

# Advisory Bulletin



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## TB-21 Stainless Steel Cleaning and Maintenance

**Always:** Wipe or polish with the grain direction of satin finishes.  
Remove any cleaning or soap residue from stainless surface with water and wipe dry with clean cloth.

**Caution:** Avoid cleaning products containing bleach, hydrochloric acids and or chlorides . . . these are frequently found in toilet bowl or tile cleaners and in abrasive scrubbing powders.  
Avoid use of steel wool which can leave behind fine particles that cause surface rust.  
Avoid use of abrasive cleaners on bright polish stainless steel surfaces.

CONDITION	CLEANING AGENT	METHOD OF APPLICATION
Dirt, smudges, and fingerprints	Use mild cleaning solution or stainless steel cleaners.	Apply cleaner. Wipe off soil using a cloth or sponge for smooth surfaces and a soft brush for textured surfaces. Rinse and dry.
Graffiti	Bobrick Graffiti Remover, part #891099 or equivalent.	Apply cleaner, rub spots with soft cloth or sponge. Rinse and dry.
Stubborn spots, atmospheric discoloration	Liquid or spray stainless steel polish.	As recommended by manufacturer. Rinse or dry.
Mineral deposit or scale from hard water	Bathroom cleaners containing phosphoric acid or acetic acids.	Apply liberally, allow to stand for a few minutes; scrub with coarse toweling or soft bristle brush in direction of grain. Rinse and dry.
"Rust" discoloration resulting from exposure to harsh environmental and or chemical conditions	Appropriate cleaner listed above, plus 3M Scotch Brite pad #7447 or equivalent.	Clean surface as above, then rub stained area lightly with 3M Scotch Brite pad. Clean with stainless steel polish. Rinse and dry. Rub only with the grain direction of satin finishes. . . do not use on bright polish stainless steel.