



MAINTENANCE GUIDE

Pre-Painted Steel ZINCALUME® GALVSTEEL®

To make sure your new roof and rainwater systems stay in top condition, a simple maintenance programme is recommended.

CLEANING

A regular washing with a hose and soft broom is beneficial in removing any contaminants. This is of greater importance in severe environments and in areas of roof or walls not naturally washed by the rain. These unwashed areas include under gutters, soffits, gables, overhangs, fascias and on wall cladding. Particular attention should be paid to areas around chimneys, due to a high concentration of sulphurous fallout, and also to garage doors.

For the general roofing area, washing once a year is sufficient. Unwashed areas and around chimneys should be washed at six-monthly intervals or more frequently in coastal or industrial environments. Spouting and rainwater heads should be kept clear of leaves and dirt, which can cause water to pond.

Whenever you are on the roof, wear soft soled shoes i.e.; gym shoes. This will give you better grip and help prevent any damage. If you are working on the roof remove all debris when you have finished work. Small scratches on pre-painted material are best left to weather naturally. They will not affect the rest of the sheet. Any fasteners or sealing washers, which have deteriorated, should be replaced before they become a leakage risk.

DRINKING WATER CATCHMENT

If you are using your pre-painted steel products for the collection of drinking water, your roof must be repainted as soon as exposure of the primer layer becomes apparent, due to the erosion of the top coat. When painting areas used for the collection of drinking water, disconnect downpipes while painting.

On new Zincalume

coated or pre-painted roofs, discard the first 25mm of rainwater collected before beginning drinking water storage.

PAINTING

If at some time in the future you wish to paint your roof, as fading will occur over time, please note the following recommendations.

To paint plain Zinalume use good quality water based primers and acrylic topcoats. Dirt, grease and any loose materials must be cleaned off, so the surface is clean and dry prior to the first coat being applied. Zinalume does not need to be weathered before painting. To paint plain Galvsteel use good quality primers and top coats. Dirt, grease and any loose materials must be cleaned off so the surface is clean and dry prior to the first coat being applied. This can be done with the use of detergents and a soft bristle brush, followed by hosing with plenty of clean water.

Galvsteel does not need to be weathered before painting.

Pre-painted steel products can be over painted with high quality acrylic roof paint. Often cleaning with a water blaster or mechanical washing is all that is necessary to prepare the surface. The high quality factory applied primer and topcoat system act as an ideal base over which to repaint.

NOTE: If there is evidence of corrosion please contact your nearest Calder Stewart branch for preparation instructions before painting begins.



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