



CARE/CLEANING QUICK GUIDE

Azenco systems are easy to maintain. Generally, normal rainfall is sufficient to keep its appearance clean. If cleaning is required, we recommend the following steps:

1 CLEANING INTERNAL GUTTERS

Your Azenco system has a 360° internal gutter system to draw water off the louvers when closed. These gutters may get filled with leaves and debris, particularly if near trees that shed or have falling leaves. Leaves and debris collect and clog the hole leading to the downspouts for your system. This can cause the gutters to back-up and potentially have water spill over the gutters. It is the Owner's responsibility to make sure the gutters and downspouts are clean and clear of any debris that will cause the system to not perform properly.

2 MODERATE DIRT

Your system will require occasional washing to remove any dirt or environmental buildup. We recommend using clean water with a garden hose and microfiber cloth. You may use a quality auto detergent and/or auto brush to enable a gentle removal of dirt. Rinse thoroughly and wipe down dry.

3 HEAVIER DIRT ACCUMULATION

Wash in the manner indicated above, but use the following solution:

- 1/3 cup detergent (e.g. Tide®)
- 2/3 cup trisodium phosphate powder (also known as T.S.P.)
- 1-gallon water

4 PRESSURE WASHING

If you choose to pressure wash your system, always use low pressure (1500-2000 PSI) when cleaning. More aggressive PSI can damage or dislodge some of the powder coating from the aluminum. Azenco will not warrant against peeling or removal of powder coating from any part of our system as a result of aggressive pressure washing (above 2000 PSI). Please note however, that pressure washing at any PSI can dislodge caulk or sealant which can lead to leaks in the system. Such leaks are not covered by any warranty, but instead are considered a maintenance item, billable to the Owner!

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5 MILDEW ACCUMULATION

Mildew can collect on surfaces of all types of building products. This can happen when the surface gets little or no sunlight to dry it off. Normally, mildew will appear as black spots and can be removed by using the following cleaning solution:

- 1/3 cup detergent (e.g. Tide®)
- 2/3 cup trisodium phosphate powder (also known as T.S.P.)
- 1-quart sodium hypochlorite 5% solution (e.g. Clorox®)
- 3 quarts water

6 ENVIRONMENTAL BLACK STREAKING

Black streaking can also collect on the surface of a structure. Black streaking can be removed by using Gutter Zap 4, which can be purchased online.

7 CLEANING CAULKING COMPOUNDS

A variety of non-toxic substances are just as active as chemicals without posing any danger to you or the environment. You can choose to use diluted hydrogen peroxide, undiluted vinegar or baking soda paste.

How to clean the caulking compounds:

HYDROGEN PEROXIDE:

- Use a spray bottle to apply on the caulk until it is soaked.
- Let sit for at least 10 minutes before scrubbing with a sponge or a brush.
- Dry the caulking compounds when done.

BAKING SODA:

- Add some spoons of water to baking soda and mix to obtain a thick paste.
- Apply the paste on the caulking compounds and let sit for 20 minutes.
- Scrub out.
- Rinse with water

UNDILUTED VINEGAR:

- Generously spray the vinegar on the caulking compound
- Let sit for about one hour
- Scrub the caulking compound with a brush.
- Rinse the area with water

**Extra attention should be given to areas under eaves, porches, awnings and other overhangs that have limited exposure to the natural cleansing effect of rainfall and sunlight.*

**DO NOT use abrasives, bleach, acid, soda, potash, ammonia, hydrocarbons or solvents.*