

Aftercare and Maintenance

While every effort has been made to ensure that StoneSet surfacing is of the highest quality, it will look better and last longer if a few simple maintenance procedures are adopted.

Normal use

StoneSet surfaces are intended to be used by normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic for which they have been designed. Protection should be provided wherever possible against abnormal usage.

Abnormal use

Heavy objects such as waste skips should not be dragged across the surface and protection should be provided during building and construction work to avoid unsightly contamination from oil, grease cement and dirt.

Spillage of petrol or solvents should be avoided as these will soften and damage the resin binder if left.

Routine maintenance

Keep the StoneSet surface regularly swept clean with a stiff broom and hose with clean water.

Moss and Algae growth

Weed growth should be treated prior to surfacing and it is highly unlikely that any new growth will be sustained. Periodic application of a proprietary moss killer, in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines, will prevent any moss or weed growth.

Ingrained algal growth can be removed and the colour of the original surface restored, by the application of a strong bleach solution. This should be used in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines and local environmental constraints. After application the surface should be well rinsed with clean water.

Cleaning

Chewing gum removal

Removal of individual pieces of gum can be carried out by treating each piece with a freezing spray and then scraping off the hardened gum with a wall/paint scraper. For more extensive removal of gum we would recommend seeking the advice of a specialist-cleaning contractor.



Washing

Washing can be carried out using a portable pressure washer (up to 150bar rating) to remove dirt, grime and moss providing care is taken not to damage the StoneSet with excessive pressure. Only cold water should be used and the water lance must be kept at least 200mm from the material 's surface and a 'fan' type jet used.

For light staining a detergent in warm water is recommended. Apply liberally with a stiff brush, concentrated on the effected area first and continue more broadly to the surrounding areas. Rinse with cold water.

For more extensive washing we would recommend contacting a specialist-cleaning contractor.

Cement or Concrete marks

Cement or concrete marks can be removed with careful use of dilute hydrochloric acid or a proprietary cement remover, immediately followed by a thorough rinsing with clean water. (Please note that i f a lime- based aggregate has been used the acid will tend to dissolve this as well and therefore this method of cleaning is not recommended).

