CLEANING MOLD AND/OR MILDEW FROM RUBBER ROOFING

MATERIALS NEEDED: BUCKET OF WATER
                                  SPONGE
                                  MEDIUM BRISTLE BRUSH
                                  TILEX BATHROOM CLEANER

There are no ingredients in EPDM rubber roofing that will promote the growth of mold and/or mildew. Atmospheric dirt, shade, sun, humidity and moisture are some of the contributing factors that form mold and/or mildew. Regular cleaning of your rubber roof will help prevent mold and/or mildew from forming on the EPDM roof. Dicor recommends that you wash your roof an average of 3-4 times a year using a non-abrasive cleaner and a medium plastic bristle brush.

Mold and/or mildew on your EPDM roof is simply a parasite that attaches itself to the roof and grows – similar to bathroom mold that grows in your shower. It does not attack the membrane but is unsightly and if allowed to grow will discolor the roof completely and may become a stain that cannot be removed.

Please note, the removal of mold and/or mildew is not a job to be rushed.

Tilex is a bathroom cleaner that can be purchased at many grocery stores or discounts stores. Tilex contains strong chemicals. The label on the bottle will indicate that the Tilex should not come in contact with painted or aluminum surfaces. If it drips over the sidewalls or comes in contact with painted or aluminum surfaces, wipe immediately with a damp sponge.

WORK WITH A SMALL AREA in order to maintain the control. Spray a small area approximately 2' x 2' with the Tilex. Allow the Tilex to remain on the roof for 3-10 minutes per area. Scrub the area with the medium bristle brush. After scrubbing, wipe with a damp cloth.

When finished with whatever time frame you intend to spend on the roof (whether you do the entire roof or just a portion) rinse the roof thoroughly with a garden hose. **BE SURE TO RINSE WINDOWS AND SIDEWALLS ALSO.**

Most often, one application is all that is needed to alleviate the problem. Depending on the amount of mold and/or mildew and the length of time growing, more than one application may be necessary.