

Care Instructions

Alucci[™] Apex surfaces do not easily scratch or chip and will withstand normal wear and tear. They are also stain resistant therefore the best cleaning agent is clean water and mild detergent. It is also recommended that you rinse detergent off with a clean, damp cloth and dry with a microfibre cloth.

Streaks

Streaky marks sometimes show on dark colours. After cleaning use a glass cleaning product such as Mr Muscle Surface & Glass or Ajax Spray 'n' Wipe glass cleaners.

Grease

Clean, hot soapy water will deal with greasy marks. If needed, dab, wait and wipe away. Finish off with a glass cleaner.

Spills

With some accidental spills you must take prompt action. Wipe off beetroot and berry juices, first aid preparations, concentrated bleach, dishwasher detergents and artificial dyes or hair colouring immediately. Acid based ceramic cleaners, oven cleaner and limescale removers must not be used as they can cause permanent staining. Any spillage or splashes of these cleaners must be washed off the laminate surface immediately. Specialty glue types such as Super Glue can also be removed immediately with acetone (typically found in Nail Polish remover). PUR (Polyeurothene) adhesive **can not** be removed when cured.

Scratches

Alucci^{*} Apex will withstand normal wear and tear but can be damaged by scratching or cutting with utensils, knives and unglazed pottery. Darker colours show scratches more readily than lighter colours. To minimise scratching, always place and lift objects from the surface. Never drag or slide them across the surface. Use a melamine sponge (commonly known as a magic sponge) to remove light mar-ring or scuff marks.

Stains

If a stain cannot be removed with Ajax Spray 'n' Wipe Baking Soda try methylated spirits or dab the stain with a diluted bleach mixture (1 part bleach to 8 parts water or Exit Mould). Leave for 3 minutes then wash off with water and dry. Finish off with Ajax Spray 'n' Wipe.

Please note that insufficiently diluted bleach may irreversibly damage the laminate surface. Test on a small patch first before applying to the full surface. Always be careful on site joins and edges as these products can break down the adhesive used to bond your Alucci^{*} Apex to the substrate. Ink marks from felt-tip and ball-point pens can be removed with a suitable solvent such as methylated spirits or acetone on a clean cloth. IPA (Isopropal Alcohol) available from most hardware stores, is also useful to remove any solvent based marks. Use with a micro-fibre cloth, covering the complete face of the panel/door. Solvents such as methylated spirits, acetone and IPA are highly flammable. Use with proper caution.

After using a cleaner, the surface should be rinsed with clean water and wiped or buffed dry with a soft cloth.

If the surface is not rinsed with clean water following the use of cleaning agents it is possible for a film to remain on the surface which then shows marks.

Avoid with Matte surfaces

- Don't place appliances or hot pots straight from the oven/stove directly on to your Alucci^{*} Apex surface.
- · Avoid scourers and abrasives. They may damage the surface.
- Furniture polishes should not be used, as a build up of silicone wax on the surface may result in eventual discolouration and smear marks which can be very difficult to remove.
- Don't cut directly on Alucci" Apex surfaces.
- Don't place burning cigarettes on to Alucci" Apex surfaces.
- Don't place boiling jugs or leave water puddles on joins as it may penetrate the join; and swell the substrate.

