

# Cleaning Stainless Steel handles

**Routine cleaning** of stainless steel handles is necessary to preserve the appearance and integrity of the surface. They actually thrive with frequent cleaning and unlike some other materials, it is impossible to “wear out” stainless steel by excessive cleaning. Stainless steel best performs when clean - cleanliness is essential for maximum resistance to corrosion.

All exposed stainless steel surfaces should be **wiped over with a clean cloth and warm water with a mild detergent on a frequent and routine basis.**

**For more stubborn dirt or stains** use mild, non-scratching abrasive powders such as typical household cleaners. These can be used with warm water, bristle brushes, sponges or clean cloths. For more aggressive cleaning a small amount of vinegar can be added to the powder.

Cleaning should always be immediately followed by **rinsing in clean hot water** and the surface then **wiped completely with a dry towel.**

The minimum recommendation for routine cleaning is **once a month** and more often in areas subject to heavy soiling or frequent use.

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# Handle Quality

How to care for various grades of handles

## **Colour Finishes available**

*BSN – Brushed Satin Nickel*

*BN – Black Nickel*

*SC – Satin chrome*

*CP – Chrome plated*

*BP – Brass plated*

## **Mild Steel**

These handles are plated in the various finishes as stated above. They may corrode when subjected to extreme conditions, special care to be taken when cleaning ie. no chemicals or detergents.

## **Zamac or Aluminium**

These handles are plated in the various finishes as stated above. They will not corrode like steel but may oxidize when subjected to extreme conditions, special care to be taken when cleaning ie. No chemicals or detergents to be used, only a damp cloth.

## **Stainless steel 304 & 202 grade**

304 grade suitable for coastal installations and requires periodic cleaning with a stainless steel polish for a lifetime of quality. No chemicals or detergents to be used, only a damp cloth.

202 grade is supplied in a hollow tube form and is not guaranteed to withstand extreme coastal weather conditions.

**Disclaimer:** If these metal finishes are not cared for according to these specifications, Gelmar will not be liable for any damages.

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