

## *Maintenance Exterior*

### **MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

VITRAGROUP exterior products combine various substrates with the unique VITRATHANE® or VITRAFLON® coating technologies to produce low maintenance cladding. To ensure optimum decorative life from VITRAGROUP products the following procedure is recommended.

#### **DISCLAIMER:**

Since the use and application of this product is beyond our control we cannot be held responsible for product field performance. The information represented above is the result of our considerable experience with this product but is not to be construed as a performance warranty.

#### **PROCEDURE**

##### **Annual Cyclic Maintenance:**

VITRAPANEL® when used as exterior cladding will accumulate atmospheric fall-out which may include soot and residual acids in industrial environments, automobile combustion contamination, gum-spotting, lichen and organic matter from neighbouring vegetation, bird fouling, etc.

The VITRAPANEL® surface is finished to a smooth chemical-resistant glaze and most of the above contaminants will be washed off it when exposed to rain.

In the event of unacceptable disfigurement from any source the original surface of VITRAPANEL® will be restored by annual water blasting or washing with cloth and soapy water followed by hosing down.

The above treatment should be carried out in such a way as to leave the surface uniform in appearance.

No other cyclic maintenance is needed or recommended.

##### **Mechanical Damage Repair:**

Scratch damage can usually be repaired simply by application of the topcoat colour (available from the manufacturer) using a fine camel hair brush.

Major damage needs expert attention and the suppliers should be consulted with a description of the extent of the damage in view of the most appropriate option being selected. The options are:

- a. repair on-site
- b. panel replacement