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GENERAL INFORMATION

FIELD CUTTING

Tin snips or a “nibbler” type electric tool are recommended for field cutting the panels. Cutting the steel generates slivers or metal chips. These slivers and metal chips must be immediately removed from the panels because they will damage the finish and shorten the life of the product.

One method of preventing this problem is to flip the panels over when cutting. This allows the slivers and metal chips to be brushed from the back side and avoids damaging the paint on the top side of the panels.

When cutting the panels, goggles must be worn for eye protection.



CAUTION: All product surfaces should be always free of debris. Installed surfaces should be wiped clean at the end of each work period. Never cut panels over metal surfaces. Metal shavings will rust on the surface, voiding the warranty.

TOUCH-UP PAINT

All painted panels and flashings have a factory applied baked on finish. Handling and installing panels may result in some small scratches or nicks to the paint finish. Touch-up paint is available in matching colors through Western States Metal Roofing. Touch-up paint is not stocked and will be a custom order item; lead times will apply. It is recommended that a small brush be used to apply touch-up paint to those areas that need repair. Touch-up paint does not have the superior chalk and fade resistance of the factory applied paint finish and will normally discolor at an accelerated rate. Aerosol paint should not be used because of the over-spray that may occur.



• SPRAY PAINT



• TOUCH-UP PAINT

Note: Western States Metal Roofing does not recommend touch-up painting of damaged surfaces (minor scratches, etc.) due to fading and weathering differences of the touch-up paints in comparison to factory applied paint systems.

CARE & MAINTENANCE

Though factory applied pre-painted finishes are very durable and will last many years, eventually it may be desirable to thoroughly clean or repaint them.

Dirt pick up may cause apparent discoloration of the paint when it has been exposed in some dirt laded atmospheres for long periods of time. In areas of strong sunlight, slight chalking may cause some change in appearance. A good cleaning will often restore the appearance of these buildings and render repainting unnecessary. An occasional light cleaning will help maintain a good appearance.

In many cases, simply washing the building with plain water using a hose or pressure sprayer will be adequate. In areas where heavy dirt deposits dull the surface, a cloth or soft bristle brush and solution of water and detergent (1/3 cup of laundry detergent per gallon of water for example) may be used. This should be followed by an adequate rinse of water. Do not use wire brushes, abrasives, or cleaning tools which will abrade the coating surface.

Mildew may occur in areas subject to high humidity but is not normally a problem due to high inherent mildew resistance of the baked finish that is used. However, mildew can grow on dirt and spore deposits in some cases. To remove mildew along with the dirt, the following solution is recommended.



- 1/3 cup detergent (Tide® or equivalent)
- 2/3 cup trisodium phosphate (Solex® or equivalent)
- 1 quart of 5% sodium hypochlorite solution (Clorox® or equivalent)
- 3 quarts of water

Strong solvents and abrasive type cleaners should be avoided. Most organic solvents are flammable and toxic and must be handled accordingly. When using a solvent, consult maintenance professionals and label instructions for proper handling and disposal of washings. If required, a mild solvent such as mineral spirits can be used to remove caulking compounds, oil, grease, tars, wax, and similar substances. Use a cloth dampened with mineral spirits and apply only to areas which are contaminated. Follow up with the use of mild solvent with detergent cleaning and rinsing.

- HOSE OR PRESSURE SPRAY FOR ADEQUATE CLEANING



- DO NOT USE A WIRE BRUSH



- USE MILD DETERGENT AND WATER FOR HEAVY DIRT DEPOSITS



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