

## Trellis Systems Care & Maintenance

The protective chromium oxide film on the surface of stainless steel gives it superior corrosion resistance. Properly maintained stainless steel provides excellent luster, strength and durability. In most applications stainless steel won't rust or stain even after many years of service, but **stainless steel is NOT rust or stain proof**. When stainless comes in contact with chloride salts, sulfides or other rusting metals, it can discolor or even rust and corrode. With proper care and maintenance, however, stainless steel can remain beautiful and functional for years to come, even when it's exposed to marine environments, polluted surroundings, salted highways, or anywhere it might be exposed to corrosive elements.

- Clean stainless regularly with soap and warm water. Never clean with mineral acids or bleaches.
- Never leave stainless in contact with iron, steel or other metals. This can cause rust spots or corrosion.
- Always remove stains or rust spots as soon as possible with either soap and water or a brass, silver, stainless or chrome cleaner.
- Never use coarse abrasives like sandpaper or steel wool on stainless. Use synthetic Scotch pads instead.
- Periodically inspect cable assemblies for proper tension and re-tension as necessary. This is important.
- Color matched spray paint is available to touch-up any scratches on the frame. Always follow the painting instructions on the can.
- As necessary, clean the trellis frame with mild soap and water using a non-abrasive sponge or cloth. Be sure to wipe-up any bird droppings or sap drips as soon as possible to avoid possible staining or discoloration. Never use steel wool, sand paper, acid, bleach or other abrasive or caustic materials on your trellis as they may cause permanent damage to the finish.
- Periodically clean the stainless steel infill cables with mild soap and water using a synthetic Scotch type pad. Any cleaner safe for glass is usually safe for stainless; never use mineral acids or bleaches. Do not leave stainless in contact with iron, steel or other metals as this may cause staining or corrosion, and if stain spots do appear, be sure to clean them right away.
- Periodically check to see that all components and screw connections are tight and secure and re-tighten as needed.