

Teifs TEK TIPS

CLEANING & RE-COATING

Teifs finishes are 100% acrylic resin-based coatings that may be cleaned by several methods. Acceptable cleaning tools include soft brushed, approved water blasting equipment and recommended cleaning solvents. Teifs' recommended cleaning materials and guidelines should be followed to prevent accidental damage to Teifs finishes.

BASIC CLEANING

Preparation

When cleaning a section of Teifs finishes, make sure to begin at an inconspicuous place to prevent accidental damage to an area with higher visibility.

Surface temperature should be at least 4 °C (40 °F) or higher and remain so for at least 24 hours. Protect materials and plants near the work site and pre-wet the surface area with clean water.

Mildew or Algae

Teifs recommends that you mix and apply the following cleaning solution: one gallon of water, one quart of household bleach and one cup of trisodium phosphate. Using a soft bristle brush, gently scrub the soiled area and rinse thoroughly with clean water.

Another option Teifs recommends is using "Sure Klean 600" (a commercial cleaner). Select a trial area and mix "Sure Klean 600" with 20 parts water. Strengthen the concentration until it removes the soiled area. Teifs recommends that you do not make the concentration stronger than one part "Sure Klean 600" to six parts water. Apply the solution gently and do not over agitate.

STAIN REMOVAL

Tar and Asphalt Stains

Do not use solvents on this type of stain, as they tend to attack the finish or dissolve the insulation board. Instead, carefully scrape the stain off and refinish.

Rust Stains

Teifs recommends using "Sure Klean Ferrous Stain Remover" for most rust stains; use the same preparation techniques as previously stated. Then, using the same concentrated form of "Sure Klean Ferrous Stain Remover", gently apply and rinse until the soiled area is clean. Some rust stains may require multiple applications.

RECOATING

New Teifs finishes may be added to existing structure to upgrade finishes or change existing colors. All previous coated surfaces must be thoroughly cleaned to remove all dirt, mildew, algae, chalk, etc. All damaged areas must be repaired. Apply one of the following coatings over existing Teifs or other EIFS finishes.

- 1) **TeifsLASTIC**- A 100% acrylic elastomeric coating that may be rolled or spray applied.
- 2) **TeifsCOAT**- A 100% acrylic coating that can be sprayed or rolled on.
- 3) **TeifsSEAL** - A 100% acrylic sealer.

Contact Teifs for proper installation procedures.

REFINISHING

The area to be coated must first be thoroughly cleaned. Using a trowel, apply a tight coat of TeifsFLEX FREEDOM making sure that the surface is smooth and level. Allow the TeifsFLEX FREEDOM to dry for a least 24 hours before applying the desired Teifs finish.

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