

Metro Mobile Aluminum Products

Read these instructions thoroughly and retain for future reference.

Metro Mobile Aluminum Products are constructed of either anodized aluminum, natural (non finished) aluminum or natural aluminum to which a bright surface has been applied. These three finishes may be kept clean and bright with mild soap and warm water. If, however, the cleaning has been postponed or the soiled area is especially tenacious, a more aggressive cleaner and cleaning technique may be required. When desired, a disinfectant can be added to the cleaning solution to control bacteria. On some units it may be necessary to use a pressure wand in conjunction with another cleaning method to thoroughly clean those hard-to-get-at areas, i.e.: corners, door catches and the underside of chassis, particularly around the casters. Steel wool; and strong acids should never be used, although abrasive cleaners, when used correctly, are highly effective but should never be applied indiscriminately as they mar the aluminum's surface. In all cases, the unit's surfaces must be thoroughly rinsed to remove any cleaner residue that may stain its materials. The following are recommended cleaning methods.

LIGHT SOIL

If routine (daily) cleaning is practiced, a mild soap and warm water should be sufficient to keep the units clean. Steam cleaning also works very well and will not harm the finish.

HEAVIER SOIL

If cleaning has been postponed, solvent or emulsion type cleaners that can be applied with bare hands will give excellent results. Such cleaners are available under various brand names and detergent suppliers can recommend materials appropriate for use on aluminum.

EXTREME SOIL

Abrasive type cleaners should only be used when absolutely necessary, and the manufacturer's instructions must be carefully followed. Every effort should be made not to allow the unit to reach the condition where this type of cleaning is required.

SEMI-AUTOMATIC CLEANING

The use of a pressure wand and detergent spray gives excellent cleaning results and there are many systems and products available from detergent manufacturers. On some units it may be necessary to use a pressure wand in conjunction with another cleaning method to reach the hard-to-clean areas.

AUTOCART WASHERS

Aluminum units may be washed in this type washer with good results. Initial care must be taken to select the proper detergent to use on aluminum, as well as all other materials to be washed. Also, before units are subjected to the high temperatures of this type washer, make certain that the unit's materials are capable of withstanding these high temperatures.

***NOTE:** For every cleaning method, best results are always obtained when the cleaner and technique are matched to the soil conditions involved. If there are any questions, contact your factory representative.*

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

On some specific Metro Mobile Products, i.e., holding and proofing cabinets, there are special maintenance instructions which are sent with the units. Consult these instructions for more specific cleaning information on these units.

If high pressure cleaning systems are used, special attention must be given to maintaining the caster lubrication and in these cases cart washable casters are strongly recommended.



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