



HYDE PARK MOULDINGS

Architectural and Ornamental Plaster

Est. 1962

PRECAST PLASTER MOULDINGS: CARE & MAINTENANCE

1. Gypsum plaster is an inert material and is not susceptible to expansion/contraction or cracking due to seasonal temperature/humidity changes.
2. If damage is observed in the form of small chips and/or cracks, they can usually be attributed to physical impact or substrate movement.
3. All surfaces should have been prepared prior to Moulding Installation in accordance with the contract documents.
4. Your painting contractor should have done light sanding as needed and removed all dust and debris prior to painting.
5. Plaster Mouldings must be painted. We recommend using (1-2) coats of oil-based or shellac-based primer and (2) coats of good quality finish paint, of any formulation preferred.
6. Once installed and painted, Plaster Moulding will need little to no regular maintenance.
7. All surfaces can be dusted or wiped with a dry or slightly damp cloth.
8. We recommend against the use of chemical cleaning agents. If necessary, a mild soap can be applied to a slightly damp cloth and used to clean the surface of the Moulding.
9. Should any small cracks or chips be observed, please follow these **Instructions for the Repair of Plaster Mouldings:**
 - A. The adjacent areas should be clean and free of dust before repairs are made.
 - B. Take a small knife and cut into the crack from both sides. Ideally, you will cut it to its point of origin without cutting through to the back of the

piece. Your objective is to create enough space for the patching plaster to have a good grip – and – to remove any loose plaster.

- C. Wet the affected area with water from a spray bottle or brush.
 - D. Mix a small portion of Moulding plaster. Optionally, you can add cellulose glue to the water to extend the working time of the plaster.
 - E. The consistency of your plaster mix should resemble heavy whipping cream.
 - F. Wait a moment until the plaster mix begins to thicken just a tad.
 - G. Apply plaster to the crack with a flat, flexible metal or rubber tool of your choosing.
 - H. As plaster begins to set, scrape away any excess. Plaster should not be proud of the surface of your Moulding.
 - I. Steps C-H must be repeated as many times as required to achieve a smooth, sound surface.
 - J. Allow plaster to set for approx. 10 minutes between patches.
 - K. If done properly, the surface should require only a light sanding to prepare it for painting.
 - L. The painter must be sure that the plaster repair is fully dry before any painting takes place.
 - M. Once repairs are completed, the new plaster should have at least one coat of primer and two coats of finish paint.
10. Should a large crack appear in the Mouldings, a review of the plaster shop drawings and an on-site review are recommended. It would be important to understand any substrate issues before repairs are made.
11. If there are any questions or any repairs are needed you may contact us directly at 631-752-7837 or ron@hyde-park.com

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