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With proper maintenance, real color printed laminates will provide years of beauty and performance. This guide offers recommendations on care and cleaning techniques to help your laminate surfaces stand the test of time

ROUTINE CLEANING

most laminate sheets can be easily wiped clean with just a clean, damp cloth or sponge using a mild soap/non-bleach detergent /one of the general purpose cleaners. Ammoniated and/or vinegar-based glass cleaners are best for cleaning surfaces soiled by grease. Polishes and sealers are not recommended for its application will cause a residue buildup.

Here list most common stains for

FOOD STAINS

Most food stains are easily to wiped while it would be kind difficult for some certain food such as tea, food dyes, fruit drinks or coffee. A thorough cleaning using a mild cleaner, detergent or general purpose cleaner is recommended for removing stains. This procedure will also remove water marks and greasy fingerprints.

INK STAINS/ PENCIL MARKS

Stains from pencil marks and inks such as felt tipped pens, textile dyes, newspaper print and other indelible inks can sometimes transfer to the laminate surface and could become permanent. If necessary, use full strength detergent or a glass spray cleaner. Allow cleaner to remain on the stain for several minutes, clean with a damp cloth, then rinse.

CHEMICAL STAINS

HPL could resist many chemicals including alcohol, paint thinners, most cosmetics and drugs. However, care must be exercised when using bleaches, hair dyes, rinses, bluing, drain cleaners, and full strength detergents for automatic dishwashers as these chemicals can cause permanent stains. Spills from acid or caustic based products will discolor and permanently damage the laminate if allowed to remain on the surface.

PAINT & ADHESIVE STAINS

Varnish, lacquer and oil base paints can be removed from laminate by thorough cleaning using proper solvent or paint remover. Water based paints are best removed with an ammoniated household detergent.

Caution:

· Bleach or anti-bacteria formulas cleaners are **NOT** suggestesd.

- · Abrasive cleaners/powders should **NOT** be used on most laminates as they may permanently dull and scratch the laminate and make it more susceptible to staining, especially gloss and mirror effect laminate
- · Most solvents are **extremely flammable**. So keep away from flame or electrical sparks.
- real color laminate can withstand heat up to 120° C . However, exposure to temperatures above 50° C may result in a separation of the laminate from its substrate.

Do not place hot frying pans or dishes directly from the burner or oven onto the laminate.

Do not operate heated appliances such as irons,toasters, electric fry pans or deep fryers directly on the laminate counter. **Do not** allow burning cigarettes to remain in contact with the laminate surface.

SCRATCHES, ABRASIONS AND CHIPS

Although high pressure decorative laminates will resist wear and abrasion, the surface can be accidentally damaged, even in normal use. Use knives and other sharp implements only on a chopping board or counter saver. Never hammer on the laminate with hard objects, especially near the edges. Heavy impact caused by falling dishes, cans or utensils can result in chips and/or cracks in the laminate surface.

CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECIFIC SURFACE FINISHING

CRYSTAL AND HI-LUSTER FINISH

These textured, dimensional finishes add a unique look to solid colors, patterns and woodgrains. An occasional thorough cleaning with one of the general purpose cleaners listed above is recommended.

GLOSS FINISH

This elegant finish provides reflective beauty and intensifies color for a simulated "lacquered, hand rubbed" look. (Care must be exercised in the use of Gloss Finish products since they do tend to highlight surface scratches and abrasions.)

These finishes *must* be cleaned only with a mild soap/detergent using a clean damp cloth or sponge or with an ammoniated and/or vinegar-based glass cleaner. Wipe dry carefully with a soft, dry cloth or soft paper towel. No abrasive cleaner should ever be used on gloss or mirror finish laminates.