

This leaflet has been produced as a guide to assist you with the care and maintenance of your laminated work surfaces. The decorative laminate surface is highly durable and can be maintained in excellent condition with only a minimum amount of effort.

(1) *Moisture:*

Moisture will not harm the laminate surface itself but it is advisable to wipe away any spillages as soon as possible. The critical areas to avoid are around the sink or hob, around worktop joints, or along the front edge of wood edged worktops. Never position a kettle over a worktop joint.

(2) *Heat:*

Your worktops will withstand boiling water being spilt on them or cooking splashes. But, contrary to popular opinion they are not heatproof. Never place hot objects taken from an oven or hob directly onto the laminate surface as this may lead to blistering. Care should also be taken with hot irons and cigarettes. Always use heat resistant mats below hot utensils.

(3) *Scratching:*

Crockery and kitchen utensils with a smooth base sliding across your worktop will do no harm. However always avoid sliding rough based objects across the surface.

Never cut foodstuffs directly on the laminate surface. Always use a chopping board when preparing food.

(4) *Stains:*

Care should be taken when using such things as oven cleaner, bleaches, hair dyes, concentrated fruit juices and food colourants to name but a few. Any accidental spillages should be wiped up immediately.

(5) *Cleaning:*

Abrasive scouring powders, creams and even polishes should all be avoided. General cleaning of the work surface requires only a damp cloth and a mild detergent or non-abrasive cleaner diluted in warm water. Cleaning a worktop with a textured surface will be made easier using a soft nylon nailbrush.

(6) *Help chart for dealing with stains or marks:*

Stain or Mark	Dry Cloth or Duster	Damp Cloth	Warm water & detergent	Non Abrasive Cleaner	White Spirit	Acetone/ Nail Polish Remover
General Household Items						
Dust or Light Dirt	•					
Soap Residue		•	•	•		
Oils - Mech/Eng/Veg		•	•	•		
Paint Water Based			•	•		
Paint Solvent Based					•	
Dyes - Washable			•	•		
Dyes - Permanent					•	•
Shoe Polish					•	
Wax Crayon					•	
Biro/Pen			•	•		
Chalk		•	•	•		
Lipstick			•	•		
Nail Varnish						•
Bleach		•	•	•		

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Foodstuffs						
Tea		•	•	•		
Coffee		•	•	•		
Milk		•	•	•		
Fruit Juice		•	•	•		
Curry		•	•	•		
Red Wine		•	•	•		
Vinegar		•	•	•		
Lemon Juice		•	•	•		
Beetroot		•	•	•		
Others						
Fingermarks		•	•	•		
Blood			•	•		
Nicotine			•	•		

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