

Cladding Treatment Guide

Equipment

- **Chemical applicator** (e.g., knapsack, hand sprayer, mechanical sprayer etc.)
- **Brush** (e.g., yard brush, Vikan cleaning brush etc.)
- **High reach equipment** (e.g., ladder, telescopic chemical fed pole, aerial work platform such as a cherry picker etc.)

Contingent on the individual case, some of the above equipment may not be necessary.

Preparation

Examine the cladding being treated and take note of the type(s) of staining present. Red, green and dark discolouration is treatable with an application of Actiwash. Orange iron staining (fig. 1) will require attention with a separate rust removal product. These stains are typically caused by flue pipes and ferrous metal fixtures. Ensure the render is free from loose dirt. Be mindful that areas close to the ground may be affected by mud splashes. If so, rinse these away with water and a suitable detergent.



Fig.1

Dilution of the Concentrate

Version	Dilution Ratios	
	Mild Treatment	Heavy Treatment
Actiwash Pro	50:1	40:1
Actiwash Domestic	14:1	12:1

Application

Prepare a diluted solution of Actiwash in the tank of the chemical application equipment. Saturate the dry cladding with the prepared solution by spray. Leave to dwell for a short period of time (do not allow to dry). Agitate with a brush and then rinse off with water. A final (highly diluted solution - Actiwash Pro 50:1 or Actiwash Domestic 14:1) spray and leave treatment of Actiwash will help to yield a long-lasting result. This final treatment is only recommended for cladding which resists streaking. Test in an inconspicuous area to ascertain suitability.

Post-treatment

We recommend re-treatment as soon as visual contamination becomes noticeable. This will prevent the contamination from further developing to such an extent whereby it becomes more challenging to clean away.

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FAQ

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How much diluted Actiwash solution is used per metre squared?

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1 litre should treat approximately 4 metres squared. Actual consumption may vary depending on the porosity of the substrate being treated.

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How should I protect nearby plants and grass during treatment?

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Water nearby plants and grass before and after surface treatment. Lightly cover vegetation which may be exposed to a greater risk of over-spray/runoff.

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When should I apply Actiwash?

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Apply onto a dry substrate in temperatures above 7 degrees Celsius when rain is not expected for at least a few hours post-treatment. Ensure the surface stays 'wet' for 30 minutes after treating with Actiwash. Avoid applying onto very hot surfaces as the solution may evaporate too quickly.

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Is Actiwash suitable for use on both plastic and metal cladding types?

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Yes, Actiwash can be used as an effective treatment on metal and plastic cladding.