



CARE AND CLEANING SUGGESTIONS STAINLESS STEEL CABINETRY AND COUNTERTOPS

Dwyer's handcrafted finish is produced by an abrasive grinding operation, which lends to a consistent uniform pattern on the metal surface. All exposed surfaces then undergo a series of operations and hand polishing techniques.

Your surface is made from a type 304 stainless steel. Stainless steel's corrosion resistance is attributed to a thin layer of chromium oxide. This chromium oxide combines with the oxygen in the atmosphere to form a thin protective film on the steel's surface. This film can be compromised when the surface becomes dirty. Regular cleaning will keep your surface clean and bright.

Stainless steel surfaces are easy to maintain and actually thrive with frequent cleaning.

Recommendations for cleaning:

A mild detergent solution should remove most dirt and grease. After cleaning, follow with a thorough **rinsing** of clear water to remove all detergent residues, then **wipe dry** with clean cloth to prevent watermarks.

For stubborn spots or stains, a mild abrasive cleaner (such as Bon Ami, Bar Keeper's Friend, Comet or Soft Scrub) may be used. Apply with a soft cloth and wipe in the direction of the grain of the finish, then **rinse thoroughly**, and **wipe dry**.

Most of today's soaps, detergents, bleaches and cleansers (Windex and Windex like products) contain chlorides.

Chlorides can be aggressive to stainless steel, and could cause surface pitting and rusting. They are however, water-soluble. Therefore, thorough rinsing and wiping is necessary when using these types of products on stainless steel.

Like any metal surface, stainless steel will scratch. You can lessen the appearance of these scratches with a mild abrasive cleaner or on deeper scratches a Scotch Brite pad. Always rub in the direction of the grain. Never rub against the grain.

Do not use steel wool on your stainless surface. Steel particles can become embedded in the surface and cause the surface to have a rusted appearance.

Do not use your stainless surface as a cutting board. This could create deep permanent scars.

Do not leave sponges, clothes, or cleaning agents on surfaces. This can cause surface rust.

DO....after any type of cleaning. Rinse surface completely with clear clean water and wipe dry.