

STAINLESS STEEL KITCHEN SINKS CARE & MAINTENANCE

GENERAL CARE & CLEANING:

Your stainless steel sink is made out of 304 stainless steel. This heavy-duty, non-porous material is hygienic, rust-resistant, and extremely durable. The finish of your sink creates an enduring, easy-to-clean luster that is resistant to water stains and calcium deposits.

Regular cleaning is recommended and will extend the life and enjoyment of your sink. After every use, rinse thoroughly, then wipe the sink dry with a clean soft cloth to inhibit water spotting and mineral deposits.

Dupont Stainless Steel Pro Cleaner is a good product to use daily for cleaning and polishing your stainless steel sinks. Benefits include: Professional grade; Cleans and shines without streaking; Teflon® surface protector helps resist fingerprints and grease; Removes fingerprint smudges, water spots, and oily residues; Will not scratch or change the color of stainless steel; No hard scrubbing or buffing needed; and, it can be used for all stainless steel surfaces (Refrigerators, appliances, stove and ranges, microwaves, and grills).

WHAT NOT TO DO:

Do not use any abrasive cleaners, such as scrub pads or steel wool, as these products will dull and tarnish the finish. Don't let household cleaning agents, such as bleach, sit in your sink for a long period of time, as this may ruin the finish of your sink.

SURFACE RUST & STAINS:

Stainless steel does not rust. If something external has caused rust on this surface, we recommend the powder form of Bar Keeper's Friend to clean and polish your sinks with. Follow the manufacturer's instructions, but basically, you will add water to form a paste with the powder and apply a thin layer to the sink. Allow to sit momentarily, then rub it going with the grain of your sink's polish. Rinse clean and repeat if necessary.

Other effective products that remove "surface" residue, such as tarnish, rust, lime deposits, and hard water, are GORDON'S MIRACLE SHINE, FLITZ, SOFT SCRUB WITH BLEACH, and ZUD. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.

SCRATCHES:

Scratches are inevitable in any sink material, including stainless steel. Over time, these scratches will become uniform with the sink's grain. It is recommended to purchase a custom bottom sink grid to protect against scratches. In regards to stainless steel, most minor scratches can be softened with a Scotch Brite (soft scour) pad, accompanied with a deep cleansing agent, such as BAR KEEPER'S FRIEND, COMET, etc. Wet pad, apply cleansing agent, and rub with the grain of the sink. NOTE: Do not just rub against the grain or in one area, as this may dull the finish. You must rub across the entire surface, then rinse thoroughly.