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General Care and Maintenance of Mirrors

These are guidelines for the care and maintenance of mirrors. Specialist advice is recommended for cleaning in particularly contaminated environments.

Installation Phase

- Prevent runoff from plaster, concrete, rust, excessive dust etc.
- Prevent pollution and spatters of paint etc.
- Prevent metal from welding or grinding from coming into contact with the glass. This kind of damage cannot be repaired.
- Do not use sealants, putties, oils, silicones etc. that leave streaks on the glass.
- Extra care should be taken not to expose the backing to any foreign materials.
- The mirror backing should be kept ventilated. This can be achieved using spring clips or mounting with screws and fibre washers.
- Walls must be sealed and given 48 hours to dry prior to installation of mirror.
- Where a mirror is direct-fixed ventilation must be adequate. Moisture collecting on tiles above will run down to top edge and corrode the mirror backing. Condensation on the mirror surface can also collect at the bottom edge.

Cleaning

- Make sure to use only cleaning materials that are free from debris and grit and avoid using a wiping action over any dirt debris on the face of the mirror.
- For general cleaning use only warm water and lint-free cloth.
- Spot cleaning can be done with methylated spirits but this must not come into contact with the backing of the mirror.
- Abrasive cleaners, powders and scourers should not be used on glass.



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