

# LAMINEX®

## FACTSHEET – CARE & MAINTENANCE

For general care and maintenance, simply wipe away most spills or marks with a damp cloth, or use an all purpose cleaner such as Windex spray cleaner or Ajax Spray n Wipe. Rubbing gently with a clean, dry cloth brings back the brightness of laminates. With a few sensible precautions, your Laminex® laminate surface will enjoy a long lifespan.

### GENERAL CARE - INFORMATION

- Avoid scourers and abrasives as they will damage the surface.
- Don't place hot objects, electrical appliances or pots straight from the oven or cooker onto your Laminex laminate surface.
- Don't cut on the Laminex laminate surface.
- Keep waxes and polishes well away as they dull the natural shine.
- Do not use strongly acidic, alkaline cleaners or bleach for normal cleaning as these might etch the surface.

### GENERAL CARE - STREAKS

Streaky marks sometimes show on dark colours after cleaning. An all-purpose cleaner such as Windex spray cleaner or Ajax Spray n Wipe usually removes them.

### GENERAL CARE - GREASE

Using a mild dishwashing detergent in water will remove greasy marks. Dab, wait and wipe away. Finish with an all-purpose cleaner such as Windex spray cleaner or Ajax Spray n Wipe.

### GENERAL CARE - SPILLS

Laminex laminate surfaces resist staining from most household chemicals. With some accidental spills however, prompt action is essential. Wipe off beetroot, grape and berry juices, first aid preparations, concentrated bleach, oven cleaners, dishwasher detergents, artificial dyes, hair colouring and solvent based pen ink immediately. Specialty glues such as Super Glue must also be removed straight away with acetone (nail polish remover).

### GENERAL CARE - STAINS

If the stain won't budge with Extra Strength Windex, try methylated spirits or dab the stain with a diluted bleach mixture

(1 part bleach to 8 parts water); leave for 3 minutes then wash off with water and dry. Finish off with Extra Strength Windex. Only as a last resort if a stain persists try 2 or 3 rubs with a crème cleanser or white toothpaste, wash and dry. Please note that bleach or these abrasive cleaners may irreversibly damage the laminate surface.

### GENERAL CARE - SCRATCHES

Laminex laminate surfaces will withstand normal wear and tear, but can be damaged by scratching or cutting with utensils, knives and unglazed pottery. Darker colours will show scratches more readily than lighter colours. In general, dark colours and high gloss surfaces require more care and maintenance than lighter colours or lower gloss colours. To minimise scratching, always place and lift objects from the surface – never drag or slide them across the surface.

### SPECIFIC CARE - LAMINEX® LAMINATES

(This applies to Squareform Benchtops, Fire Retardant Laminates, Chemical Resistant Laminates, Aquapanel Wet Area Panelling, Vizage Wall Lining, Fusion Laminates and Compact Laminate).

A damp cloth will remove spills and greasy spots. Rub with a clean dry cloth to bring back brightness. Occasionally clean with mild dishwashing detergent. To remove heavy build-up of dirt use cleaners such as Mr Muscle, Windex or Ajax Spray n Wipe spray cleaners.

### SPECIFIC CARE - LAMINEX DIAMONDGLOSS® LAMINATES

Wipe off spills or marks promptly with gentle rubbing using a soft cloth and mild dishwashing detergent. Dry with a soft, dry cloth. For more persistent marks, use a glass window cleaner. Never use abrasive cleaners – even those in liquid form – as they will mark the high gloss surface.

**If used as a whiteboard surface**, whiteboard markers or liquid chalk marker pens only should be used. The use of permanent markers is not recommended, as while it is possible to clean them off, they may leave ghosting or non-removable marks over time. A soft cloth (no wetting) should remove whiteboard/liquid chalk

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marker pens. If necessary, a soft cloth made damp with water can also be used. As with all whiteboard surfaces, general wear and tear such as scratches or scuff marks will occur over time which will make cleaning more difficult. When marker pen cannot be removed with a damp cloth, consideration should be given to replacing the whiteboard surface.

### **SPECIFIC CARE - LAMINEX® METALLIC LAMINATES (INNOVATIONS®)**

Wipe off spills or marks promptly with a soft cloth and mild dishwashing detergent. Dry with a soft, dry cloth. For more persistent marks, use a glass window cleaner. Never use abrasive cleaners – even those in liquid form – as they will mark the surface. Also never use solvents, acids or alkalis on metallic laminates.

### **SPECIFIC CARE - LAMINEX STAINLESS STEEL LAMINATES (INNOVATIONS)**

Wipe off spills or marks promptly with a soft cloth and mild dishwashing detergent. Dry with a soft, dry cloth. For more persistent marks, use a glass window cleaner or methylated spirits. Never use abrasive cleaners – even those in liquid form – as they will mark the surface. Specialty stainless steel cleaner can also be used if necessary.

### **SPECIFIC CARE - LAMINEX PANELS**

A damp cloth will remove spills and greasy spots. Rub with a clean, dry cloth to bring back brightness. Occasionally clean with mild dishwashing detergent. To remove heavy build-up of dirt use cleaners such as Mr Muscle, Windex or Ajax Spray n Wipe spray cleaners.

### **SPECIFIC CARE - FINISHED DESIGNED TIMBER VENEER PANELS**

Laminex® Finished Designed Timber Veneer Panels are easy to clean using a damp cloth and non-abrasive cleaning products. To remove more stubborn stains, the use of alcohol, ammonia or other light solvents is recommended. Never use acetone or trichloroethylene on the polyurethane surfaces. Do not use

abrasive cleaners, powders, scouring pads, steel wool, sandpaper, etc. These can damage the finish and make the surface susceptible to staining. Silicone based cleaning products must be avoided.

### **SPECIFIC CARE - LAMINEX PANELS (GLOSS)**

A wipe over with a clean, soft damp cloth should be sufficient to keep the decorative surface clean. Soiled surfaces or light stains are removed with warm soapy water or with common detergent such as Windex Glass cleaner, Mr Muscle, Dissol, Nifty Solvent or bathroom cleaner, Flash liquid, or Bathroom Plus, containing no abrasive or strongly acidic or alkaline ingredients. If wipe marks are noticeable on the gloss surface, it is generally due to greasy residue being moved around as a result of the cleaning process. To remove, Methylated spirits may be used or Windex glass cleaner. It is recommended to do a final wash down with soapy water and a dry, clean cloth to remove any residue and restore the appearance.

### **SPECIFIC CARE - METALINE® SPLASHBACKS**

When cleaning your Metaline® surface use only mild detergent and a soft, abrasion-free cloth to clean the decorated surface.

- DO NOT use abrasive cleaners, cleaning pads or scouring pads on the surface.
- DO NOT allow food residue to build up on the surface.
- DO NOT use cleaning solutions that are highly acidic or caustic.
- DO clean regularly.
- DO NOT clean the surface if it is hot.

### **SPECIFIC CARE - LAMINEX LEATHER TOUCH LAMINATES (INNOVATIONS)**

These should be cleaned with standard artificial leather care products. Ensure the manufacturer's instructions are followed.