



CLEANING ADVICE **europan** PICTURA

EUROPAN PICTURA is a pre-finished compressed fibre cement sheet with a unique uniform matt surface used for external cladding, soffits, weatherboards, louvres, internal lining and ceilings. EUROPAN PICTURA can be made in an almost unlimited amount of colours.

1. Production method

EUROPAN PICTURA sheets are manufactured on a Hatschek machine and are in an additional step compressed and air cured. EUROPAN PICTURA is then finished with the water-based acrylate finishes on the face, the unique and patented PRO protective coating and vinylidene chloride copolymer (PVDC) with some paraffin wax for anti-blocking on the back.

Due to the PRO Coating, cleaning of EUROPAN PICTURA is extremely easy.

2. General

Contaminates such as dirt, products of combustion, oils etc... can be present in rainwater and on surfaces and end up on the cladding of the building. If care is taken (by provision of drip edges, professional sealing and attention to avoid corrosion when using zinc, copper, aluminium, steel ...) local soiling and staining can be prevented.

All facades, irrespective of the materials used, should be serviced regularly to avoid unnecessary and high maintenance costs. When soiling stays on a surface for longer periods of time, removal and cleaning will become increasingly more complicated.

PBS Distributors provides chemical cleaning solutions. **Mechanical cleaning of the surface with abrasive cleaning methods (steel wool, scotchbrite, ...) is expressly forbidden.**

3. Preparation

Before starting to clean the surface, make sure the **surface below** the surface to be cleaned is thoroughly wetted to avoid soiled water from staying on top of clean surfaces. Take care to collect cleaning water from soiling other surfaces (floor...)

A **high pressure cleaner** with a maximum pressure setting of 125 bar and a maximum water flow rate of 10 litres/min may be used at a distance of minimum 25 cm from the surface of the sheet and aimed perpendicular to the surface. No abrasives shall be used in combination with the high pressure cleaner

4. Cleaning

The cleaning products and procedure depend very much on the nature of the soiling of the sheets

4.1 **For minor soiling**, washing with a mild household detergent or soft soap solution followed by rinsing with clear water. Do not use abrasive products or tools. Use abundant water to clean afterwards.

4.2 **For permanent marker pen stains** on the surface, we recommend to clean with Resene SEA to SKY coating remover. This water-based coating remover is environmentally friendly and safer to use than chemical strippers. Apply the product and remove with paper towels or a sponge. No dwell time is required. No abrasive products or tools are allowed. **Use abundant water to clean afterwards.**

4.3 **For alcohol-based marker pen stains** on the surface, we recommend to clean with a pure alcohol solution. Apply the product and remove with paper towels or white rags. Do not re-use the paper towels or white rags. No dwell time is required. No abrasive products or tools are allowed. **Use abundant water to clean afterwards.**

4.4 **For other stains and paints** on the surface, we recommend to clean with Resene Graffiti Cleaner. The product comes in spray bottles or in cans. It can be sprayed, rolled or wiped onto the surface. Allow a dwell time of 3 to 5 minutes. Remove with paper towels or white rags. Do not re-use the paper towels or white rags. If the stains stay, use the procedure as described under 4.2 with Resene SEA to SKY. No abrasive products or tools are allowed. **Use abundant water to clean afterwards.**

5. Health and safety aspects

- Wear appropriate protective equipment, which may include gloves, eye protection and respirators.
- At all times, read the safety label of the manufacturer before using the product.
- For first aid instructions, refer to the MSDS Data Sheet provided by the manufacturer of the cleaning products.
- For the cleaning products: avoid breathing vapour, keep out reach of children, use with adequate ventilation, do not drink or consume foods while using the cleaning products.