

Cleaning recommendations

High pressure laminates and melamine faced boards

Basic cleaning

Melamine resin surfaces are usually given a regular basic clean with a solution of hot water and detergent. Standard commercial washing-up liquids are suitable, as are grease-dissolving all-purpose cleaners. More serious or stubborn dirt should be allowed to soften for a while. Then wipe over the damp surface with hot, clean water and dry with a dry, lint-free cloth, ideally working evenly in one direction or the direction of the grain or pattern.

Cleaning products, cloth and sponges with abrasive, i.e. scouring, constituents are not to be used under any circumstances. Examples include scouring creams or liquids, polishes and sponges such as "Scotch Brite". The scouring constituents and/or movements could permanently damage the delicate structure of the surface.

So-called "balm" products (skin-friendly washing-up liquids etc.) are entirely unsuitable as cleaning agents because they contain substances to protect the skin that leave a film on the melamine surface that is very difficult to remove.

Any contact with aggressive cleaning agents and lime scale removers, if they have to be used at all, should be kept to the absolute minimum. Drips and spills must be wiped up immediately. Leaving them on the surface could result in the development of microscopic tears or cracks and irreparable stains or marks.

Providing this information is observed, we believe it should be possible to keep all surfaces perfectly clean.

Deep cleaning

If, contrary to expectations, any problems do occur with the cleaning, then the affected areas should be given a kind of deep clean.

This deep clean is to be carried out with a standard commercial grease-dissolving detergent that is suitable for plastic or laminate surfaces, such as Cif or Mr Muscle Kitchen Cleaner (available from supermarkets, hardware stores, DIY supermarkets etc.).

Clean the item in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions on the product container, generally by spraying on the product, observing the cleaning times, and then perform a basic clean to the above recommendations. It is always advisable to test the product first in an inconspicuous area.

If the dirt has been in place for a long time, if layers have formed or it is particularly difficult to remove all traces of it, it may be necessary to repeat the process.

Please also observe the information in the technical information sheet "Cleaning of HPL surfaces", which is available at www.icdli.com.

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