

# **Precast Concrete Maintenance Procedures**

Wausau Tile's Precast Concrete items can be easily maintained to preserve the attractive appearance and extend the life of the precast. If you have any further questions regarding maintenance or any other subject, please contact us at 800-388-8728. When using these procedures, please follow the product manufacturer's instructions regarding the use of any equipment or cleaning materials described here.

### **Annual Maintenance**

Power sweep, then pressure wash total precast surface. Spot clean any stained areas using procedures described in "Cleaning Heavily Soiled Areas."

Check the precast for broken and chipped pieces. Some pieces may be patched by following the procedures described below in "Patching Broken and Chipped Pieces."

## **Patching Broken and Chipped Pieces**

Notify Wausau Tile of damaged piece. Wausau Tile will then assemble and send a patch kit with repair instructions. Please contact Wausau Tile before repairing and review patching procedures.

### **Cleaning Heavily Soiled Areas**

Soiled areas should be cleaned as soon as possible to avoid staining. The type of material causing the soiling determines the correct cleaning procedure.

### A. Oil or Petroleum Products

Remove as much of the material as possible with hot water high pressure washing. Apply degreaser cleaner directly to the soiled area. With a stiff nylon brush or broom, scrub the area. Rinse the area with hot water. The use of a high-pressure washer with hot water will give best results. In some cases, a second cleaning may be required, following the same procedures.



#### B. Rust Stains

Soak area with water. Scrub rust stain with masonry cleaner such as Limsol or Surclean products per manufacturer's recommendations. (Be extremely careful around any metal surfaces.) Rinse area completely.

### C. Soiling from Normal Foot Traffic, Road Salts, Everyday Use

With high-pressure washer, wash area thoroughly with hot water. Use a commercial grade cleaner on heavily soiled areas. Spray the area with the cleaner and scrub with a nylon brush. Rinse area.

### D. Gum or Tar

Apply dry ice directly on top of the gum or tar. After freezing, use a putty knife or scraper to remove the gum or tar from the surface.

# E. Tobacco Stains on Light Colored Precast

After pressure washing with hot water, saturate a paper towel with household bleach. Apply towel directly to stain and cover with Visqueen patch. Tape Visqueen to surface to hold in place. This will keep the area damp so that the bleach does not dry out. Leave stain covered for 24 to 48 hours. Remove to see if stain is gone or lightened. Repeat if necessary.

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