

Digger Specialties, Inc. Vinyl Products Care and Cleaning Guidelines

Digger Specialties, Inc.'s Vinyl Products add beauty, distinction, and a lasting value to your home. Your home's exterior requires cleaning and Vinyl Products by Digger Specialties, Inc. are no different. Over time, with exposure to outdoor elements, your product will show signs of normal weathering such as a slight loss of gloss and a slight color change. Cleaning your Vinyl Product is the best way to protect your investment by minimizing the effects of weathering as well as removing dirt, grime, and other substances detrimental to the appearance of your railing or fencing. We recommend cleaning every six months, please follow the guidelines below.

If your vinyl product includes DSI Powder Coated Aluminum you must also adhere to the DSI Aluminum Care and Cleaning Guidelines. These guidelines are available on the DSI website.

Hand Washing Instructions:

- 1. Wet the Digger Specialties, Inc. Vinyl Product with a garden hose
- 2. Hand wash all surfaces with a sponge, soft cloth, or soft bristle brush using a mild detergent (see recommendations below)
- 3. For best results start at the top of the product and work downward
- 4. Thoroughly rinse the product to remove all residue. Water with high solids or mineral content may leave spots for areas with these issues we recommend drying the product with a soft white cloth

Pressure Washing Instructions:

- 1. A detergent additive is suggested (see recommendations below)
- The pressure capabilities of pressure washers vary greatly. Test your pressure washer setting in a less visible area
 and inspect the results prior to completing the entire project. Do not exceed 1,000 PSI and keep nozzle tip at least 18"
 from your product. Wash all exposed surfaces
- 3. Thoroughly rinse the product to remove all residues. Water with high solids or mineral content may leave spots for areas with these issues we recommend drying the product with a soft white cloth

Detergent Recommendations:

- 1. General purpose household soaps and detergents are acceptable. Do not use any type of soap or detergent that recommends gloves or respirators for personal protection. Do not use cleaners containing organic solvents, undiluted chlorine bleach, liquid grease remover, nail polish remover, furniture polish and cleaners, chlorinated hydrocarbons, ketones, and/or esters.
- 2. Lacquer thinner from your local hardware or paint store is also effective for small areas of stain or dirt. The lacquer thinner should <u>never</u> be applied directly to the vinyl. Apply lacquer thinner to a cotton cloth to make it moist and clean vinyl. This should remove stains from oil based causes, such as tar.