

This bulletin defines what chemicals are acceptable for cleaning stubborn stains, sealant, or strippable film from the surface of AEP Span roof or wall panels.

long term panel storage with film applied will likely make removal very difficult.



STUBBORN STAINS OR SEALANT

AEP Span recognizes the following chemical solutions that can be used to remove stains that will not adversely affect the paint coatings:

- DuraPrep® Prep™400
<https://www.ppgpaints.com/products/duraprep-prep400-overspray-remover>
- Denatured Alcohol
- Mineral Spirits
- Naptha
- WD-40®

Note: A small panel area should be initially selected to determine what the best course of action should be before larger panel areas are subjected to cleaning using these methods.

PEEL COAT (STRIPPABLE FILM)

In regards to the panel's factory peel coat (strippable film), prolonged exposure to UV, heat or cold may make removal of the factory applied peel coat difficult. It is suggested that the following options be considered for the removal of peel coat that has become difficult to remove:

- Citrus-based hand cleaners (non-abrasive)
- Water applied with portable steam cleaner

For citrus-based cleaners, place the product in a spray bottle. Spray peel coat liberally allowing the product to penetrate the strippable film and soften the adhesive.

With both options, after the adhesive softens, lift an edge of the peel coat with a fingernail and then pull to remove film. Test in a small area for effectiveness.

AEP Span stresses the importance of removing peel coat as soon as possible after receiving products to ensure easy film removal. Prolonged UV exposure, or