

Your Hy-Lite product is made of high-quality acrylic blocks that under normal conditions require little maintenance. By following a few simple directions your Hy-Lite product will provide beauty and privacy for years to come.

In normal conditions, simply wash with a mild soap or detergent and lukewarm water, or a quality plastic cleaner. Use a clean sponge or soft cloth to avoid scratching and always rinse well with water. Furniture polish may be used after cleaning to add sparkle and to make future cleaning easier.

- **When selecting cleaning products, read the manufacturers' label to ensure that the product is safe for use on acrylic. Several popular cleaning products contain chemicals that will cause cracks in the acrylic blocks over time.**
- **Do not use tile cleaners, or abrasive cleaners.**
- **Do not use benzene, acetone, gasoline, or paint thinner.**
- **Do not use petroleum-based products.**
- **Avoid cleaning in hot sun or at elevated temperatures.**

***Hy-Lite cannot be held responsible for damage resulting from improper cleaning and maintenance. The use of cleaners unapproved for use on acrylic will void any Hy-Lite warranty.***

### **Job Site Precautions**

Your Hy-Lite product will arrive to the job site as a complete, factory assembled unit with a protective cover applied to both sides to protect it during the normal course of construction. *Leave this protective covering in place until all painting and finishing is complete.* New construction applications and renovations frequently require that glazing, surrounding sash and wall finish be cleaned of any excess mortar, paint, sealants, primers or other construction compounds. Only recommended cleaners should be used on Hy-Lite products. Contact with harsh solvents can result in surface degradation and crazing of the product. Do not use diesel fuel or other petroleum-based chemicals as a stucco release.

### **Removing Scratches**

Although Hy-Lite blocks are resistant to abrasions, occasionally they can become scratched. Removing scratches is fairly easy and is only a minor inconvenience.

#### **Very Light Scratches**

For very light scratches that are not very obvious, use a spray of furniture polish. Apply the polish to a soft cloth, then rub on the blocks. Instead of furniture polish, you may want to use Novus® Plastic Polish #1 Cleaner.

#### **Light Scratches**

For more noticeable scratches, use a standard acrylic polish, such as Novus Plastic Polish #2. Follow the directions provided with the polish.

#### **Heavy Scratches**

Removing heavy scratches requires an abrasive compound. Use a standard automotive buffing compound or Novus Plastic Polish #3. For best results, rub back and forth along the length of the scratch. Follow up with an automotive paste wax or Novus Plastic Polish #2.

#### **Extremely Heavy Scratches or Gouges**

Use a 600 grit wet 'n' dry sandpaper to level the scratch. For optimal results, keep the paper wet. If the gouge is extreme, you may want to start with a heavier grit sandpaper and follow-up with the 600 grit. Follow the sanding with an application of rubbing compound or Novus Plastic Polish #3. Next, rub the area with an automotive paint polish or Novus Plastic Polish #2. Finally, finish the area with either a furniture polish or Novus Plastic Polish #1.

**Novus Plastic Polish is available from Hy-Lite. Call Hy-Lite Customer Service to order.**