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**MAINTENANCE OF YOUR TUBULAR FENCE / BALUSTRADE.**

Cleaning of your investment is desirable if the powder coat finish is to be preserved.

Deterioration of the coating occurs mainly as a result of ultraviolet light, grime deposition and attack by contaminated moisture. A coastal environment contains chlorides & an industrial and urban environment, chlorides and sulphur compounds.

Deposited grime absorbs moisture like a sponge and holds it against the powder coated surface, this permits corrosive attack to proceed, thereby damaging the coating which cannot be restored without removal.

**Do not leave wet towels on your pool fence**

Regular cleaning, at a frequency depending on the severity of the environment is desirable. Recommendations for the frequency of cleaning are as follows:

General Conditions: Where grime deposition and pollution are at a minimum, cleaning every three months is sufficient to remove deposits and restore appearance.

Industrial & Marine: In this type of environment monthly cleaning is advisable, however the maximum period between cleaning's should never be more than three months. Under the worst conditions involving heavy grime deposition and atmospheric pollution by both sulphur compounds and chlorides even more frequent cleaning is advisable if deterioration of the coating is to be prevented.

**Carefully remove any loose deposits with a wet sponge. Use a soft brush ( non-abrasive ) or cloth and a mild pH-neutral detergent solution to remove dust, salt & other deposits. Rinse off with clean fresh water.**

Avoid spraying your fence with chemical garden sprays or bringing into contact with fertilisers, garden mulch, compost etc. Keep fence panels clear of soil – it is beneficial to maintain a gap between fence and ground at all times. Do not use harsh detergents, steel wool, scrapers, scouring liquids or powders to remove deposits as these permanently scratch the coating surface.

If surface damage accidentally occurs this can be rectified by lightly sanding the area, spraying touchup paint into the lid and apply with small brush.