

HPL MAINTENANCE

High pressure laminate Hpl is easy to clean and doesn't need any particular maintenance. Most stains may be removed only with water and a mild household cleaner, then wiped with a soft and clean cloth. Hpl is therefore particularly suitable where high degrees of hygiene are required. Instructions and precautions for cleaning Hpl are indicated in the following table.

KIND OF IMPURITY/DIRT	WHAT YOU NEED	CLEANING METHOD'
dust, pencil, coffee, tea, fruit juice, syrups, jam, milk.	absorbent paper	Apply the detergent. Allow it to work for a short time according to the degree of the dirt. Remove the detergent with a sponge, rinse and wipe off with absorbent paper/cloth.
	soft cloth	
	sponge	
	non abrasive detergents	
	water	
limescale traces and marks	absorbent paper	Apply the detergent (it may contain acetic acid or citric acid 10% max. solution). Allow it to work for a short time according to the degree of the dirt. Remove the detergent with a sponge, rinse and wipe off with absorbent paper/cloth.
	soft cloth	
	sponge	
	non abrasive detergents	
	water	
grease, oil, fingerprints, felt-tip pens, ballpoint pen ink, rubber marks, tar traces, wine, liquors, lipstick, face powder, nail polish, shoe cream, floor wax	absorbent paper	Use a detergent and/or proper organic solvents (acetone, ethyl alcohol, benzene, perchloroethylene, MEK-methyl ethyl ketone, etc.). Allow it to work for a short time according to the degree of the dirt. Remove the detergent or the organic solvent with the sponge, rinse and dry wipe with paper/cloth.
	soft cloth	
	sponge	
	non abrasive detergents	
	water	
traces of candle wax	wooden or synthetic palette knife	Remove the hardened wax with the palette knife. Wipe off any residue with hot water and dry wipe afterwards with absorbent paper.
	absorbent paper	
	water	
bacteriological traces (blood, urine, faeces, pathogenic germs, etc.)	absorbent paper	Apply water and soap and/or water and detergent. Allow it to work for a short time according to the degree of the dirt. Remove the soap/detergent with a sponge, rinse and dry wipe with absorbent paper. Sanitize with disinfectant products and/or steam. Dry wipe.
	soft cloth	
	sponge	
	non abrasive detergents	
	liquid or solid soap	
	disinfectant products	
paint sprinkles and traces containing solvents, dye stains, glue, adhesive traces coming from the removal of laminate protective films	soft cloth	Apply a proper organic solvent (acetone, ethyl alcohol, benzene, perchloroethylene, MEK-methyl ethyl ketone, etc.) Allow it to work for a short time according to the degree of the dirt. Remove the organic solvent, soap, rinse and dry wipe with absorbent paper or cloth.
	organic solvents	
	liquid or solid soap	
	absorbent paper	
silicone rubber cement or other silicone products traces	water	these substances should not be left in contact with the laminate surface for a long period of time

GENERAL ADVICES

Always use clean and not abrasive cloths, absorbent paper and sponges as well as any other cleaning product or tool.

When possible, avoid leaving stains on the laminate surface for a long time: the sooner you clean, the better the end result will be! To avoid marks on the surface always remove detergent, rinse and dry wipe.

Always pretest new solvents or detergents on a hidden corner of the surface.

Do not use detergents containing acid or strong bases like descalers with formic or aminosulfatic acid, drain cleaners, hydrochloric acid, silver cleaning solutions, oven detergents, products with bleach.

Always use gloves when using organic solvents, cross-ventilate the room and follow the most common hygiene and safety rules (require the safety sheet) .

Hpl surface is particularly suitable for food contact and doesn't promote the growth of bacteria and spores. For this reason it's extremely important to maintain the laminate surface perfectly clean.