



TECHNICAL BULLETIN

SELECTSOUND® FF-BLACK ACOUSTIC BOARD & FF-BLANKET NEXT GENERATION CLEANING

SUMMARY

The cleaning of dust and contaminants from the black veil insulation surface of the Owens Corning SelectSound® FF-Black Acoustic Board and Blanket Next Generation products can be accomplished by three different methods as discussed below. At times, a combination of methods may be required.

CONTACT VACUUMING

A portable vacuum cleaner with high-efficiency particle arrestor (HEPA) filter is operated with its brush in contact with the black veil insulation surface to dislodge and remove dust or contaminants. Of the three methods discussed, contact vacuum cleaning is the least likely to damage fibrous glass insulation and the black veil surface.

AIR WASHING

Compressed air introduced to the black veil insulation surface can be used to loosen accumulated dust and contaminants, which are later picked up with a vacuum cleaner complete with the HEPA filter. Due to the dust and contaminants becoming airborne, personal protection equipment such as dust mask and eye protection must be used.

BRUSHING

Hand-held brushes can be used to loosen dust and contaminants, so these may be picked up with a vacuum cleaner or broom and dustpan. Use of this method requires a significant amount of care so as not to damage the black veil insulation surface. Similar to the Air Washing method, the dust will be somewhat airborne, and personal protection must be used such as dust mask and eye protection.

INSTRUCTIONS

For most small area localized water-based stains, a clean, absorbent cloth dampened with a detergent solution should be applied to the stain. Blot the fabric with the treated cloth, working from the outer edge of the stained area, moving inward. Rinse with clean water, and dry the black veil insulation surface as quickly as practical.

Oil-based stains may be treated in a similar manner, substituting a volatile solvent-based cleaner for the detergent solution. Always follow the manufacturer's recommendations for using such products, and always pretest an inconspicuous area of the surface to be cleaned for colorfastness to the cleaning agent.

Steam cleaning and other systems involving significant quantities of liquids are not recommended. Moisture remaining in the SelectSound® product could contribute to mold growth, odor concerns, and/or an acceleration of soiling.

Mold can grow anywhere there is moisture, the correct temperature, and a mold spore. In the event of mold growth, it is recommended to remove and replace the insulation. Similarly, any insulation that is odorous or wet without the potential to dry should be replaced.



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