



Brick, Stone & Block Panel Cleaning Guidelines

Read these cleaning
guidelines completely
and thoroughly before
beginning.



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Cleaning Panels

- ◆ After completion of installation, it may be necessary to clean panels.
- ◆ When cleaning panels, use no more than 400 psi of water pressure at 10" to 12" away.
- ◆ The normal pressure available for a rental pressure washer is usually 2300 PSI. If this is used you must hold the wand about three to six feet from the panel surface to prevent damage in the panel finish.
- ◆ To clean heavily soiled areas a mild detergent and/or soft bristle brush may be required.

Removal of Exterior Acrylic Latex Paint From Nichiha Panels

Wet Paint Removal - While the paint is still wet, flush the area with clean water, using mild abrasion with a clean cloth or soft brush remove soil.

Semi-Dry Paint Removal - If paint has set up, but not dried, flush and clean as above, followed up with light scrubbing with alcohol removing any remaining paint residue. Rinse with water and clean cloth.

Dry Paint Removal - If paint has thoroughly dried use readily available paint remover. These can include methylene chloride removers such as **Back to Nature's Redi Strip** (www.ibacktonature.com/Pages/readystrip-PD.html) . Follow manufacturer's detailed instructions. Paint brands will require different products and methods to remove paint residue. Always try a test patch on a sample or low visibility spot.

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Test Results of Paint Removal On Panels

Rubber gloves should be worn with all paint removal products due to skin irritation. Paint should be removed with scraper, clean rag & brush and then rinsed with water to remove residue.

Product	Type	Results	Comments
Ready Strip & Ready Strip Plus	Liquid	Cleaned off paint without affecting the panel factory finish	When stripper turns white or pale spray lightly with water then lift off with scraper & use nylon brush.
Dad’s Easy Spray	Liquid	Cleaned off paint without affecting the factory finish	Comes with a spray bottle. Instantly takes paint off.
Bix Spray- on Stripper	Spray Foam	Cleaned off paint without affecting the factory finish	Needs to sit on paint for at least 5 minutes before removal.
Goof-off Graffiti Remover	Spray Liquid	Cleaned off paint without affecting the panel finish	Instantly takes paint off with little or no effort.
Citristrip Paint and Varnish Remover	Spray Foam	Cleaned off paint without affecting the panel finish	Instantly takes paint off and leaves a nice citrus smell.
M- 1 Remover	Liquid	Cleaned off paint without affecting the panel finish	Instantly takes paint off.
Kutzit	Liquid	Cleaned off paint without affecting the panel finish	Instantly takes paint off.
Strypeeze	Semi-paste	Cleaned off paint without affecting the panel finish	Difficult to work with. Instantly takes paint off.

**Products were applied directly to Nichiha fiber cement panels.*



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