



## **Suspended Ceiling Systems Cleaning & Maintenance**

### **Cleaning:**

Ceiling grids, Auratone, Acoustone, Novatone and Sonatone Tiles

General cleaning of dust and loose dirt may be easily achieved using a soft brush, or vacuum cleaner fitted with a soft nozzle upholstery brush. Stains or surface soiling may be removed with a dampened cloth or sponge containing as little water as possible. Heavier soiling may be removed with a damp cloth or sponge that has been dipped in a very mild detergent solutions. It is recommended that a ½ to % solution (1 tablespoon per gallon of water) of non alkaline detergent should be used.

Sonatone tiles can be wet wiped and scrubbed on a regular basis without damage.

Panels should never be immersed or soaked in water. Abrasive cleaning materials and methods must not be used, particularly on grids.

Where soiling is widespread and severe, cleaning should be carried out by specialist contractors using proprietary methods and chemicals. It is strongly recommended that a trial area is cleaned first to ensure no detrimental effect on the ceiling panel or grid.

### **Re-decoration:**

Auratone, Acoustone, Novatone and Sonatone Tiles

When necessary, panels and tiles can be re-decorated by spray, brush or roller, using a 'non bridging' emulsion paint that will not clog fissures or perforations in the panel or tile face. This ensures little or no loss of acoustic performance. The paint used must not compromise the surface spread of flame classification for the panel or tile.

Panels or tiles should be removed from the grid, laid flat and thoroughly cleaned before application of paint. As little paint as possible should be used. Panels or tiles should remain flat until completely dry before being replaced in the grid.

Replacement is preferable to redecoration, however, when necessary grids can be re-decorated insitu, using an air drying polyester based paint.

Tiles must be removed from the grid prior to painting. Paint should be applied by spray using a steady sweeping motion applying the paint evenly to all components. The minimum amount of paint possible should be applied to prevent drips or patching. Grid must be completely dry before panels or tiles are replaced.

**Maintenance:**

When panels or tiles are removed from the ceiling to allow access to the void for maintenance, they should be stored flat in a clean secure area under ambient conditions, and protected to prevent damage until replacement.

When replacing panels or tiles, ensure that the tile is returned to the same orientation to ensure consistency of pattern and shade. USG panels and tiles are marked with a directional arrow on the back surface to assist.