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Stainless steel should be kept clean at all times. If maintained, stainless steel surfaces will retain their new, clean, polished appearance indefinitely. It is a misnomer that stainless steel is stainless, not stain free. For instance, architectural building components are subject to road salt spray at ground level and deposits from polluted urban air at higher levels. Finger marks, deposits from tobacco smoke, stains from hard water or food left to dry on counter tops... all detract from the original attractive appearance of stainless steel applications. Indeed as do chemical deposits from swimming pool water. Inappropriate design and poor fabrication methods can also necessitate the need for more regular maintenance.

Normal cleaning

Clean weekly or as often as needed (especially high polished surfaces).

Recommended Cleaning Materials

- SOFT cloth (as used on automobile finishes)
- Sponge – natural or artificial
- Nylon or other soft-bristle material brushes (for satin finish only)
- Ezi-wipes, S/S cleaner towelettes*

Recommended cleaning solutions

- Mild soap/soft water solution
- Hand dishwashing liquid/soft water solution
- STAINEX-CLEANER*
- STAINEX-MIRROR* Polish
- Club soda and sponge
- White vinegar/soft water solution (for brightening, removing oil deposits and hard water deposits)
- STAINEX-PROTECT* or STAINEX-CARE*– minimizes and prevents finger prints in high usage areas

For high mirror polish finish

High mirror polish stainless steel surfaces should never come into contact with any abrasive cleaning brush, steel wool or other metal scourers.

Removing smudges and finger prints

Using a soft non abrasive cloth, wipe surface with a quality stainless steel cleaner/polish. Always follow cleaner/polish product directions provided.

Removing dirt and debris

Using a non-abrasive cloth, wash surface with a mild liquid soap. Rinse surface thoroughly with clean water. Wipe surface with stainless steel cleaner/polish such as STAINEX-MIRROR*, using a soft non abrasive cloth.

Removing rust stains and tea stains

Wipe surface with equivalent cleaner. Use recommended solutions such as STAINEX-CLEANER*. Apply using a soft non-abrasive sponge or brush. Rinse surface thoroughly after application. Always follow cleaner/polish product directions provided. Using a non-abrasive cloth, wipe surface with stainless steel cleaner/polish.

For tough problems

- STAINEX-MIRROR* – cleans and polishes
- STAINEX-CLEANER* – no rubbing is necessary, cleans and preserves surface of stainless steel.

Removing stubborn spots or treating scratches (for satin finish only)

You can use synthetic, abrasive or general-purpose pads such as Scotch Brite*. Apply the stainless steel cleaner/polish to the synthetic abrasive pad and carefully rub out spot. Make sure to rub in the direction of the grain. *Do not allow steel wool to come into contact with stainless steel. Steel particles can embed into the stainless steel surface and create rust.*

Special note:

After treating stainless steel for serious problems, let dry and expose to air for at least 24 hours to allow 'healing' (restoring of the chromium oxide layer) of the stainless steel surface.

For protection

Use STAINEX-CARE* or STAINEX-PROTECT*

Things to avoid

- Harsh chemicals (strong acidic or alkaline materials such as hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide)
- Harsh polishing cleaners (i.e. Comet, Bon Ami, etc.)
- Any abrasive substance such as dirt/mud, ceramic items, etc.
- Chlorinated cleaners, sanitizers or bleaches
- Scotch Brite type pads on high-polished surfaces
- Steel wool, steel utensils or any object made of steel or metal left in contact with stainless steel surface (i.e. hair pins, paper clips and aerosol cans)
- Seawater or excessively hard water
- Salt or salty foods allowed to dry on surface
- Leaving scratches in metal surface (soil can collect in these preventing the surface from 'healing')
- Leaving hard water sitting (evaporating) for extended periods, allowing mineral deposits to collect

* STAINEX-CARE, STAINEX-PROTECT, STAINEX-MIRROR, STAINEX LIQUID MIRROR & STAINEX-CLEANER Available through drizign