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STAINLESS STEEL Cleaning & Care Instructions

How to Clean Stainless Steel

To maintain your stainless steel product in the best condition, we recommend routine cleaning once a month and more often in areas subject to heavy soiling and frequent use.

All exposed stainless steel surfaces should be wiped over with a clean cloth and warm water using a mild detergent on a frequent and routine basis. Cleaning should always be immediately followed by rinsing in clean hot water and the surface then wiped completely with a dry towel.

For more stubborn dirt or stains use mild, non-scratching abrasive powders such as typical household cleaners. These can be used with bristle brushes, sponges or non-abrasive scourers. For more aggressive cleaning a small amount of vinegar can be added to the powder. Carbon steel brushes and steel wool should be avoided as they may leave particles embedded in the surface, which can lead to rusting.

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IMPORTANT WARRANTY INFORMATION - Why Clean Stainless Steel?

Stainless steel needs to be cleaned for aesthetic considerations and to preserve its corrosion resistance. Stainless steel is protected from corrosion by a thin layer of chromium oxide. Oxygen from the atmosphere combines with the chromium in the stainless steel to form a passive chromium oxide film that protects from further corrosion. Any contamination of the surface by dirt or other material, hinders this passivation process and traps corrosive agents, reducing corrosion protection. Thus, the cleaning routine is necessary to preserve the appearance and integrity of the surface.

Stainless steels are easily cleaned by many different methods. They actually thrive with frequent cleaning and unlike some other materials, it is impossible to 'wear out' stainless steel by excessive cleaning. Stainless Steel performs best when clean.

**Regular cleaning is essential to maintain corrosion resistance.
Failure to clean as indicated will void your product warranty.**

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