

RV Care and Maintenance

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All-Composite, Substrate-Free Exterior Panel



Crane Composites

Recreational Vehicle Care & Maintenance

General

Care and maintenance of your composite siding is essentially the same as for an automobile. Wash it often and wax it periodically, and it will remain like new for many years. Failure to perform these simple maintenance tasks may result in deterioration over time.

Keep it Clean

Wash the exterior of your RV at least monthly using a mild liquid detergent. Avoid abrasive cleaners and dirty or gritty brushes. Remove tar, bugs, sap, and bird droppings as soon as possible to prevent staining.

If using a tar and insect remover product, test a small area to be sure it is safe.

To remove a light stain that does not wash off, first try additional washing. Next, try cleaning with an appropriate solvent, again test on an inconspicuous area. For severe stains, it may be necessary to use an abrasive cleaner, starting with a fine rubbing compound. If the stain still exists, sand lightly with 800 grit sandpaper, followed by rubbing compound and wax. RV accessory stores carry many cleaning supplies that are specially formulated for cleaning RV exteriors.

Always read labels carefully and follow label directions.

Keep it Shiny

The original luster of your composite siding will be preserved by a good wax job once or twice a year. Waxing regularly will also reduce surface deterioration caused by air pollutants, prolonged sunlight, and moisture. Use a good liquid, such as an automotive cleaner or wax/polishes, developed for use on fiberglass boats, showers, and tubs. Follow the directions on the package. Do not wash and wax your RV in direct sunlight.

Storing conditions are very important. Indoor storage is ideal. Alternatively, outdoor storage out of direct sunlight and away from tree and bird droppings is recommended. Various covers are available for RV accessory dealers. Avoid covers that trap moisture.

Keep it Repaired

Scratches are the most common damage an RV suffers. Many of these can be removed with rubbing compound, followed by wax. Major repairs should be referred to a professional.

Keep it Sealed

A water tight seal is necessary to maintain the integrity of the composite wall system. Follow RV manufacturers guidelines. Damage caused by moisture in the RV wall will void any warranty.

Restoring Gloss

Materials

- Mild detergent
- Soft cotton cloth
- Turtle Wax® Rubbing Compound Heavy Duty Cleaner
- Turtle Wax® Polishing Compound (for buffer use only)
- Mechanical buffer (optional)
- Turtle Wax® Super Hand Shell Car Wax Paste

Procedure

1. Wash the Crane Composites RV panel with a mild detergent and water.
 2. Dry the Crane Composites RV panel with a clean, soft cotton cloth.
 3. Apply heavy duty cleaner by following the directions on the container.
(If a buffer is available, substitute polishing compound for heavy duty cleaner and buff polishing compound lightly).
 4. Wash the Crane Composites RV panel with water and dry the surface.
 5. Apply car wax paste per directions.
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Filon Anti-Skid GripMaster Cleaning Procedure

Materials

- General wood deck cleaning solution
- Stiff brush
- Pressure washer with wide pattern, low pressure tip
- Rags

Procedure

1. Dilute deck cleaning solution with 10 parts water and apply using a stiff brush and circular motion.
2. Wash off the cleaning solution using the pressure washer with a wide pattern, low pressure tip.
3. Use rags to soak up excess water and allow to air dry.



Crane Composites sidewalls vary by model and it is difficult to determine which Crane Composites panel was used. Please contact your RV Manufacturing Warranty Department for more information on sidewall warranties.



**If You Have any Questions or Need Additional Assistance,
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