

## **OPERATION & MAINTENANCE MANUAL**

This document covers Contour, Ledge and Ascent Bespoke Fabricated Planters

### **Storage**

- Contour, Ledge and Ascent Bespoke Fabricated Planter products should be stored properly to avoid damage
- Planter face panels are shipped on pallets, which should be laid on a level surface, with nothing placed on top
- Prior to installation, product should be stored under cover and kept dry

### **Handling and Install**

- Care should be taken handling the product
- Full risk assessment of circumstances of job should be undertaken prior to installation
- Construction site debris (dust, dirt and sand) can pose a challenge to remove from planter face panels so should be kept to a minimum after installation

### **Cleaning**

- Periodic cleaning with mild soapy water and a very-soft plastic bristle brush or sponge will remove dust and keep planter face panels looking their best. Avoid abrasive natural fibre brushes

### **Safety**

- Suitable PPE should be worn when handling and installing (dust-mask, safety glasses and gloves should always be worn when using power drills or drilling holes for fixing into the structure below planters)

### **Protecting the product**

- Powder-coating provides a durable finish to planter face panels but measures must be taken to limit the chance of product getting scratched
- Ensure no exposed metal comes into contact with planter face panels
- **Do not cut, drill, grind, or otherwise abrade the surface of the planter;** these actions may breach the protective coating and expose the underlying steel to moisture and air, increasing the risk of corrosion.
- Any accidental damage or scratching should be promptly assessed and repaired using an appropriate touch-up system recommended by the manufacturer to restore the protective barrier. Failure to maintain the coating may void warranty coverage and reduce the service life of the product.

### **During Use**

- Planter face panels are steel products and like all metals, can become hot in consistently sun-exposed areas. During the Summer months - particularly in sheltered locations with little to no wind flow - users should be mindful and avoid touching surfaces.

### **Waste Disposal**

- Product is not considered hazardous waste. All waste products should be properly consigned in accordance with The Environmental Protection Act (1990) section 34 (Duty of Care) Special Waste Regulations 1996 and local legislation.
- If in any doubt you should contact your local office of the Environment Agency in England or the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency in Scotland