

# Care Instructions

**PLEASE READ!**

*Congratulations on your choice of MODULINE® Fencing. To get the best out of your fencing investment please read the following.*

## Care During Assembly and Installation

When cutting MODULINE® fencing components use a hacksaw, tinsnips, or a carbide tipped cut off blade. Be sure to wipe around the area you have just cut with a soft cloth to remove any swarf. **DO NOT USE** an angle grinder or abrasive cut-off blades. For detailed information on cutting see sheet G2.

After using the self-drilling tek screws to assemble or install fence panels, or after bolting your fence down onto concrete or deck, wipe around the screws or bolts with a dry rag to remove the swarf.

Swarf is the name for small iron filings produced when cutting or drilling into steel. These filings can be extremely hot and tend to cling to the painted surface. Unlike the fence which is all hot dip galvanised, the small pieces have no galvanised protection, and will eventually turn rusty, which will not harm the fence but does look unsightly.

When concreting your fence into the ground, allow any concrete splashes on the fence to dry, then wipe these off with a dry cloth. The splashes should be wiped off before the next day.

## Care After Installation

Your fence is totally hot dip galvanised under the baked on painted surface. The paint system is designed to have good colour retention and if you wash your fence once or twice a year with a nylon broom and soapy water, the fence will spruce up looking like new, and also give maximum life to the paint.

In coastal areas a capful of liquid wax in the water gives the fence added protection against salt deposits. Small rust stains caused by swarf can be removed with Liquid Ajax or similar.

MODULINE® fences can occasionally get marked in handling, transport, or assembly. These marks will not affect the life of your fence as the galvanising beneath the paint will protect the base metal, however you may want to attend to these marks cosmetically. Small 15ml touch-up bottles are available on request, using as little touch-up as possible is recommended.

**Touching-up with spray cans is NOT recommended due to different fade rates.**

Replacement fence caps are available from Moduline®.

## Information from NZ Steel

Minor surface scratches are best left alone. They become less noticeable as the coating weathers and do not affect the corrosion inhibiting properties of the material.

The use of sunscreen is an important step in keeping yourself protected from sun damage, however some components of modern sunscreens can have a detrimental effect on COLORSTEEL®. Prevent contact of the painted surface with sunscreens containing Titanium Oxide(TiO<sub>2</sub>) or Zinc Oxide (ZnO), otherwise known as nano particles.

**For more information, please contact Moduline® on 0800 997 799**