



Compact Laminate

# Laboratory

Laminex® Compact Laminate - Laboratory have an antimicrobial surface that requires special cleaning considerations. To retain the antimicrobial functionality, it is important that the surface is regularly cleaned of food scraps and oily residues.

## General Cleaning Instructions

NOTE	DETAILS	
<b>DAY TO DAY CLEANING</b>	<b>STEP 1</b> USE a mild dish washing liquid diluted in clean, warm water to remove greasy marks. Dab with a microfibre cloth, wait and wipe away. Final wipe down with a clean dry cloth (microfibre cloth for best results).	
	<b>STEP 2</b> USE Methylated Spirits or Isopropyl Alcohol ("rubbing alcohol") on a clean microfibre cloth to remove oily marks and fingerprints that may disrupt the surface appearance. Dry with a clean dry cloth (microfibre cloth for best results) after any cleaning. Repeat if necessary.  Note: Dark colours are more susceptible to showing streaks.	
	<b>STEP 3</b> USE Windex GLASS cleaner if required to resolve any streaky marks left from cleaning STEPS 1 and 2.	
	<b>Ⓜ</b> Spray and Wipe may be used on Compact surfaces in Cabide finish.	Claims arising from damaged, dull or etched surfaces are not protected under warranty
	<b>Ⓜ</b> DO NOT use solvents, strongly acidic (e.g. vinegar) or alkaline cleaners	Claims arising from damaged, dull or etched surfaces are not protected under warranty
	<b>Ⓜ</b> DO NOT use commercial cleaning agents as they can contain higher concentrations of strong chemicals	Claims arising from a change of surface gloss are not protected under warranty
	<b>Ⓜ</b> DO NOT use waxes or polishes as they can change the surface gloss level	Claims arising from damaged or etched surfaces are not protected under warranty
<b>Ⓜ</b> DO NOT use any product containing high levels of bleach, ammonia, or any solvents or thinners	Claims arising from damaged or etched surfaces are not protected under warranty	
<b>Ⓜ</b> NEVER use abrasive cleaners – even those in liquid form – as they will mark the surface	Claims arising from damaged or etched surfaces are not protected under warranty	
<b>BLACK-CORE EDGE CARE</b>	The exposed black-core edge of Laminex® Compact Laminate - Laboratory may be subject to a different level of staining to the primary decorative surface and will require additional maintenance. It is important to IMMEDIATELY remove any spill from the surface. Failure to protect the exposed black core may result in staining that is permanent or difficult to remove.	
<b>MANAGING SURFACE SPILLS</b>	<b>Ⓜ</b> IMMEDIATELY clean spills that contain strong pigments or colourants ( <i>artificial or natural</i> ), such as: beetroot, turmeric and strongly coloured spice preparations, artificial dyes, hair colouring and solvent based pen ink.	Claims arising from staining due to artificial or natural pigments are not protected under warranty.
	<b>Ⓜ</b> IMMEDIATELY clean spills that contain chemicals ( <i>artificial or natural</i> ), that can etch the surface, such as: grape and berry juices, first aid preparations, concentrated bleach, oven cleaners and concentrated dishwasher detergents and blocks.	Claims arising from chemical surface damage are not protected under warranty.
	<b>Ⓜ</b> IMMEDIATE action is required to remove specialty glues such as Super Glue. Remove straight away with non-acetone nail polish remover. Wash effected area down with water and dry with a soft cloth.  If glue has dried, first try gently removing with a plastic ( <i>not metal</i> ) scraper.	
<b>CAUTION!</b>	Common household staining agents include but are not limited to: turmeric, curry and spice mix, bottled sauce and condiment mixtures with strong colouring, beetroot, coloured cordial bases including frozen ices, medical preparations e.g. Betadine, marker pens, hair & cosmetic dyes, leaking batteries.	





<b>REMOVING STUBBORN SURFACE STAINS</b>	<p><b>IMPORTANT</b></p> <p>Please note that use of bleach or abrasive cleaners may irreversibly damage the decorative surface.</p> <p>The warranty will not protect against surface damage from these extreme cleaning methods, caution is advised.</p>
	<p><b>(W)</b> If a stain cannot be removed with warm soapy water, try Methylated spirits or Isopropyl Alcohol. Dab the stain, leave for 3 minutes then wash off with clean, soapy water (<i>dilute dish washing liquid</i>) and dry. Finish off with a clean dry cloth (<i>microfibre cloth for best results</i>).</p> <p>Acetone, White Spirit or Mineral Turpentine may be used when regular cleaning is not successful. These products should be employed with caution, used sparingly and the area wiped down with water to remove residue upon completion</p>
<b>DISINFECTING OF SURFACES</b>	<p>Common alcohol-based disinfectants may be used on Compact surfaces for hygiene and disinfecting requirements.</p> <p>Undiluted methylated spirits or white spirit/Isopropyl Alcohol may be used on Compact surfaces for disinfectant and hygiene requirements.</p>
<b>WATER MARKS</b>	<p>The minerals in water may leave visible trace marks particularly on dark surfaces. Always dry water from surfaces with a clean dry cloth. Microfibre cloths are particularly effective for simple routine maintenance of this condition.</p>

## Preventative Maintenance

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<b>PREVENTION TIPS</b>	<p><b>IMPORTANT</b></p> <p>In caring for your decorative surfaces, prevention is the best way to look after your investment.</p>
<b>DARK SURFACES</b>	<p>Darker colours will show scratches &amp; marking more readily than lighter colours and therefore require more care and maintenance.</p>
<b>PREVENTING SCRATCHES</b>	<p><b>(W)</b> DO NOT use scouring pads, metal brushes, steel wool or abrasive/gritty cleaners (even those in liquid form) as they will damage the surface.</p>
	<p><b>(W)</b> DO NOT cut, chop, slice, pound, grind or hammer directly on the surface. Always use a cutting board.</p>
	<p><b>(W)</b> DO NOT drag or slide objects (including: utensils, knives, unglazed pottery, tools and hardware fixtures) across the surface. Always place and lift objects from the surface.</p>
<b>PREVENTING HEAT DAMAGE</b>	<p><b>(W)</b> DO NOT place hot objects, electrical appliances or pots straight from the oven, cook top or heating appliance on to the surface. This includes chemistry and commercial heating apparatuses. Always use a protective heat pad or trivet with rubber feet.</p>
<b>PREVENTING CHEMICAL DAMAGE</b>	<p><b>(W)</b> DO NOT use any of the following products to clean or permit contact with your decorative surface: Undiluted bleach, Oven Cleaner, Toilet Cleaners, Solvents, Graffiti Cleaners (including Easy-Off BAM, Muck Off), Ammonia, Jewellery Cleaning Solutions, Acids, Rust &amp; Lime scale Remover including CLR, Chlorine, Heavily Acidic or Alkaline cleaners may cause colour change or surface appearance and should be wiped off immediately.</p> <p>Laminex® Compact Laminate - Laboratory has been specifically designed with high Chemical Resistance properties however it is recommended that all chemical spills of any kind be wiped up immediately. Do not use steel wool or abrasive pads when cleaning up spills from the surface.</p>

**(W)** Failure to follow this instruction may impact the protection offered by the Warranty

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