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## SINK TIPS

### Coloured Stainless steel sink - Maintenance Guide

By following these maintenance tips, you can maintain the finish of your Coloured stainless steel sink for longer:

- The colouring is a solid coating (Physical Vapour Deposit) on the surface of the stainless steel only harsh scratching should be avoided.
- Scratching on the surface of sinks will occur over time through normal usage. Scratches cannot be removed but will become less noticeable over time. The best form of maintenance is frequent, regular cleaning. A little bit of cleaning on a regular basis is preferable to a major clean on a sporadic basis.
- The best method of preventative maintenance is to ensure the sink is clean and dry. Rinse and towel dry the sink after each use in order to minimize major cleaning, keeping it shiny and relatively free of water spots.
- Keep the sink free of any standing water, which may build up mineral deposits. The quality of your water can affect the sinks appearance and this water quality will vary from household to household.
- To clean your sink, use the mildest cleaning procedure that will do the job effectively. Exercise extreme care with household cleaners' detergents or bleaches.
- For the occasional treatment of grime and mineral deposits that may build up over time, use cleaning products specifically designed for stainless steel following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Always rinse the sink after using a cleaning agent and wipe the sink dry to discourage water spotting.
- Metallic scouring pads and steel wool pads should not be used to clean your sink or any utensils in the sink. They will not only scratch the sink but also leave a residue of small iron particles, these may not be visible, but they will most certainly lead to rusting and corrosion on the sink surface.
- Do not leave any mild steel, cast iron cookware or implements anywhere on the sink for extended periods of time. The combined presence of iron and moisture with stainless steel leads to surface corrosion and sink staining.
- Do not leave wet sponges or cleaning pads in the sink overnight as they will trap water which could lead to staining or discoloration of the sink surface. The unique properties of stainless steel are dependent upon exposure of the surface to the atmosphere.

We recommend that you do not use chlorine bleach in your stainless-steel sink, as chlorine will attack the protective layer that makes stainless steel truly stainless. Any drain cleaning products containing sulphuric or hydrochloric acid will also attack the sink.

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