

Tiger Striping

WHAT IS TIGER STRIPING?

Customers sometimes call rain gutter companies about dirty streaks on their rain gutter systems that will not easily wash off. The first assumption is usually that the paint has gone bad and turned a different color. This is not the case with Tiger Striping.

Naturally, pollution and dirt continuously build up on the top lip of the gutter. When moisture combines with these pollutants, it streams down the face of the gutter. Future precipitation will continuously follow this same path. Over time, the buildup becomes alternating light and dark streaks. This is generally referred to as "Tiger Striping" and is experienced by manufacturers of cars, trailers, motor homes, commercial architectural aluminum, metal roofing, siding and gutters.

Metal surfaces with baked on painted finishes require periodic cleaning. Industry guidelines state that regular maintenance is required to prevent the "normal buildup of soil deposits and oxide accumulations." The level of maintenance depends solely on the atmospheric conditions in a geographic region.

IS IT IN BREACH OF THE WARRANTY?

Senox Corporation would like to assure you that the paint underneath these deposits remains in good condition. Therefore, *tiger striping is not a failure or breach of warranty*, since environmental conditions are beyond individual control.



Tiger Striping on Gutters



Tiger Striping on a Trailer

HOW CAN IT BE MAINTAINED?

Simple cleaning procedures should be performed to reduce the buildup of these deposits. Tiger striping implies an already heavy buildup on the gutter system and will require a strong cleaning solution. Effective care and maintenance methods are listed on the reverse side and can also be found on the back of the paint warranty card. You may also find information on our website: www.senox.com.



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Care and Maintenance

Instructions . . .

The following simple cleaning procedures should be performed at least once a year or more often if necessary.

General Cleaning . . .

For surface soil and stains, such as those resulting from industrial fallout, tree sap, insecticides, or chimney fumes, use ordinary nonabrasive household detergent.

The solution should be applied to the soiled surface by means of a soft rag, sponge or soft bristle brush with a gentle rubbing action. **Do not rub vigorously so as to create glossy areas over the satin finish.** Soft bristle brushes equipped with long extension handles may be used to reach some of the higher areas.

It is important that immediately following all washing operations, the entire surface be thoroughly rinsed with fresh water from a garden hose.

Stubborn Stains . . .

If stubborn stains are encountered, use a heavy-duty cleaner such as "Fantastik." Heavy soil deposits may not be removable in one application and may require repeated cleaning over some length of time. **Do not use cleaners containing abrasive particles, ammonia, solvents or paint removers for cleaning. These materials may soften or remove the finish.**

Climatic Problems . . .

Climates vary considerably from one locality to the next. In some areas, mildew may be a problem. It appears as black spots on the surface dirt and is usually detected first on the undersides of the rain gutter. For removal, prepare the solution below and apply as outlined above.

1/3 cup detergent (Tide for example)

2/3 cup Trisodium Phosphate (Soilax for example)

1 quart 5% Sodium Hypochlorate solution (Clorox for example)

3 quarts water

Caution: Greater concentrations may cause damage to the finish.