RAINWATER SOLUTIONS



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Water overflow in domestic rainwater systems

Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and its Regulations, all building work must be carried out in accordance with the Building Code of Australia (BCA). In addition to referring to Australian Standards AS/NZS 3500.3 (2003), and AS/NZS 3500.5 (2000), the BCA also contains requirements for the disposal of surface water in Volume One, in Performance Requirements FP1.2 and FP1.3, and in Volume Two, in Part 3.5.2, namely, Performance Requirements P2.2.1 and Clauses 3.5.2.1 and 3.5.2.4.

The most common means to satisfy these requirements for roof drainage (ie. guttering) installations is via compliance with the National Plumbing and Drainage Code AS/NZS 3500.3: 2003.

Furthermore, in each state and territory it is necessary to satisfy the relevant regulation. For example, the NSW Code of Practice for Plumbing and Drainage (2006) adopts AS/NZS 3500.3: 2003 and associated amendments. (Further information is available at www.deus.nsw.gov.au/water/plumbing.asp).

In the design and detailing of a roof drainage system consideration must be given to a range of the factors such as rainfall intensity, roof catchment area, gutter size/capacity, gutter fall, gutter outlets (sumps, rain-heads, nozzles), downpipe size, quantity and placement, overflow consideration, material selection, jointing, etc.

It is the responsibility of designers and installers of roof drainage systems to ensure compliance with these requirements.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON OVERFLOW MEASURES

For residential roof drainage systems, high fronted gutters are a popular aesthetic choice to hide the lower edge of tiles or roof cladding. Where high-fronted gutters are installed, the BCA (and AS/NZS 3500.3) requires that provision must be made to avoid any overflow back into the roof or building structure.

Some simple overflow control methods that can be employed on high fronted gutters are listed below. It is important to note that it may be necessary to use more than one of these measures to achieve the necessary result:

A) Methods related to the design and installation of roof drainage systems:

- Slotted front of gutter simple and popular choice which allows for water overflow through the slots visible on the front face of the gutter;
- Specifically located non-continuous overflows as permitted in the BCA i.e.:
 - Inverted downpipe drop/pop at high points in the gutter but set at a level below the fascia top,
 - Stop ends cut down to a lower level to act as a weir (stop end weirs could be hidden at the high point of the gutter and designed as part of an expansion joint),
 - Rain-heads with overflow weir,
 - Holes, slot, or weir at downpipes;
 - Gap between the fascia and the gutter back a packer is inserted between the gutter back and the fascia; or

Any of a number of other proprietary systems and trade solutions.

B) Methods related to alternative building designs methods:

- Unlined eaves eliminates the issue where the house design
- Gutter installed such that the gutter front is fully and sufficiently below the top of the fascia (freeboarding).
- Design for a higher rainfall intensity, as used for internal box gutters.
- Back flashing where gutter support brackets allow back flashing installation (e.g. external brackets).

The following illustrations show some typical continuous and noncontinuous overflow measures that may be used in combination with each other or with other overflow measures to meet the necessary requirements.

Please note that non-continuous measures may become blocked anywhere along their length, so non-continuous overflow measures may not be sufficient to prevent water from flowing back into a building.

Slotted gutters may also provide an overflow measure, however slots must be of sufficient size. For this reason, slots alone may not be a sufficient overflow measure in all circumstances. When designing a roof drainage system with slotted gutter, consideration should be given to additional overflow measures.



Typical overflow from slotted gutter.
(Gutter shown is not available in all areas).

DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF DOMESTIC ROOF DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

The detailing and sizing of the selected overflow method/s is normally completed by the designer/installer, but must be adequate for the situation and must meet the relevant performance requirements of the BCA and Australian Standards, including the requirements noted above.

While there may be some variations from state to state, contractors who install guttering systems are generally required to hold an appropriate licence. In NSW, for example, a licence in the category of Builder, Plumber or Roof Plumber issued by the Office of Fair Trading is required and it is an offence to undertake this work without an appropriate licence. The work is required to comply with the appropriate codes and standards.

Statutory warranties normally apply and consumers have a right to lodge a complaint and have it dealt with by the appropriate authority. In NSW, for example, the statutory warranty is 7 years under the Home Building Act.

In the installation of the roof drainage system, particular focus should be given to the following;

- Attention to the use of compatible materials for drainage system components, leaf-guard type system components and compatible fasteners/sealants to connect and seal the components.
- The position of the gutter in relation to the fascia (particularly, whether there is a gap between the fascia and the gutter back and whether the gutter front is below the top of the fascia).
- Installation of the specified gutter and downpipes, ensuring that downpipes are installed in the correct locations and numbers.
- Gutter fall, ensuring sufficient fall and that it is in the direction of the downpipes.
- Overflow has been considered and specific details are installed where required as described above (such as when the gutter front is higher than the top of the fascia).

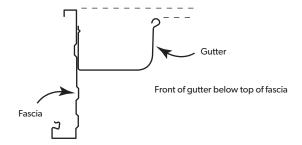
During the installation all debris and loose waste materials (swarf, fasteners, etc) must be cleaned off at the end of each day and at the completion of the installation to prevent blockages of the drainage system or deterioration of the individual components. Any protective films should also be removed as part of the installation process.

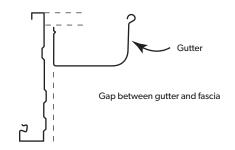
MAINTENANCE OF DOMESTIC ROOF DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

In the longer term, the ability of a roof drainage system to handle overflow will also depend on the regular cleaning of the system. For example the removal of plant or animal matter (leaves, fungal growth, dropping, nests, etc.) and debris from gutters, leaf-guard type systems and the gutter overflow devices to ensure free drainage of water.

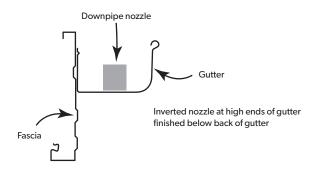
To ensure the long life of the roof drainage system, the maintenance requirements of the roof drainage system should be forwarded to the occupier/owner of the building and should be fulfilled. Adequate maintenance is a requirement of rainwater goods warranties.

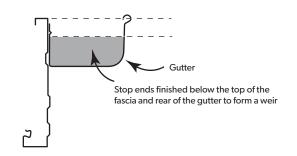
Continuous (full length) overflow measures





Non-continuous (specifically located) overflow measures





Information on designing a perimeter drainage system for a domestic roof

Roof drainage systems can be affected by a number of variables and must be designed and detailed by a suitably qualified trade or professional. The design of roof drainage aims to protect people, property and the building. The designed drainage system must be installed under the supervision of a qualified trade or professional. The steps of the design process are illustrated below.

- 1. Determine average recurrence interval (ARI).
- 2. Obtain rainfall intensity of site.
- 3. Work out roof dimensions.
- 4. Determined catchment area with slope.
- 5. Determine area for proposed eaves gutter.
- 6. Determine catchment area per downpipe.
- 7. Determine number of downpipes required.
- 8. Determine location of downpipes and high points.
- 9. Check catchment area for each downpipe.
- 10. Determine downpipe size.
- 11. Determine overflow measures.

Table 1

Design rainfall intensities adapted from AS 2180:1986.

	For overflow of gutters once in 20 years mm/hr	For overflow of gutters once in 100 years mm/hr
ACT		
Canberra	137	194
New South Wales		
Albury	135	191
Armidale	154	219
Batemans Bay	211	279
Bathurst	143	197
Broken Hill	130	181
Coff Harbour	232	293
Cooma	129	183
Coonabarabran	178	247
Dubbo	159	221
Forbes	151	209
Glen Innes	159	219
Gosford	189	240
Goulburn	145	197
Inverell	179	251
Lismore	219	278
Mittagong	175	227
Muswellbrook	141	195
Newcastle	181	233
Nowra	219	280
Penrith	166	220
Port Macquarie	223	290
Sydney	214	273
Taree	190	241
Tweed Heads	245	303
Wollongong	233	294

DESIGN PROCEDURE

The steps in the design process are for a perimeter drainage system using the standard roll-formed rainwater products (gutters) installed at the building eaves. Drainage systems for larger roofs use box gutters at the perimeter and internally. Box gutter systems are thoroughly treated in AS/NZS 3500.3.2003 and HB114:1998.

Install gutters with a suitable fall to avoid ponding and to allow water to easily flow away. Steeper falls are preferred for prolonged life of the gutter. Refer to the BCA and the Australian Standards for guidance. Eaves gutters must have a gradient of 1:500 or steeper.

- Decide on the average recurrence interval (ARI). Where significant inconvenience or injury to people, or damage to property (including contents of a building), is unlikely (typical of an eaves-gutter system) a minimum ARI can be 20 years. If these conditions are likely (typical of box gutters) 100 years is recommended.
- 2. Determine rainfall intensity for the site from Table 1. More data are in AS/NZS 3500.3:2003.
- 3. Sketch a roof plan showing dimensions in plan view, pitch of roof, layout of ridges and valleys and large roof penetrations.
- 4. Calculate the catchment area of the roof from the plan. To allow for the slope of the roof, increase the plan area by 1% for every degree of pitch up to 36°. For pitches over 36° refer to AS 3500.3: 2003.
- 5. Get the effective cross-sectional area of the gutter you intend to use from Table 2.
- 6. Using the cross-sectional area of the gutter on the graph in Figure 1, determine the catchment area per downpipe.
- 7. Calculate (as a first test) the minimum number of downpipes required for the selected gutter using the equation:

Number of downpipes (min.) $= \frac{\text{Total catchment area of the roof}}{\text{Catchment area (determined in 6)}}$

Round the number of downpipes up to the next whole number.

- 8. On the plan, select locations for the downpipes and the high points in the gutters. Where practical, the catchments for each downpipe should be about equal in area.

 When selecting the location of high points and downpipes, consideration should also be given to proximity to high concentrations of water flow (e.g. valley gutters, diversions around large roof penetrations, dormers, etc). More guidance is given in AS/NZS 3500.3:2003, HB114:1998 and BCA.

 Calculate the area of each catchment for each downpipe.
- 9. With the area of your eaves gutter, check that the catchment area for each downpipe, calculated in Step 8, is equal to or less than the catchment area shown by the graph.

 If a catchment area is too big then you can:
 - Increase the number of downpipes;
 - Reposition the downpipes and/or the high points;
 - Choose a gutter with bigger effective cross-sectional area, then repeat the above from Step 6.
- 10. Decide on the downpipe size. Recommendations in AS/NZS 3500.3:2003 on downpipe sizes. As an approximate guide, the area of round pipes should be equal to the area of the gutter, whilst the area of square or rectangular pipes may be 20% smaller (Table 2).

11. Consider measures to counter potential overflow of gutters into the building (see pages 2 and 3). Consideration of overflow at high concentrations of water flow may need to be given. Guidance on this matter is given in NSW Dept of Fair Trading bulletin FTB40 (January 2009).

Overflow capacity of slots in the LYSAGHT® gutters are provided in Table 3.

Table 2

LYSAGHT® gutter areas and downpipes.

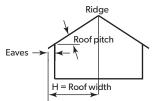
Minimum standard downpipe sizes to su	uit
gutters (gutter gradient ≥ 1:500)	

		gutters (gutter gradient ≥ 1:500)		
	Slotted	Effective # cross section	Round (diameter)	Rectangular or square
	yes/no	mm ²	mm	mm
Quad Hi-front	yes	5225	90	100x50
	no	5809	90	100x50
Quad Lo-front	no	6165	90	100x50
SHEERLINE®	yes	7600	100	100x75
	no	8370	§	100x75
TRIMLINE®	yes	6244	90	100x50
	no	7800	100	100x75
150 Half Round	yes	4675	90	100x50
	no	7042	100	100x75
150 Half Round Flat Back	yes	4602	90	100x50
	no	6914	100	100x75
Half Round 100	no	4300	75	100x50*
Half Round 125	no	6300	90	100x50*
Half Round 150	no	9200	§	100x75*
Half Round 200	no	14500	§	§
Half Round 250	no	24500	§	§
Half Round 300	no	35300	§	§
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[#] Values calculated in accordance with AS/NZS 2179.1:1994.

SINGLE SLOPE ROOF

Ridge Roof pitch Eaves → H = Roof width



HIP OR GABLE ROOF

Table 3

LYSAGHT® gutter slot overflow capability.

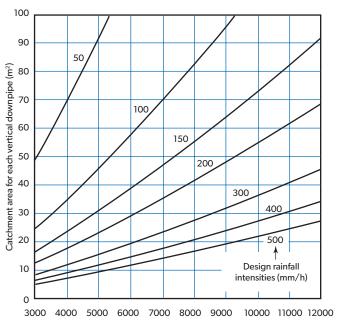
Rainfall Intensity	Rigid-fix		Flexiblefix	
	Catchment area	Domestic 22.5° pitched roof width "h"	Catchment area	Domestic 22.5° pitched roof width "h"
mm/hr	m ² perm run of gutter	m	m² perm run of gutter	m
100	8.3	6.9	14.3	11.9
150	5.5	4.6	9.5	7.9
200	4.2	3.4	7.1	5.9
250	3.3	2.8	5.7	4.7
300	2.8	2.3	4.8	4.0
350	2.4	2.0	4.1	3.4
400	2.1	1.7	3.6	3.0

Notes:

- 1. Check with your local service centre for the availability of slots.
- 2. Slot overflow is based on test results.
- 3. The slot capacity is conservative and can be used for all gutters produced in NSW.
- 4. Flexible-fix refers to long straight runs of gutters. Rigid-fix refers to short length of gutters that are rigidly held in place by corners, downpipes, and the like.

Figure 1

Cross-sectional area of eaves gutters required for various roof catchment areas (where gradient of gutter is 1:500 and steeper). (Adapted from AS 3500.3:2003).

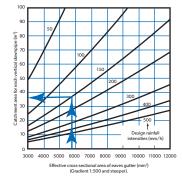


Effective cross-sectional area of eaves gutter (mm²) (Gradient 1:500 and steeper).

EXAMPLE

Find the minimum catchment area for each downpipe on a house in Forbes using Quad Hi-front gutter.

Using the gutter cross sectional area taken from Table 2 (shown across the bottom of the graph) draw a line upwards until it intersects with the Design rainfall intensity (Table 1). Draw a line at 90° to determine the catchment area for each downpipe.



Design rainfall intensity = 151 (Table 1) Gutter area = 5804 (Table 2)

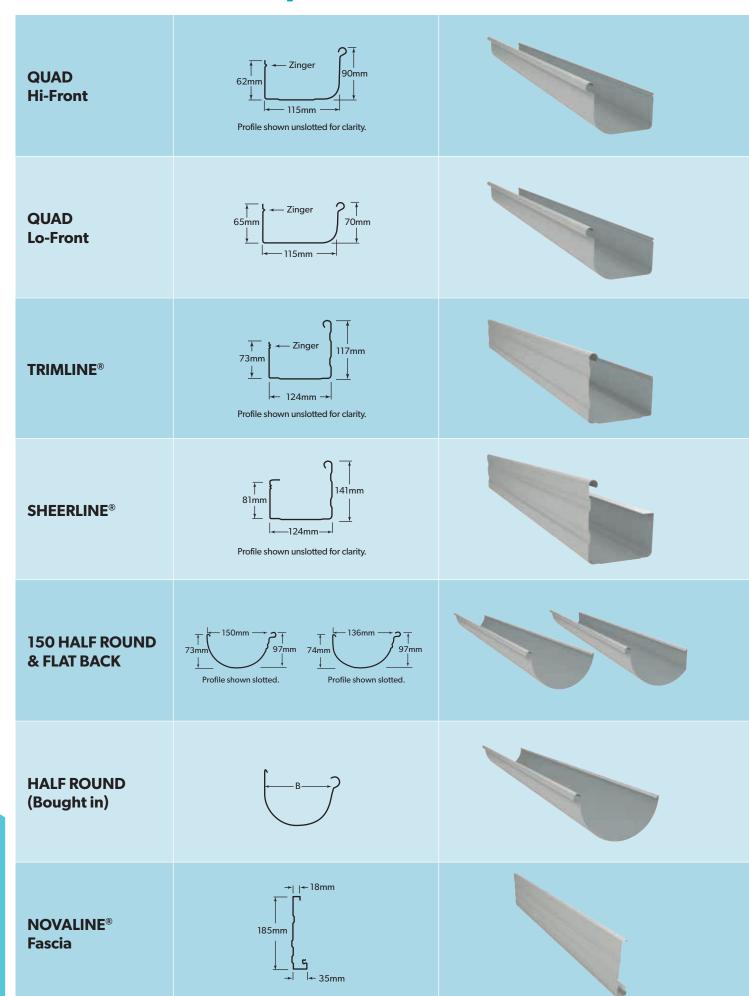
SOLUTION (From Figure 1)

Catchment area for each downpipe = 37m²

[§] Non standard downpipe and nozzle/pop is required.

^{*} Non standard nozzle/pop is required to suit rectangular downpipe.

LYSAGHT® GUTTERS, FASCIA AND ACCESSORIES



LYSAGHT® quality gutters and fascia are available in unpainted ZINCALUME® steel and in a range of COLORBOND® steel pre-painted colours to match or contrast your roof. All accessories shown below are manufactured with compatible materials. Visible accessories are available plain or coloured to match the gutter and fascia.

- Classic design that is the leading choice in new homes
- The high front design obscures the roofline for a more attractive finish
- Compatible with NOVALINE® Fascia System for quick, easy attachment to the building
- Available with optional slotting to allow overflow in conjunction with additional overflow measures, where necessary
- Suitable for steel or tile roofs

ACCESSORIES



Internal bracket







also available



External corners 90° and 45° Plain & coloured also available



- Traditional design that is suitable for new homes or to match existing gutters
- Popular as a replacement gutter
- Compatible with NOVALINE® Fascia System for quick, easy attachment to the building
- Suitable for steel or tile roofs

ACCESSORIES



Internal bracket





Overstrap

- Slim, elegant square gutter particularly suited to domestic applications that is fast and simple to install
- Concealed fixing offers clean, attractive 'trim' lines
- Compatible with NOVALINE® Fascia System for quick, easy attachment to the building
- Available with optional slotting to allow overflow in conjunction with additional overflow measures, where necessary
- Suitable for steel or tile roofs

ACCESSORIES







Overstrap ZINCALUME®



end stop (pair) ZINCALUME® & COLORBOND®

- · Popular for home improvement projects like patios, pergolas and sheds and for use with high profile roofing laid at low pitches or traditional domestic roofs requiring large water carrying capacity
- Concealed fixing offers clean and seamless finish
- SHEERLINE® capping available for trimming roof edges
- Available with optional slotting to allow overflow in conjunction with additional overflow measures, where necessary

ACCESSORIES



General purpose ZINCALUME⁶



Universal autter clip (SGCI) ZINCALUME®



External end stop (pair) ZINCALUME® & COLORBOND®



Internal end stop (pair) ZINCALUME® & COLORBOND®



Capping
ZINCALUME® & COLORBOND®

- Large water carrying capacity for high rainfall areas and large roof sizes
- Curved base provides improved self-cleaning and minimises build-up of water and dirt
- A complete range of accessories are available
- Flat Back gutter offers concealed fixing for clean and seamless finish
- Available with optional slotting to allow overflow

ACCESSORIES



A4 bracket



Fascia A1 bracket Plain & coloured



End stop (pair)

ACCESSORIES

- Large water carrying capacity for high rainfall areas and large roof sizes
- Heavy duty brackets available
- Dimensions (Nominal diameter) B=100mm, 125mm, 150mm, 200mm, 250mm, 300mm



A4 bracket Plain & coloured



A1 bracket



End stop (pair) Plain & coloured

ACCESSORIES



- NOVALINE® Fascia Cover can be used as a quick fix over existing timber fascia
- Extensive range of accessories

• Perfect with Quad and TRIMLINE® gutters



Plain

Spring clip Internal splice plate



Internal and external corner 90° and 45°



cover cap 90°



left and right Plain &







Hip rafter bracket

DOWNPIPES & ACCESSORIES

Completing your rainwater system



Finish your roof with the distinctive style of the LYSAGHT® downpipes and accessories. These downpipes and accessories are compatible with the NOVALINE® Fascia System, and with a wide range of gutters.

All LYSAGHT® downpipes and accessories are made from galvanised or ZINCALUME® steel, which means they are strong and made to last.

Most downpipes and accessories are available in unpainted ZINCALUME®steel and a range of COLORBOND® steel colours to

match or contrast with your roof. They are compatible with steel and tile roofs.

A wide range of rectangular, square and round downpipes available to complement all building styles. Some dimensions and availability may vary slightly from region to region.

DOWNPIPES



Rectangular or square 100x50 100x75 100x100

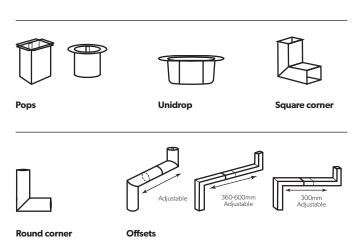


Round 75 90 100

DOWNPIPE ACCESSORIES



Astragal/brackets



TRADEWORK & FLASHINGS

Made to order to your specifications

Refer to the NSW price list for the full range of tradework and flashing products available. Ask your technical sales representative for details.

To order your rainwater head or other trade item, supply detailed drawings or template showing front and side elevations with dimensions and we can manufacture for you. Some standard

shapes and dimensions are available. For the rainwater heads, the outlet holes and nozzles are not included.

The selection, design, sizing and overflow method should be specified by a suitably qualified trade or professional in accordance with BCA and Australian standards.

TRADEWORK



LYSAGHT® standard rainwater heads

390 W x 300 H x 250 D



Tapered rainwater heads

(downpipe outlet not included) Small: 380 x 175 x 200 mm Large: 450 x 250 x 250 mm Or to your dimensioned drawing.









Ridge capping

Barge roll

Valley flashing







Roll top ridge capping

Apron flashing

Barge gutter







Barge capping

custom flashing

Box gutter custom flashing

Custom made square rainwater heads

(downpipe outlet not included) To your dimensioned drawing.



Custom made round rainwater heads

To your dimensioned drawing.



Corner OGEE® rainwater head

To your dimensioned drawing.



OGEE® rainwater head

Small: 310 x 200 mm Large: 400 x 250 mm Or to your dimensioned drawing.



COLORBOND® steel

COLORBOND® Ultra steel

COLORBOND® Metallic steel

ZINCALUME® steel

Galvanised steel



Chinaman's hat

Standard or made to order to your dimensioned drawing. Sizes from 150-400mm.



Sump. trav

To your dimensioned drawing.

OTHER PRODUCTS

Other rainwater system products are available. Refer to the NSW price book for full details.



NOVALINE® fascia cover

SHFFRI INF® capping



Overflows

To your dimensioned drawing.



Spreaders

To your dimensioned drawing.

MATERIALS FOR TRADEWORK

COLORBOND® steel GALVABOND® steel

COLORBOND® Ultra steel Stainless steel 304-2B, 316-2B

COLORBOND® Metallic steel

ZINCALUME® steel

INSTALLATION ADVICE

Get it right first time with LYSAGHT® products



BRACKET SPACING

When the gutters are attached to NOVALINE® fascia, then the gutter bracket spacing should mirror the spacing of the NOVALINE® brackets (i.e. 600mm & 1200mm), and the gutter brackets should be adjacent to the NOVALINE® brackets.

However, when the gutters are fixed to other fascias then the weight of the water carried by the gutter should determine spacing required - however spacing should not exceed 1200mm maximum.

FALL

Install gutters with a suitable fall to avoid ponding and to allow water to easily flow away. Steeper falls are preferred for prolonged life of the gutter. Refer to the BCA and the Australian Standards for guidance.

METAL & TIMBER COMPATIBILITY

Lead, copper, bare steel and green or some chemically-treated timber are not compatible with this product; thus don't allow any contact of the product with those materials, nor discharge of rainwater from them onto the product. If there are doubts about the compatibility of other products being used, ask for advice from our information line.

ROOF DRAINAGE SYSTEM DESIGN

Roof drainage systems should be designed and detailed by a suitably qualified trade or professional in accordance with the BCA and the Australian Standards. Particular reference should be made to the correct sizing of gutter; quantity and placement of downpipes; and the provision of appropriate overflow devices. (Page 2-3).

ADVERSE CONDITIONS

If these products are to be used within 1km of marine, severe industrial, or unusually corrosive environments, ask for advice from our information line.

INSTALLATION ADVICE

The roof drainage system should be installed using good trade practices and by a certified installer.

For sealed joints use screws or rivets and neutral-cure silicone sealant branded as suitable for use with galvanised or COLORBOND®/ZINCALUME® steel.

CLEAN UP

Remove all plastic cover strips from product and dispose of correctly.

Sweep all metallic swarf and other debris from roof areas, gutters, downpipes, overflow devices and all other roof drainage components, at the end of each day and at the completion of the installation.

GUTTER MAINTENANCE

The roof drainage system (gutter, downpipes, overflow devices and all other components) must be cleaned out on a regular basis.

GUTTER MAINTENANCE

Getting the most from LYSAGHT®products



1) A typical suburban gutter clogged with leaf litter prior to cleaning.



2) Wear correct protection when clearing leaves and twigs.



3) When litter is removed, the layer of hardened dirt is revealed below.



4) Rinse the gutter with water to soften and break up the dirt.



5) Use a soft bristle brush and sweep the dirt out. Rinse again.



6) When the gutter has been cleaned, it should look like this.

CLEANING GUTTERS

Twigs, dust, leaves and fungal matter (debris) should be removed regularly from gutters - as failure to do so voids your warranty.

- Sweep debris into a pile using a stiff, soft bristled brush (shovels or hard tools should not be used).
- The whole roof and gutter should then be washed down with a hose, including high ends of gutters (possibly protected by overhangs), rain heads, water spouts and overflow locations.

A well maintained gutter/downpipe will make your rainwater system provide years and years of trouble-free service.

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