



## American Products, Inc. (API) Cleaning Recommendations

### **Cleaning Recommendations for Powder Coatings**

The cleaning recommendations for American Products, Inc. (API) powder coating is an integral part to gloss and color retention. Clean, cold water with slight amounts of mild alkaline detergents (common dish soap or hand soap) must be used.

The cleaning effect may be increased by rubbing with a soft, non-scratching cloth with modest pressure. The temperature of the materials (to be cleaned) must not exceed 80°F.

For removal of grease and oily substances, isopropyl alcohol may be used. The cleaning solution must not be allowed to react for more than fifteen minutes. After cleaning, the surfaces must be rinsed with clean, cold water.

If the aforementioned guidelines are not followed, the powder coated finish could be compromised and/or ruined and the manufacturer's warranty may be void.

### **Cleaning Recommendations for Anodized Aluminum**

Cleaning anodized aluminum is easy with the right technique. Because anodizing is so hard, you want to use an abrasive cleaning technique with a gentle soap. Do not use harsh acidic or alkaline cleaners because they may destroy the finish. Use solvents with care as they may stain the finish. It is best to try a test area first.

One recommended technique is to use an abrasive cleaning sponge with mild dish washing liquid. Always try a test small area first to prevent a widespread problem.