POWDER COATING CARE INSTRUCTIONS

MAINTAINING THE FINISH

- Over time and exposure to the elements, a powder coating finish may show signs of wear and weather, such as reduced gloss, chalking, and color loss. A consistent cleaning schedule will help remove dirt, grim and the other harmful buildup that contribute to the damage.
- We recommend using warm filtered water and a mild detergent, like a PH neutral liquid dishwashing soap, to remove surface deposits, dust, salt, etc. Clean with a soft cloth, sponge, or soft bristled brush, and be sure to rinse thoroughly with filtered water after cleaning.
- Also keep in mind that while a powder coat is durable, it is not bullet-proof. Avoid sharp impacts from heavy objects to prevent chipping of the surface.

DO NOT

- Use paint thinners or solvents such as:
  - Acetone, Mineral Spirits, Lacquer thinners, Turpentine, White Spirits
- Use chlorine or harsh cleaning solutions
- Rub the powder coat excessively, especially the metallic finishes
- Get sunscreen on your powder coating finish, as some brands may affect painted finishes
- Use unfiltered tap water or ground water when cleaning a powder coating finish

YOU CAN

- Use isopropyl alcohol or methylated spirits
- Use a pressure washer, with filtered water and under low pressure
- Apply non-abrasive car wax with a UV blocker on powder coated surfaces, such as outdoor furniture, outdoor lighting fixtures, stairways, handrails, guardrails, and fences.

HARMFUL ELEMENTS

- The effects of atmospheric pollution, airborne salt, dirt, and grime accumulate over time and should be cleaned at regular intervals. A powder coating finish should be cleaned every two to three months.
- UV exposure will degrade the color and the finish, especially for darker colors
- Harmful chemicals should be removed immediately. The damage from solvents and thinners may not be immediately visible since it can take up to twelve months for damage to appear.