

ANNEXES

advice on cleaning stainless steel

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Before applying any treatment, totally remove the plastic protection from the stainless steel.
- As a general rule, use only a gentle cloth dipped in soapy water.
- Always dry the treated surface using a gentle cloth.
- Applying certain cleaning treatments can change the tone of a piece's finish therefore it may be necessary to treat the entire piece.
- Do not use rough cloths, paper cloths or scouring pads.
- In the cleaning process never use bleach, products based on hypochlorite dissolutions, liquids made with strong acids, frequently used in the floor and wall cleaning, nor hydrochloric acid or products containing petrol.
- Pay special attention to the components of cleaning products, especially those specifically for cleaning bathrooms.
- In exceptional cases, polish very specific areas and with extreme care. Subsequently, apply a soft cloth dipped in soapy water and dry thoroughly.
- The printed markings come off easily when these cleaning processes are applied. Therefore, when possible, prevent application on top of the logos or other printed markings.

CLEANING SPECIFICATIONS

	CLEANING PRODUCT	CLEANING METHOD
REGULAR CLEANING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gentle domestic liquid soap. •Water. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Use a duster, a washing cloth or soft sponge, dipped in soapy water. •Dry the treated surface. •If the product is subjected to hostile environments, such as salt (near the sea), intense humidity, chlorine (swimming pools), hard water, etc. a further treatment in addition to regular cleaning is recommended involving the application of a household product containing silicon.
MEDIUM RESISTANCE STAINS (e.g.: fingerprints)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Same as above. •Specific household products for stainless steel, such as "Tarni Shield Inox" manufactured by 3M. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Proceed in the same way as with regular cleaning. If using specific household products, follow the manufacturer's instructions, ensuring that the product is in liquid or cream form. If using sprays, apply the product onto the cloth, not directly onto the surface to be treated.
HIGH RESISTANCE STAINS (e.g.: decolouration due to atmospheric agents)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •If the processes above do not provide satisfactory results, use, with care, household products for cleaning chrome, degreaser or dissolving products. Never products specifically designed for tin or copper, since they can affect the colour of the steel. The product "Tarni Shield Inox" recommended above can be useful in these cases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Proceed in the same way as with regular cleaning. If using specific household products, follow the manufacturer's instructions, ensuring that the products are in liquid or cream form. Before treating the entire affected surface, carry out a test on a small area.
MINERAL STAINS (e.g.: limescale or hard water)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dilute 5% of white vinegar in water. •Specific household products for treating limescale, with a silicon protector base (containing acetic or phosphoric acid). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Proceed in the same way as with regular cleaning. If using specific household products, follow the manufacturer's instructions. Before treating the entire affected surface, carry out a test on a small area.
RUST STAINS CAUSED BY INADEQUATE CLEANING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Any of those mentioned above, excluding those indicated for high resistance stains. You can use "Scotch Brite special non-scratch for vitro-ceramics by 3M". 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Polish gently and carefully using the 3M Scotch Brite in the direction of the grain or lines. *NOTE: This method only applies to satin finishes (rough polish), never to bright finishes (high polish).