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## Marley Rainwater Systems Maintenance Schedule

### MAINTENANCE

To ensure a Marley rainwater system maintains its performance and appearance:

- Regularly clear the inside of the spouting of leaves, silt, or other debris that can obstruct the flow of water and create additional load on the brackets and joints.
- Check brackets are intact, spaced a maximum of 500mm apart and spouting has even fall to the outlet (min 5mm per 10m) to avoid water ponding.
- Water overflow is often the result of outlet blockages so it is recommended they are clear of debris at all times. The use of a Marley outlet strainer (RWST) is recommended to prevent large debris from entering the downpipe.
- Expansion joiners are designed with an EDPM rubber seal creating water tightness between the two sliding parts of the fitting. Over time the lubricated rubber seal may lose its sliding capability and this can be resolved by unclipping the joiner, cleaning the seal and lubricating it with a silicone based lubricant before reassembling.
- To maintain the appearance of the system the exterior of the spouting can be washed at least once per year using warm soapy water and a soft bristled brush or cloth. Simply rinse off with clean water.

### PAINTING

When painting a Marley rainwater system, the surface should first be washed with water and detergent. Once the surface is clean and dry, use a mineral-based undercoat to etch the spouting, followed by two coats of either acrylic or mineral based top coat. Paint only after installation.

Marley does not recommend the use of touch-up paint for its range of coloured rainwater systems. Air drying touch-up paints have different weathering characteristics to co-extruded uPVC coloured systems. Over time, the touch up paint will fade at a different rate to the co-extruded uPVC coloured systems, producing an unacceptable aesthetic appearance.

Please take the following into consideration when assessing scratches and marks:

- If the scratches are obvious and visible from two metres away then the spouting, downpipe or fitting should be replaced.
- Minor surface scratches or marks become less noticeable as the external co-extruded layer weathers and are best left as they do not affect the long-term durability of the Marley uPVC spouting and downpipe system.
- Rough handling of the components before and during the installation should be avoided as repainting is not an option and replacement of the damaged components will be required.

### GUARANTEE

Marley New Zealand Limited guarantees the purchaser of Marley spouting or downpipe products against defects in material and manufacture for a period of 15 years from the original date of purchase. For Marley's comprehensive Guarantee document please visit [www.marley.co.nz](http://www.marley.co.nz)