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How-To Refurbish Oxidized Anodized Aluminum.

Anodized aluminum extrusions can fade and oxidize. Anodized aluminum can get ugly pits from salt corrosion if located near the ocean. Cement, Stucco or Mortar can remove the finish, causing stains. Everbrite™ and ProtectaClear® are clear protective coatings that will restore the color and finish on dull, faded or stained anodized aluminum and will protect from oxidation, corrosion, salts and other damaging elements. This procedure can also be used to refurbish aluminum curtain wall.

For heavily oxidized, stained or pitted aluminum, START HERE and use Heavy Duty Cleaning Steps. If the aluminum is just faded, these steps can be skipped. Make sure that the surface is clean before application of the coating.

- Use an approved scrubber pad. A blue or white ScotchBrite pad works well. Fine (000 or 0000) Synthetic Steel Wool pads by 3M work well. (Do not use regular steel wool – it can leave little particles that will rust.)
- **Optional** - Make up a paste (thin) with a "No-scratch" cleanser like BonAmi and water.
- Rinse the aluminum with water. If using cleansers, do not apply to a dry surface.
- Scrub gently with the grain to remove oxidation, dirt and any mold etc.
- Rinse well with plain water. Do not let the cleansers dry on the surface, they will be more difficult to remove.

If the anodized aluminum is just faded, START HERE:

- Wash using diluted (1 oz. per gallon of water) EZ-Prep™ Concentrated Cleaner and water or a mild dish soap like Original Dawn® (with no lotion). This process removes any residual oils and dust. Using a brush, (a soft car wash type) or a microfiber towel is helpful.
- Rinse with fresh water until the water sheets off of the metal. (Again, do not allow any soap mixture to dry on the surface).
- The final step is to use xylene or denatured alcohol (available at hardware stores). Wipe metal with a soft clean terry towel or a clean microfiber cloth wet with xylene or denatured alcohol to remove any fingerprints or residue just prior to coating.
- Apply Coating. Make sure the applicator is completely soaked but not dripping. Do not press hard, just let the applicator glide over the surface. If additional coats are desired, allow coating to dry between coats.
- Application can be sprayed or rolled on with a high-density white foam roller, natural hair or solvent rated paint brush, foam paint brush or wiped on with an applicator or paint pad.

EVERBRITE™ will renew the color and finish of any color aluminum very effectively. In high-use areas or for marine or auto metal use ProtectaClear® Coating which is tougher and more scratch resistant.