



# Sierra Premium™ Shake & Smooth Boards Cleaning Guidelines

Read these cleaning guidelines completely and thoroughly before beginning.



## Cleaning Panels

*Efflorescence Removal— Recommended Product—Mason's Select Safe Solution Concrete Etcher (DB6550)*

Efflorescence is a white crystalline or powdery, often fluffy or fuzzy deposit on the surface of masonry materials like concrete, brick or fiber cement. It is caused by soluble salts in the material, and when moisture dissolves the salts, vapor transmissions move the solution toward the surface. This salt-water solution migrates to the surface thus leaving the salt deposit at the surface resulting in the white residue, efflorescence. Temperature, humidity and wind affect efflorescence.

Safe Solution is biodegradable, non-corrosive to the skin, has low odor and is low fuming. Safe Solution is a water based product with easy soap and water clean up.

- ◆ Apply Safe Solution full strength to the affected area with a brush, roller or sprayer.
- ◆ Allow to sit for 10 minutes.
- ◆ Do not let the Safe Solution dry on the surface as it will become ineffective.
- ◆ Use a soft bristle brush and lightly scrub the area. Allow to sit for another 5 to 10 minutes.
- ◆ Again, do not let the product dry.
- ◆ Wipe product clean with a damp clean cloth and rinse with a garden hose. Allow the area to air dry.
- ◆ If the efflorescence remains after the area has dried, repeat steps.
- ◆ If the efflorescence remains after second attempt, call Duckback Products at 800.825.5382.

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