

TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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REMOVAL OF LICHEN AND MOSS

Many areas of New Zealand are conducive to Lichen the spores of which are dispersed by the wind and can grow on the most inert of materials.

Wet, dark or shaded areas are particularly susceptible to growth.

As all Lichen and Mould retains moisture their removal is in the best interest of the roofing and cladding materials to ensure maximum durability.

Removal:

It is recommended that a mixture of 2% sodium hypochlorite and water be sprayed onto the affected areas.

Sodium Hypochlorite is found in common household bleaches such as Janola.

A 2% solution can be obtained by mixing 2 parts of bleach to 1 part of water.

Allow the area to soak for approximately an hour and then wash with clean fresh water and a soft nylon broom.

Proprietary cleaners such as Wet and Forget may be used, following the manufacturer's directions.

It is important to test a small unobtrusive area of roofing or cladding to ensure there are no adverse effects before cleaning large areas.

Take Note:

#1 Disconnect any downpipes during cleaning if the roof is used for the collection of drinking water

Downpipes should remain disconnected until the first rainfall has completely cleared any contaminants that may remain on the roof.

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