

B.5 STORING POLYSTEEL FORMS

Always keep your PolySteel Forms wrapped and stacked together until you are ready to use them so that the wind will not blow the lightweight units around. It is also much easier to haul the forms to the jobsite while they are still bundled together.



If you are storing PolySteel for more than several weeks it is preferable to store them under cover. Otherwise the sun's UV rays may oxidize the forms and turn them from a bright white to a dingy yellow color. Storing them under roof is best, however, you can cover your bundles of PolySteel with a tarp or other type of opaque material. Just be sure to tie down the tarp securely to keep the wind from getting under it.

If you are unable to keep the forms covered, and they become discolored, it is not a serious problem. After they have been installed and filled with concrete, it is relatively easy to brush off the yellow oxidation with a stiff broom and then rinse the residue away with a garden hose. You may also use a power-washer to achieve the same result. You must, in any event, remove this yellow oxidation if you will be gluing or bonding wall finishes to the forms, as it will interfere with the bonding process. To test for oxidation, rub one hand across a form and if your hand is covered with a chalk powder you must clean the forms before bonding anything, such as stucco, waterproofing, etc., to them.