



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SURFACE CARE OF HIGH PRESSURE DECORATIVE LAMINATES

All laminates used in production of our fabricated surfaces meet international standards EN 438 and ISO 4586/1, offering assured resistance to impact, scratching and surface wear, colour fade and normal household stains.

Decorative laminates are easily maintained by cleaning with a cloth dipped in water and mild detergent. More stubborn stains may be removed by the use of a non-abrasive cleaner. Harsh scouring powders should be avoided.

Certain substances such as fruit juices, bleaches and strong mineral acids should be wiped off immediately, otherwise they may leave a mark. The surface of laminate is impervious to water, but any spillage of moisture should not be allowed to seep between joints as the adhesive or substrate may be affected.

CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

Type of Stain	Method of Cleaning
<i>Slight stains:</i> Light staining, dust	Wipe with a dry damp cloth
<i>Normal stains:</i> Dirt, soil, oil, fat, finger marks, rust, juice, lime deposits, coffee, tea, blood, wax, etc.	Wipe with a cloth dipped in water and mild detergent.
<i>Resistant stains:</i> Discolouration through long exposure to fruit juice, tea, coffee etc.	Clean with washing powder or bleach. N.B. DO NOT USE TOO OFTEN.

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Resistant stains:

Lead pencil, ball point pens, felt tip pens, Remove with an organic solvent such as acetone

Crayons, wax, shoe polish, lipstick, nicotine. methylated spirits, benzene, perchloethylene or nail varnish remover.
SEE MANUFACTURERS INSTRUCTIONS.

Paint, varnishes and adhesives Remove with water or organic solvent depending on product base.
NB: REMOVE TWO COMPONENT PAINTS AND ADHESIVES IMMEDIATELY.

Melamine, urea resin and phenolic resin. Remove immediately. Do not allow to harden.

Polish

Polish should not be applied to the surface, since It can lead to smearing and marking, particularly on horozontal surfaces.

Heat

Although high pressure laminates are tested to a temperature of 180degC, care should be taken to avoid prolonged exposure to high temperatures. Objects such as oven hot pans and dishes should not be taken from direct heat and placed directly on the laminate.

This information will assist in ensuring that high pressure decorative laminate will give good service for many years.

Scratching

Scraping with sharp edges should be avoided and objects with rough or uneven bases can cause scratches if allowed to slide across the surface. Food should not be chopped on a working surface. Use of a chopping board will prevent permanent damage.

Wood Veneers

Cleaning with dry or damp cloth only, furniture polishes are unnecessary. Surface staining may occur if hot cups are placed directly on surface, use place mats or similar.