

PRODUCT CARE & MAINTENANCE

Congratulations on your selection of Apex Roofing and Rainwater Products manufactured from Australian made Colorbond® steel.

Regular maintenance of your roof cladding and rainwater goods will not only help protect your investment, but also optimise the performance of the roofing and cladding and ensure that your material warranties remain valid.

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STORAGE AND HANDLING

All steel products should be kept dry prior to installation. Some Colorbond® products more susceptible to scratching or damage are supplied with a protective strippable plastic film. This should not be left exposed to direct sunlight for extended periods of time and must be removed prior to installation.

Ensure hand protection is worn to protect from sharp edges and do not allow sunscreen to come in contact with any surface.

SWARF & OVERSPRAY

The cutting and drilling of steel can result in hot steel particles adhering to the Colorbond® surface and then rusting, leaving stains on the surface of your roof. The installer should always ensure all loose filings, rivets and other offcuts are immediately swept down and removed from the roof.

Occasionally the Colorbond® surface may get scratched and minor scratches to a roof will usually be unseen from the ground and should be left untreated. Spray paint or touch up paint is not recommended as this will result in differential fading over time and unsightly blotches to the roof finish. If severe scratching is present this may be best treated by replacing the damaged piece.

NORMAL MAINTENANCE

All cladding should be inspected periodically (6 monthly intervals recommended) for deposit and build-up of any organic matter, dust, fungus or other pollutants. Any such debris should be swept up, removed from the roof and rainwater goods and then the whole area washed down. If significant fungal matter is found it should be removed in accordance with Bluescope Technical Bulletin TB-27. This and all other Bluescope Technical Bulletins and Warranty information may be downloaded at www.bluescopesteel.com.au/tools-and-resources

Avoid use of standard XRW Colorbond® roofing and rainwater goods systems in aggressive environments that may accelerate possible corrosion and shorten the life of the installation. Examples are areas such as over or near a swimming pools or spa, in direct contact with earth or bore water, exposed to industrial fallout or severe marine/breaking surf.



For further information including span tables, water carrying capacity, steel data sheets and lead times please refer to our website www.apexsteel.com.au or contact your're closest Apex Sales Office.

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UNWASHED AREAS

Unwashed areas are all external cladding that is sheltered and not in direct contact with rain (e.g. eaves lining, fascia's, exterior ceilings and walling. Accelerated corrosion can occur in these areas as a result of build-up of salts and other contaminants. Consequently all unwashed areas **MUST** be washed down periodically (recommended 6 monthly intervals). If hosing does not remove all contaminants then give the surface another wash-down with a mild household detergent (refer Bluescope TB-4). Do not use abrasive cleaners or any solvent based product.

WALKING ON ROOFS

All relevant OH&S, statutory and regulatory body requirements must be met if walking on or accessing a roof. Only soft soled shoes should be worn. Evenly distribute weight and walk only above the roof supports, never at mid span or immediately beside an end flashing or capping. For Corrugated roofs spread the foot load over as many ribs as possible.

FOLLOWING TRADES AND SERVICES

Warranties may be rendered null and void by the actions or damage of following trades and services working on roofs. These parties must be cautioned and made aware of possible consequences. They should only install compatible products and ensure the roof and/or rainwater goods system remains clean and free of contaminants. CCA Treated timber, cement mortar/render or lead & copper flashings must never come in to contact with a Colorbond® steel finish.

For any further information on the extensive range of Apex Steel Building Products please contact us at your nearest Apex sales office or via our website www.apexsteel.com.au

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