

Looking After Your New Stainless Steel Balustrading

Stainless Steel, like all metal products, is subject to change caused by environmental conditions. Looking after it requires some maintenance and following the suggested guidelines below should give you years of pleasure.

On Going Maintenance

Advice is often sought concerning the frequency of cleaning of products made of Stainless Steel and the answer is quite simply "Clean The Metal When It Is Dirty In Order To Restore Its Original Appearance" this may vary from four times a year for external applications to yearly for internal applications.

Cleaning Methods

Stainless Steel is easy to clean. Washing with soap or mild detergent and warm water followed by a clean water rinse is usually quite adequate. An enhanced appearance will be achieved if the cleaned surface is finally wiped dry. Specific methods of cleaning are as per the following table.

| Problem | Cleaning Agent | Comment |
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| Routine Cleaning | Soap or mild detergent and water (Preferably warm) | Sponges, rinse with clean water, wipe dry if necessary |
| Fingerprints | Soap and warm water or organic solvent (Eg, acetone, alcohol, methylated spirits) | Rinse with clean water, wipe dry. |
| Stubborn Stains and Discolorations | Mild cleaning solutions. Eg. Jif, spatiality stainless steel cleaners | Use rang, sponger or fiber brush (soft nylon or natural bristle, an old tooth brush can be useful) rinse well with clean water and wipe dry. |
| Lime Deposits From Hard Water | Solution of one part vinegar to three parts water | Soak in solution then brush to loosen. Rinse well with clean water. |
| Oil and Grease Marks | Organic solvents (Eg, acetone, alcohol, methylated spirits, trichloroethane.) | Clean after with soap and water, rinse with clean water and dry. |
| Rust and other corrosion Problems. Embedded or Adhering | Rust stains can be removed by adding one part of nitric acid to nine parts of warm water. Leave for 30 to 60 minutes then wash off with plenty of fresh water and flush any drains thoroughly. | Rinse well with clean water. Wear rubber gloves, mix the solutions in a glass container and be very careful with the acid. (See container for safety details) |



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