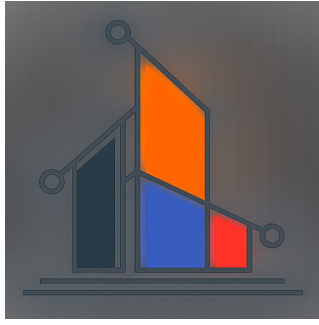




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MAINTENANCE & AFTERCARE

Taylormade Facades - Maintenance & Aftercare Guide

INTRODUCTION

Looking After Your Taylormade Facades Profiles

Taylormade profiles are designed to require minimal routine maintenance once the specified decorative finish is complete. Whether factory finished or completed on site by others, regular inspection and simple routine care will help preserve the appearance and performance of the profiles for years to come.

SCOPE NOTE

This guidance relates specifically to Taylormade architectural profiles and their completed surface finish. Where the surrounding wall, render or EWI system has been supplied by others, the relevant system manufacturer's maintenance guidance should also be followed.

ANNUAL INSPECTION

Make It an Annual Habit

A simple visual inspection at least once a year is one of the best ways to protect the appearance and condition of the façade. Check for general soiling, biological growth, impact damage, cracks, and any visible deterioration to joints, sealants or junctions.

Early attention to minor defects can prevent moisture entering vulnerable junctions and developing into a more significant repair. Particular attention should be given to exposed horizontal surfaces, corners, returns and interfaces with adjoining materials.

Additional checks are sensible following severe weather, building works or alterations close to the profiles.

MAINTENANCE IS KEY TO LONGEVITY

ROUTINE CLEANING

Keeping the Profile Finish Looking Its Best

Airborne dirt and atmospheric deposits will naturally accumulate on external finishes over time. In most cases, gentle cleaning with clean water and a mild, compatible detergent is sufficient to restore a clean appearance.

Horizontal and projecting details such as cills, copings, string courses and parapet cappings may require more frequent attention because they naturally collect dust, organic debris and moisture.

Use gentle cleaning methods

Use clean water at low pressure. Avoid concentrated jet washing directly against the profile surface or joints.

Use soft cleaning equipment

Use a soft brush, cloth or sponge. Do not use wire brushes, abrasive pads or other tools that could damage the finish.

Keep projecting surfaces clear

Remove leaves, dirt and debris from cills, copings and cappings so water can drain freely.

Test cleaning products first

Always test any detergent or cleaning treatment on a small inconspicuous area before treating a larger surface.

AVOID

- High-pressure jet washing close to the profile
- Wire brushes or abrasive pads
- Unapproved solvents or aggressive cleaning chemicals
- Drilling or fixing into the EPS core
- Painting or recoating over failed joints without addressing the cause
- Working at height without suitable access and safety measures

ALGAE, MOSS & GREEN STAINING

Managing Biological Growth and Staining

Green, black or organic staining can develop on external surfaces that remain damp for prolonged periods, particularly on shaded or north-facing elevations and sheltered horizontal details. In many cases this is an environmental maintenance issue rather than a defect in the profile itself.

Light biological growth should be treated early using a suitable exterior cleaning or biocidal product that is compatible with the decorative finish. Always follow the cleaning-product manufacturer's instructions and test an inconspicuous area first.

Where growth repeatedly returns in the same location, check for an underlying source of persistent moisture such as defective drainage, overflowing gutters or water being directed onto the façade.

If staining remains after appropriate cleaning, contact Taylormade for advice before using stronger or abrasive treatments.

RUST STAINS & FIXINGS

Preventing Corrosion Staining

Rust staining on or across a profile is commonly caused by corrosion of adjacent metalwork or inappropriate fixings, with contaminated rainwater then running across the finished surface.

Where mechanical fixings are required as part of the Taylormade installation, suitable corrosion-resistant fixings are specified for the application. Any subsequent brackets, signs, lights or other accessories installed by others should also use appropriate corrosion-resistant fixings.

FIXTURES, BRACKETS & ATTACHMENTS

Fixing Things to a Profile

Taylormade profiles are decorative, non-structural architectural components and should not be relied upon to support applied loads. The EPS core itself is not a suitable fixing substrate.

Any light fitting, bracket, sign, hanging basket or similar item positioned through or over a profile must be securely fixed back to the structural substrate behind. Where a fixing passes through the profile, the detail must avoid crushing the profile and the penetration must be properly sealed against water ingress.

For heavier items or where there is any uncertainty, contact Taylormade before drilling or fixing through the profile.

JOINTS & JUNCTIONS

Keeping Joints & Junctions Weather-Tight

Surface soiling is primarily cosmetic. The more important maintenance consideration is preventing water ingress at joints, interfaces and penetrations.

During routine inspections, check profile joints, corner mitres, returns and junctions with adjoining materials. Sealant should remain firmly bonded and free from significant cracking, splitting or separation.

Where sealant has failed, the joint should be prepared and renewed using a compatible sealant system appropriate to the original specification. If the correct material is uncertain, contact Taylormade before carrying out the repair.

White powdery deposits can sometimes occur where moisture migrates through adjacent cementitious materials. Cleaning the deposit alone may not prevent recurrence, so the source of excess moisture should also be identified and corrected.

WHEN TO CALL US

If in Doubt, Ask Before You Act

This page provides general guidance for routine inspection and maintenance. If you identify cracking, impact damage, coating loss, persistent staining, failed joints or suspected water ingress, contact us before attempting a more substantial repair.

NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE DEALING WITH?

Send us a clear photograph, the project location and a short description of the issue. We can then advise whether it is straightforward maintenance or whether further investigation is recommended.

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