



## CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

As a rule, stainless steel hardware and fittings are used to resist rust and corrosion, particularly in coastal areas. However, as for all quality products, maintaining a cleaning schedule is essential for maximum resistance to corrosion.

- Wipe over the shutters using a non-abrasive cloth or sponge with warm soapy water. A garden hose can be used applying the same principles.
- Concentrate on the areas where the stainless steel hardware is attached to the shutter.
- Remove any salt residue, tannin stains caused by trees and any other marks created.
- On completion of the cleaning process, spray a light film of silicone lubricant to any operational hardware such as the tracking system. Ensure these areas are fully dry prior to this application.
- Unless in a coastal area, we recommend cleaning your aluminium shutters on a routine basis every six months.

## COASTAL CLEANING SCHEDULE

For shutters installed in premises close to coastal or salt-water environments, the following cleaning time frames are recommended.

Corrosion Potential	Distance to Salt-water	Cleaning Schedule
Low	20 km radius	Every 6 months
Moderate	10 km radius	Every 3 months
High	1 km radius	Every 3 weeks
Extreme	500 m radius	Every week

## **TENSIONING**

If required, you can tension the drive blade.

Place a Phillips head screwdriver on the screw that attaches the control rod to the blade and tighten half a turn. Do this on a couple of blades, not all blades. Continue until desired tension is achieved.

Be careful not to over tension the drive blade as this is not covered under warranty.

<sup>\*</sup>Cleaning products with an alcohol-based solution may tarnish your shutters' powder coat finish and are best avoided.