

# LAMINEX<sup>®</sup>

## FACTSHEET – CARE & MAINTENANCE

For general care and maintenance, most spills or marks simply wipe away with a damp cloth or use an all-purpose cleaner such as Mr. Muscle Surface & Glass 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<sup>®</sup> 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 Mr. Muscle Surface & Glass 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 Mr. Muscle Surface & Glass 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 Mr. Muscle Surface & Glass, 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 Mr. Muscle Surface & Glass. 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<sup>®</sup> LAMINATES

(This applies to Squareform Benchtops, Fire Retardant High Pressure Laminates & Panels, Chemical Resistant Laminates, 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 Surface & Glass or Ajax Spray n Wipe spray cleaners.

### SPECIFIC CARE – LAMINEX DIAMONDGLOSS<sup>®</sup> 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 off, they may leave ghosting or non-removable marks over time. A soft cloth (no wetting) should remove Whiteboard/Liquid Chalk 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.

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### **SPECIFIC CARE – LAMINEX<sup>®</sup>**

#### **METALLIC LAMINATES (INNOVATIONS<sup>®</sup>)**

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 on metallic laminates or acids or alkalis.

#### **SPECIFIC CARE – LAMINEX<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> TIMBER VENEER PANELS**

Laminex 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.

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