

## Cleaning and Maintenance Manual

### Traditional GRP (Glass Reinforced Plastic) Canopies

Regular cleaning and maintenance is essential to maintain its gloss and usability for a long time. A certain amount of light routine maintenance involving cleaning and washing is required.

This should be carried out every 4-6 months but can depend upon the canopy location and environment.

### **Maintaining and cleaning GRP canopies**

Outdoors, the canopy can be exposed to a more aggressive environment if exposed to;

- a maritime atmosphere
- an industrial atmosphere
- spatter from road salts
- air pollution and car fumes

All of these environments can cause brown spots to appear. A good rule of thumb is to clean the canopy surfaces just as often as the buildings windows, depending on the degree of contamination from the surroundings.

A damp cloth with warm soapy water or a chamois cloth is usually sufficient for wiping away light dirt, finger marks and any air-borne residue that can settle on the canopy surface. Then wipe down with a dry, soft cloth.

Alternatively we generally advise to hose down the canopy periodically with tepid water. For heavily soiled canopies (if left un-maintained for a long period of time) then hose down the canopy first to loosen particles. Use a pressure washer to remove fine residue and wipe down with a soft microfibre cloth.

**Do not use any type of abrasive cleaner, scouring pads, mesh balls of metal wire, steel wool or metal brushes to clean any part of the canopy.**

Spray cleaners are available on the market which make cleaning easier and leave a thin film for polished effect. Such cleaners remove finger-marks and reduce the tendency for new marks to keep forming. Buff with a soft dry cloth or rag.