Cleaning, Repairing and Restoring Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS) to Keep Structures Looking and Performing Like New
A small investment in routine maintenance can pay long-term dividends in performance. Inspect the building’s exterior annually and clean it thoroughly as needed. This will identify problems when they are small and will keep the building looking its best.

In over 50 years as the market leader in North America, Dryvit is proud to have been chosen to supply the exterior cladding on more than 550,000 structures.

The DryvitCARE program is designed specifically to take care of your EIFS-clad building. Over the years, your building may have had alterations, a change of primary use, or is just showing its age. This brochure contains the information needed to guide you in restoring your EIFS to its original condition — or to update its look using 21st-century finishes that may not have been available when your building was first built. Either way, you have many exciting options.

DryvitCARE™ enables building owners to understand the necessary steps that must be taken over time to keep an Exterior Insulation and Finish System (EIFS) looking and performing like new.

DryvitCARE offers tips for cleaning, repairing and restoring EIFS and ultimately, via the Platinum Warranty Program, the opportunity to obtain a new system warranty for existing buildings that are clad with a Dryvit Outsulation® system.
It is important to conduct a visual inspection of the building exterior and clean it as needed. This is particularly important if the building is close to a highway or in a damp climate, where there may be high levels of dirt, mildew, algae or other pollutants. These conditions will affect the frequency of cleaning.

Cleaning EIFS should be done by a skilled professional. The best way to clean EIFS is to use high water volume coupled with low water pressure and non-abrasive cleaners. Do not use caustic chemicals or abrasive cleaning techniques, which will permanently damage the finish. Refer to Dryvit’s cleaning guidelines [DS152 at www.dryvit.com] before cleaning.

During the inspection, you should also look for:
- Direct damage to the EIFS (e.g. cracks/holes)
- Worn, damaged, or cracked sealant around openings or expansion joints
- Damaged or deteriorated flashing
- Damage to other exterior wall components (e.g. windows or cast stone)

If these conditions, or any other damage to the building envelope are found, we recommend contacting Dryvit, who will provide the name of a professional contractor who can fully assess the conditions present, make necessary repairs and minimize any potential damage in the future.
REPLACING SEALANTS

Sealants and flashing play a significant part in the performance of the building envelope. Maintaining a weathertight seal around penetrations and at transitions helps ensure optimal protection for your building.

All building materials have a useful lifespan and will invariably wear with age.

Sealant is designed to move and flex with the building’s exterior, and as such it endures a great deal of stress. That movement deteriorates the sealant more rapidly than other rigid cladding components. Common evidence of failing sealant is cracking or loss of adhesion with contact surfaces. The sealant joints on a building should be inspected by a trained professional, and failed sealant should be removed and replaced. Leaks in joints also compromise the energy efficiency of the enclosure and can lead to interior damage.

Dryvit recommends the use of Tremco and Willseal commercial-grade, high-performance sealants — and any sealant replacement or repair should be performed by a professional contractor trained in their application.
One of the great benefits Dryvit offers building owners is a vast number of aesthetic finish options, which creates new beauty and helps restore the building exterior to peak performance. Whether choosing to revitalize a building’s exterior with any of our high-performance coatings, or to change its look entirely, Dryvit provides a range of materials fit for either purpose.

The next step in revitalizing EIFS is applying a Dryvit high-performance coating.

Dryvit’s Weatherlastic® Smooth elastomeric coating was tested by the Sealant, Waterproofing & Restoration Institute (SWRI), and has an elongation coefficient of 670% and is available in virtually any color.

Dryvit’s HDP™ Water-Repellent Coating has hydrophobic properties and is formulated to resist mold and mildew growth.

Your building’s cladding depends on more than just color. The use of high-performance products can insure your building performs for years.

Whether acrylics, hydrophobic or elastomeric coatings, Dryvit has the right solution for your building.
Greater energy efficiency and more modern architectural looks can be achieved by incorporating additional exterior insulation, decorative EPS shapes and finish options that may not have existed when your building was first constructed. This can usually be achieved with minimal disruption to daily business activities and little to no construction waste.

Dryvit offers textured, acrylic finishes that can completely modernize your building with the appearance of brick, limestone, granite, metal and more.

Overcladding can also maximize the thermal efficiency of the building: The original EIFS may have used only 3/4” of exterior insulation — And now as much as 4” of exterior insulation can be utilized, providing significant increases in R-value and energy efficiency.

Modernize your building with the look of:

- Brick
- Limestone
- Granite
- Metal
- Stucco
- Old-World Plaster
- Block
- Wood Panel
The DryvitCARE Platinum Warranty Program is the ultimate in DryvitCARE restoration and offers the owner of a Dryvit-clad building a unique opportunity.

The Platinum Warranty involves an independent, third-party building envelope consultant and results in a written prescription for your building’s exterior renewal. Each building will have different requirements, but the result is a new, transferable warranty for your Dryvit Outsulation system.

Ask us about this exciting program, or call Dryvit at 800.556.7752.

Pearl River Hilton (right) in Pearl River, NY was first constructed with Dryvit Outsulation in 1988. It underwent the DryvitCARE Program in 2006 and 2019—and was issued a renewed system warranty each time.
DRYVIT PROVEN PERFORMANCE

Dryvit’s commitment to total quality means that the program and finish you select will provide proven performance.

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WARRANTED

All Dryvit products are backed by a strong, written warranty. Contact Dryvit Systems, Inc. or your local Dryvit distributor for further details.

For more information on the DryvitCARE program and how it can help your building, call 1.800.556.7752, or email us at info@dryvit.com.