



Maintenance of Gridlock Wall Panels

GridLock Wall Panels provide a tough finish that stands up to heavy abuse. However, the panels are subject to impact from carts and other objects that can scratch the surface and deface the finish. This normal abrasion can result in wear and loss of gloss. Scratching can not be avoided in such instances so consideration should be given to installing wall bumpers or crash rail in heavy traffic areas.

Regular maintenance is recommended to remove surface dirt and prolong the life of the panels. The frequency of maintenance depends on the individual cleaning protocol.

The following recommendations should be used as a guide in establishing a suitable maintenance program:

- 1) As walls become soiled, they can be wiped or scrubbed with a variety of scrubbing aids as long as the aid is not abrasive in nature. Unacceptable items include objects such as steel wool, abrasive nylon pads and stiff bristle brushes. It is acceptable to use a variety of commercial detergents and cleaners as long as they are not abrasive in nature. Use warm water to remove the cleaner and its residue.
 - a. Allow cleaner to do its job (leave cleaner on wall as recommended to lift dirt prior to scrubbing)
 - b. Scrub if necessary to further loosen dirt
 - c. Remove soiled water and detergent as allowed by cleaning protocol
 - d. Rinse thoroughly with clean water
 - e. Follow detergent manufacturer's recommendations and always test a small area when using a new product*
- 2) Disinfecting the walls is also a safe procedure as the wall panels are resistant to most disinfectants and fumigants. As it is nearly impossible to keep up with changes in disinfection products and methods, it is always recommended to test a small area first to assure that the panel is resistant to a specific chemical.

These recommendations are applicable for most GridLock walls. Consult with LSP or your local **LSP** Associate Contractor for specific instructions for care of your installation.

Certain chemicals or chemical combinations may cause staining or chemical damage to some **GridLock Panels. Many compounds with this potential are carried in water or solvent. As the chemical lies on the surface, the water or solvent may evaporate increasing the concentration and potential for staining and chemical damage. Also, as the length of exposure increases, so does the potential for staining or chemical damage. Potentially damaging chemicals should be removed or reduced in concentration through dilution by washing with water, where appropriate, as soon as possible.*