

Alutri - Aluminium Composite Panels

METHOD STATEMENT – Graffiti Removal





SoSafe are a leading supplier of graffiti removal products, designed to remove a large variety of paints and markers from most types of wall materials. SoSafe are based in Australia with distributors nationwide.

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Disclaimer: The purpose of this method statement is to provide - in good faith – advice to consumers on the removal of graffiti from Alutri panels. However, due to the haphazard nature of graffiti vandalism, the wide range of paint types, the often inability to identify the type or brand of graffiti agent used, and the varying contact time of the graffiti on the Alutri panel, it is impossible to guarantee the results of any graffiti removal process. CSR Panels and SoSafe cannot accept any responsibility or liability for surface damage or permanent marking that may remain after the process of graffiti removal on Alutri. In all cases, an inconspicuous area of Alutri should be treated first to ensure the planned method of removal does not mar the Alutri surface. CSR panel systems have no commercial relationship with SoSafe. We recommend their products because they have taken the time to properly test their products on Alutri; they are easy to obtain in Australia and are amongst the safest, most environmentally responsible graffiti removal products available.

Recommendations for cleaning Alutri with SoSafe Products

Overall Notes:

From the testing conducted on Alutri, SoSafe Yellow Label graffiti remover causes no apparent visual adverse effect on Alutri Panels. SoSafe Blue Label graffiti remover will remove graffiti more aggressively than SoSafe Yellow Label, but there is an increased risk of causing limited damage to the Alutri surface.





Method Statement for treating CSR Alutri Aluminium Composite Panels

CSR Alutri panels were successfully tested for the removal of the following common graffiti materials:

- 1. Dulux Gloss Blue Enamel Paint
- 3. Kiwi Black Shoe Polish
- 2. Dulux Black Matt Spray Paint
- 4. Pentel Black Permanent Marker

Removal Method:

- 1. First Wash the Alutri surface down with water to ensure any dirt or grit is flushed off the surface of the panels. If any grit or dust is left on the panel this can abrade the surface of the Alutri when rubbing with a soft cloth
- 2. 'Dab' or air-dry the washed Alutri surface with a soft white rag. It is important to start treatment with a thoroughly dry surface
- 3. Apply 'SoSafe Yellow Label' to the graffiti by paint-brush, roller or trigger spray pack.
- 4. Move any drips of SoSafe liquid back on to the graffiti with a white rag. It will take between 5 120 seconds for the graffiti to react, depending on the graffiti type (e.g. Marker Pen: 1 30 seconds, Solvent Paints: 30 120 seconds)
- 5. Gently rub the Alutri surface with a soft white rag in one general direction, if the graffiti has not released allow more time.
- 6. If some graffiti remains, repeat steps 3 to 5, keeping the area wet with SoSafe Yellow label, until all graffiti is removed. Remember it is better to make several light attempts of application rather than accelerating the action of the removal by heavy rubbing. (If the Graffiti is exceptionally stubborn then SoSafe Blue Label graffiti remover maybe used, test surface in a non critical area for adverse affects it is imperative that So Safe Blue must not be in contact with the Alutri surface for more than 20 seconds before rinsing away, or a 'wet mark' effect can be left on the surface due to the more aggressive formula of SoSafe Blue Label).
- 7. Remove SoSafe residue with a soft 'water wet' rag, using a hose or bucket of water to ensure any abrasion is minimized. This washing will neutralise the SoSafe graffiti chemical.

FINAL NOTE: It is possible that the aggressive solvents in the graffiti (paints or markers) itself may have damaged the Alutri paint substrate during the time the graffiti was in contact with the panel. In this case the graffiti may be removed, but some scaring or loss of gloss level may remain on the Alutri surface.