



Care & Usage for Stainless Steel

Caring For Your Stainless Steel

1 – Use the proper tools.

When cleaning your stainless steel products, take care to use non-abrasive tools. Soft clothes and plastic scouring pads will not harm the steel's passive layer. Stainless steel pads can be used but only in the direction of the manufacturer's polishing grain.

2 – Clean with the polish lines.

Some stainless steel has visible polishing lines or "grains". When visible lines are present, you should always scrub in a motion that is parallel to them. When the grain cannot be seen, play it safe and use a soft cloth or plastic scouring pad.

3 – Rinse, rinse, rinse.

If chlorinated cleaners are used you must rinse, rinse, rinse and wipe dry immediately. The sooner you wipe off standing water, especially when it contains cleaning agents, the better. After wiping the equipment down, allow it to air dry for the oxygen helps maintain the stainless steels passivity film.

Recommended Cleaners for Specific Situations Suggested by NAFEM

Job	Cleaning Agent	Comments
Routine Cleaning	Soap, Ammonia, Detergent, Medallion	Apply with cloth or sponge
Fingerprints & Smears	Arcal 20, Lac-O-Nu, Ecoshine	Provides barrier film
Stubborn Stains & Discoloration	Cameo, Talc, Zud, First Impression	Rub in direction of polish lines
Grease, Fatty Acids, Blood or Burnt on Foods	Easy-Off, De-Grease It, Oven Aid	Excellent removal on all finishes
Grease & Oil	Any good commercial detergent	Apply with cloth or sponge
Restoration/Passivation	Benefit, Super Sheen	