

Anti Graffiti Information

There is no single solution to the problem of graffiti on a rendered surface. Suggested initial contacts:

The Anti Graffiti Association, website: www.theaga.org.uk

This provides some useful information about both the removal of and protection against graffiti. It also contains a list of members, including several industrial companies who carry out these services or supply these products.

The local council

Some local councils are members of the Anti Graffiti Association. Local councils arrange for graffiti to be removed from council housing, and in some cases they may remove graffiti from a private house. For business premises it is the responsibility of the owner; however the local councils may be able to help out with a list of local contractors/suppliers etc.

Graffiti Removal

The graffiti is usually removed using a range of materials including chemicals, detergents, hot water, steam and power washing. The type of treatment may vary and be more or less successful depending on the paints used when creating the graffiti. Some chemicals and detergents may attack the render (particularly if the chemical is acidic) and very high power washers can strip render from the substrate. In all cases check with the service provider/supplier that their treatment would not attack the render before treatment begins.

Protection Against Graffiti

The protection is usually a coating applied to the surface and can be broadly categorised in two groups:

1) Permanent Coating: usually a resin based system to which paints etc have poorer adhesion, making it easier to clean them off. Some use specific graffiti removers which are compatible with the coating.

2) Sacrificial coating: designed to be removed (usually by steam or hot water) and any graffiti on the surface is removed with it. The surface is then given another coat of the sacrificial coat for further protection.

It is not known if these products are all compatible with our render. However both types of coating can change the appearance of the render, therefore it is best to check with the supplier of the coating about the suitability of the product and the final appearance of the coating surface following treatment.



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