



# AcraTex Texture Care

## A Guide for AcraTex Texture Care and Maintenance.

**1/** The exterior texture coatings on your premises should be cleaned on a regular basis. This will help to improve your projects appearance and to preserve your AcraTex Texture coating system. Cleaning once every year will remove light soil as well as grime and airborne pollutants.

**2/** The exterior can be cleaned with a low-pressure water blast (less than 450psi) using a fanjet of cold water at a 45 degree angle from the wall (not perpendicular). The fan of the water blaster should be kept a minimum of 20cm from the surface of the AcraTex Texture coating in order to avoid damage.

**3/** Localised grime or ingrained dirt should be removed by cleaning with a scrubbing brush along with a solution of detergent and warm water. Under no circumstances should you attempt to remove heavy staining using a high-pressure water blaster.

**4/** Check for cracked, loose or missing sealant as part of your regular maintenance inspections. You will find sealant in most areas where different substrates meet. These include around windows and doors, pipes, where walls meet the soffit line and where electrical fittings and handrails have been attached to walls. Control joints should also be inspected as part of the maintenance inspections. All deteriorated or damaged sealant should be removed and replaced as soon as it appears. We recommend that a paintable MS sealant be used.

**5/** It is important to monitor areas that are heavily exposed to the elements such as parapets, and balcony handrail tops. Due to the minimal slope on these areas and the extremes of thermal movement it is critical that they are inspected and maintained.

**6/** If accidental damage occurs, immediately contact your local Dulux Trade representative and they will provide the support or technical expertise required to have the problem fixed. Because cracks may indicate underlying structural problems, a professional should always inspect them. Temporary repairs can be made to cracks by filling them with MS paintable sealant until the inspection has been completed and permanent repairs under taken.

**7/** During your inspections don't forget to check areas that are cold and dark, such as behind heavy foliage. Dirt provides the perfect nutrient for mould and algae growth. The tiny roots that these organisms use to cling to your walls will cause your texture coating to deteriorate very quickly if not regularly cleaned.

**8/** If you choose to repaint the AcraTex Texture coating system on your home ensure that you use 955 AcraShield Matt, which is available from your local Dulux stockist.