

## CLEANING PROCEDURE FOR ANTI-GRAFFITI COATINGS

This procedure is intended to offer a simple and effective method for the removal of most common graffiti such as acrylic-based or enamel-based spray paint, and certain types of adhesives. Graffiti removal can be done by cleaning the anti-graffiti coating according to the following instructions.

<u>Cleaning solvents in aggressiveness order kerosene being the mildest:</u>

Kerosene, lacquer thinner and acetone.

Soft cleaning rag.

- Start by using the mildest solvent on a small area less visible area. Using a saturated rag gently rub the soiled surface. If the graffiti fails to be dissolves move to a more aggressive solvent and repeat the operation.
- When the graffiti is completely removed, move on to a larger surface by repeating the same procedure.

<u>Note:</u> Using pure solvent can sometimes soften the coating, allow the exposed area to dry for 5 minutes and inspect again, if still soft then the solvent used should be diluted in a ratio of 25% to 50% with a milder solvent such as kerosene.

The coating will normally regain its original hardness in less than 30 minutes.

The following products also proved to be suitable for removing stubborn graffiti and adhesives:
Armaclean 123
 ZEP Orange Gel
 Goof Off Aerosol
 Go Away

It is possible to remove hardened adhesive traces by heating the surface using a 1500W dryer and a flexible plastic scraper. Do not allow the surface to become too hot as the scraper could induce surface damage. Allow the surface to cool down and finish by cleaning the surface with the solvent and a soft rag as described above.

## Surface Restoring:

In some severe cases, the gloss level of the coating may be slightly affected. To restore the original appearance of the surface a standard car polish can be used.

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