

s26 painted galvanized steel and stainless steel bollard care and maintenance guidelines

The s26 bollard is constructed from galvanized steel and 316 grade stainless steel, materials which are highly corrosion resistant. The stainless steel has a satin or brushed polish finish. Despite the material's corrosion resistant properties some care is required to maintain a bright appearance. The extent to which cleaning is required will depend on a number of factors including environmental conditions, construction activity, level of use.

Maintaining the painted galvanized steel

The s26 lower section is finished in polyester powder, a plastic coating which is baked on prior to assembly. This is a highly durable finish which will last for many years. To maintain the original appearance of the metalwork it should be cleaned regularly using warm soapy water. Avoid the use of abrasive cleaners as they may damage the surface finish. Should the paint become chipped or scratched it can be touched up using acrylic based paint. If the damage has penetrated the galvanized coating the area should be cleaned with a wire brush and a zinc rich primer should be applied prior to the top coat. For further advice contact Omos on + 353 45 899802.

Maintaining the stainless steel top

Prior to shipping all our stainless steel has been passivated to ASTM A380 and ASTM 976 01-8.1 to ensure the highest standard.

Clean the stainless steel components using warm water with a mild detergent with a non abrasive cloth or sponge. Heavier stains may require the use of a nylon scouring pad. As a rule always start with the least severe method of cleaning as the use of scouring pads or scotch bright may result in altering the surface texture. In the case of a bead blasted finish, where abrasive cleaning is required, always use a random circular rubbing action. In the case of brushed finishes the surface consists of uniform fine 'scratches' running in one direction so where abrasive cleaning is required always use a straight back and forward rubbing action in the direction of the grain. If you are in doubt as to which type of finish you are dealing with contact Omos on + 353 [0]45 899802.

Rust spots or 'tea stains' can occur on the surface of the material, these are normally caused by contamination from ordinary mild steel, particular in areas where construction work has been undertaken. Such stains can be removed using an abrasive pad as described above.

In cases where the surface is severely stained as a result of severe environmental conditions or scratched due to misuse, it may still be possible to restore the original finish. Contact Omos for advise on such issues.

There are many stainless steel polishes available to enhance the surface finish. Omos recommends '*Avesta Finishing chemicals*' and can advise where to purchase.

