



#### Simple Maintenance Guide Caring for your new roofing system

1.       Hose Down - A regular hose down once a month or so will keep your new roof looking like new. With one quick spray you will remove most of the dirt created by dust or rain residue. Special attention should be directed at the areas that miss the rain like eaves and under awnings or verandahs. We do not recommend using a high pressure hose on your roof, a normal garden hose is sufficient.
2.       Wash Away – You can wash away stubborn grime with a soft brush or sponge soaked in warm water or detergent. Use regular dishwashing liquid one teaspoon in four litres of water. To be extra effective you should change the water frequently and wipe over a second time with a clean towel to remove any smears. Best results occur when washing is undertaken in the shade.  
  
Clean oxidization or dirt from any anodized sections by wiping over with a solution of methylated spirits and water. Heavy stains not removed with water and detergent should be treated with mineral turpentine and wiped dry with a clean cloth.
3.       Cooking Areas – If you have an outdoor kitchen located underneath your opening roof, be aware that smoke and grease stains can build up. These areas should be cleaned regularly to ensure your outdoor space is always shining. You should also be mindful of heat generated from BBQs, outdoor ovens and patio heaters. Always ensure good ventilation and airflow where possible.
4.       Remove Mould – Areas constantly damp (for instance, on walls behind shrubbery on the south side of your house) could suffer from formation of mould. You can remove the mould with a solution of household bleach and water, at a ratio of 3:1. Rub the solution onto the surface with a soft sponge, leave for 10-20 minutes, and then rinse off with clean water. When dry, you should rinse once more with clean water to remove bleach residue.
5.       Clean Gutters and Downpipes – Your new roof gutters should be kept free of leaves and dirt build up or any other obstruction that may impede the flow of water. Any plants located near the roof should be trimmed regularly, particularly vines and climbing plants.
6.       Lubricate Pivot Pins – Under normal conditions your roof will benefit from a spray of 'Lanox' every 12 months. In high salt or dust area this should be carried out every 3 months. For the most effective action is to ensure you spray towards the pivot pin, which is on the inside of the louvre. We also recommend regularly opening and closing your roof for best results.
7.       Roof Maintenance Access - If you need to climb onto your Alluva Opening Roof Systems, walk on a plank at least 50mm thick, spanning between supporting perimeter beams.
8.       Operation – It is recommended to keep your Alluva Opening Roof Systems in good working order you must operate the roof at least 2 times a week.