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CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

High pressure laminates and melamine faced boards

Melamine resin faced wood-based panels and laminate, flat-bonded elements and worktops with melamine resin surface are characterised by their outstanding material properties. They are durable, hygienic and easy care.

The high-quality material surfaces are neither corrosive nor do they oxidise. They need no further surface treatment, e.g. with lacquer/varnish, oil, or other coatings. However, any contaminations or dirt of whatever form should be removed straight away if possible.

Please note the following information to achieve an optimum care and cleaning effect and to retain the material surface properties long-term.

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. The damp surface is then wiped down with hot, clean water until all residues of the cleaning agent have been removed. Then rub dry with a dry, lint-free cloth, where possible in the “decor direction” or uniformly in one direction, to avoid smearing or streaks.

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.

Furthermore, alcohol-based cleaning products (e.g. glass cleaning products) or even pure plastic cleaning products are also completely unsuitable.

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.

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DEEP CLEANING

If, contrary to expectations, residues still exist on the surface after basic cleaning, intensive cleaning of the surfaces is recommended, taking into account the respective instructions for use.

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 Sidol Küchenkraft or Mellerud Kücheneentfetter (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.

Where dirt has been left for a longer period and layers or particularly difficult to remove residues have formed, it may be necessary to repeat the procedure several times.

SPECIAL CLEANING

To remove impairments due to, e.g. limescale, paraffin or wax residues, silicone, paint, varnishes or adhesive, we recommend that you read and follow the notes in the technical leaflet "Cleaning decorative laminates" ("Reinigung von Dekorativem Schichtstoff (HPL)"), which is available on www.pro-HPL.org.

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