



## General Cleaning and Care Instructions for Stainless Steel

**IMPORTANT:** Always follow label instructions on cleaning products. Soap, water and a soft cloth or sponge are suggested first unless otherwise noted. Stainless steel will stain or rust if not cared for properly. Please pay attention to the following guidelines:

- 1. Use the proper tools** – Use non-abrasive tools, such as a soft cloth or plastic cleaning pad. NEVER use steel wool pads, soap filled scouring pads, abrasive cleaners, cleaners containing chlorine, Cooktop Polishing Creme, or gritty washcloths.
- 2. Clean with the polish lines** – Always scrub in a direction that is parallel to the grain or lines in the stainless steel.
- 3. Clean regularly** – Make cleaning easier by doing so frequently to avoid build-up of hard, stubborn stains. Use alkaline, alkaline chlorinated, or non-chloride containing cleaners.
- 4. Rinse and wipe** – Anytime chemicals are used to clean stainless steel, make sure to rinse afterward with clean water and wipe away any standing water.
- 5. Never use hydrochloric acid (muriatic acid) on stainless steel.**

### Recommended cleaners for specific situations:

Stainless steel needs to be cleaned for aesthetic considerations and to preserve corrosion resistance. Stainless steel actually thrives with frequent cleaning, and, unlike some other materials, it is impossible to “wear out” stainless steel by excessive cleaning.

**Routine cleaning** - Use warm water, liquid detergent, ammonia, or all-purpose cleaner. Apply with soft cloth or sponge. Rinse with clean water and dry with a soft cloth.

**Food spills** - Clean Immediately. Use a stainless steel cleaner and polish. Apply with a soft cloth or sponge.

**Fingerprints and smears** - Use a stainless steel cleaner and polish or glass cleaner. Apply with a soft cloth or sponge.

**Hard water spots** - Remove with vinegar. Apply with a soft cloth or sponge.

### For Drainboard Cabinet Families Only:

1. Remove the drain pan below the drainboard by removing the screws of the front and back drain pan mounting brackets. Lower the pan leaving the drain line attached.
2. Follow the cleaning instructions above.
3. Reinstall the drain pan and reattach the mounting brackets.

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