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POLYDET Consumer Care / Maintenance

Material: POLYDET® High Gloss

CONSUMER CARE / MAINTENANCE

General

Care and maintenance of your composite siding is essentially the same as for an automobile. Wash it often and wax it periodically and it will remain in good condition for many years. Failure to perform these simple maintenance tasks may result in deterioration over time.

Keep it Clean

Wash the exterior of your RV at least monthly using a mild liquid detergent. Avoid abrasive cleaners, highly alkaline cleaners or cleaners with ammonia. Do not use dirty or gritty brushes. Remove tar, bugs, sap, and bird droppings as soon as possible to prevent staining. If using a tar and insect remover product, test a small area to be sure it is safe.

To remove a light stain that does not wash off, first try additional washing. Next, try cleaning with an appropriate solvent, again test on an inconspicuous area. For severe stains, it may be necessary to use an abrasive cleaner, starting with a fine rubbing compound. If the stain still exists, sand lightly with 800 grit sandpaper, followed by rubbing compound and wax. RV accessory stores carry many cleaning supplies that are specially formulated for cleaning RV exteriors. Always read labels carefully and follow label directions.

Keep it Shiny

The original luster of your composite siding will be preserved by a good wax job once or twice a year. Waxing regularly will also reduce surface deterioration caused by air pollutants, prolonged sunlight, and moisture. Use a good liquid, such as an automotive cleaner or wax/polishes, developed for use on fiberglass boats, showers, and tubs. Follow the directions on the package. Do not wash and wax your RV in direct sunlight.

Storing conditions are very important. Indoor storage is ideal. Alternatively, outdoor storage out of direct sunlight and away from tree and bird droppings is recommended. Various covers are available for RV accessory dealers. Avoid covers that trap moisture.

Keep it Repaired

Scratches are the most common damages. Many of these can be removed with rubbing compound, followed by wax. Major repairs should be referred to a professional.

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