER MAINTENANCE LOG

Please use this log to document your cleaning. Failure to keep a record of each cleaning will void the Deckorators ALX Railing and Baluster limited warranty for installations within one mile of coastal salt water.

Date of cleaning	Cleaning method	Detergent brand	Amount of Detergent used	Pressure washer brand and model, if applicable	PSI, if applicable