

IMPORTANT:

It is highly recommended that the entire guide is reviewed for best practice methods for all Diamond Kote® Building Products.

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE + CARE

The siding should be inspected periodically:

- Re-fasten any loose siding and cut back any trees/shrubs that touch the siding. Replace any caulking that has hardened, cracked or lost its seal.
- Correct the drainage in any spots where water is retained in contact with the siding. Long term contact with water may result in discoloration.
- Avoid regularly wetting the siding with lawn sprinklers since water in many locales contain rust or minerals which may discolor the siding's surface, shorten the life of the finish and encourage the growth of mildew and fungus.
- Diamond Kote® does not recommend power washing siding, it can cause moisture intrusion, damage and/or discoloration.

CLEANING

Depending on location and climate conditions, siding may be subject to occasional accumulations of dirt, dust, etc.

- Periodic washing is helpful (every 6 to 12 months). Use clean water and mild detergent, then apply with a cloth, sponge or soft brush (such as a car wash brush). Less streaking will

result if the siding is washed from bottom to top. Immediately follow by rinsing thoroughly with clean water from a garden hose.

- Never use harsh cleaners, abrasives or strong solvents, which may damage the paint or surface. If the dirt does not wash off it may be mildew or a fungus growth.

MOISTURE MANAGEMENT + GUTTERS

Water management is key to protecting every part of your home, including your siding. Each area of the country is affected by moisture, whether it's an occasional thunderstorm or high levels of rainfall. The resulting water has potential to cause damage.

We recommend protecting your home from rainfall with gutters and downspouts. Always be sure that your drainage system is free of debris to work properly.

LANDSCAPING

Plants hold moisture, so any bushes, trees or other plants that are close to your home should be trimmed periodically. Plants should not come into contact with your siding. Also, sprinkler systems should be adjusted to never saturate areas near your home.

CLEARANCES

Maintain required clearances and drainage slopes to ensure that moisture is diverted away from your siding at roof lines and ground level. Proper clearances include 1" from concrete, roof lines, patios, etc. and 6" from final grade. Landscaping should not reach the siding.

TOUCH-UP PAINT GUIDELINES

Diamond Kote® Touch-Up paint is intended for use on Diamond Kote® pre-finished products. We cannot guarantee the performance of Diamond Kote Touch-Up paint on other products.

- Apply Touch-up paint on all exposed face nails. Cotton swabs are recommended for touch-up painting on the finished face of products. Follow the coating manufacturer's maintenance instructions or watch the Diamond Kote® Touch-Up Paint Best Practices Video on our YouTube Channel.

PAINT CARE

- Stir Touch-Up paint for a minimum of 10 minutes before use. Heavier pigments in the paint settle to the bottom requiring the paint to be thoroughly mixed before use. Clean up with water is recommended.

****Do not allow touch-up paint to freeze. Keep container from freezing.****

SURFACE PREPARATION

DO NOT APPLY PAINT OVER PAINT. Only apply paint to the bare area.

- Surface must be clean and dry.
- Test the color on a sample piece or hidden area of the siding/trim before applying.
- Nail heads and other small imperfections can be touched-up using a cotton swab by simply dotting the desired area.
- Do NOT fan out or try to blend the paint.
- Allow 24 hours dry time.