

## Cleaning and Care Guide

There's nothing easier than cleaning and caring for Duropal Worktops.

Duropal high pressure laminates (HPL) are hard-wearing, versatile, and available in many attractive designs. In order to get the best use from the product and ensure that its attractive appearance is retained, please observe this Cleaning and Care guide.

### Cleaning Recommendations

A major advantage of Duropal Worktops is that the HPL surface makes cleaning so simple. Usually a moist cloth is sufficient, but use washing-up liquid to get rid of any grease. Stubborn dirt can be removed with an organic solvent such as methylated spirits or alcohol. Brushes with hard bristles (but not wire brushes) may also be used.

Please find below cleaning information and some sample descriptions of specific problems. Needless to say, always start with the mildest method.

<b>Light stains/dirt</b>	<b>Cleaning method</b>
	dry or damp paper towels, a cloth or sponge.
<b>Normal stains/dirt</b>	<b>Cleaning method</b>
e.g. fat, oil and dirt particles, fingermarks, lime deposits, rust, juice, coffee, tea, wax, blood, universal marker, etc.	cloth or soft nylon brush and washing powder, soft soap, toilet soap or washing up liquid. If necessary, leave for a while and then rinse thoroughly with clean water.
<b>Heavy stains/dirt</b>	<b>Cleaning method</b>
e.g. discolouration through long exposure to tea, coffee, fruit juice etc.	with washing powder or household bleach (but do not repeat too often).
e.g. lead pencil, felt-tip pens, marker and ball-point pens, lipstick, crayons, wax, shoe polish, nicotine, nail varnish.	with an organic solvent such as acetone (nail varnish remover), methylated spirits, petroleum spirit, perchloroethene. Read the manufacture's instructions carefully!
e.g. paint (water or solvent based paints, two-component paints, spray paints), varnish stains, printing ink.	with water or an organic solvent. Remove two-component paints immediately.
e.g. adhesives (water-based, dispersion).	with water or organic solvent
e.g. two-component adhesives, urea resin, melamine, phenolic resin.	remove immediately. Do not allow to harden!

### Care Recommendations

- do not cut or chop directly on the worktop surface – always use a chopping board or worktop saver.
- always place hot pans, ovenware and irons on a trivet or protective pad to protect the surface from the intense heat which can cause damage to the worktop if placed directly on the surface. The use of abrasive cleaners and pads, corrosive or aggressive cleaning agents should be avoided as they will have a detrimental effect on the worktop surface.
- furniture polish and cleaning products containing wax must not be used.
- the use of PVC aprons may possibly affect the durability of the HPL on the post-formed edge of worktops. This could lead to premature wear in high traffic work areas such as in front of the sink and hob.
- kettles, coffee machines, fryers and any other heat or damp source should not be positioned directly over worktop joints. Constant changes in temperature could cause the joint to move and eventually fail.
- cuts and scratches will be noticeable on dark decors and gloss finishes.