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## HIMACS Care & Maintenance

*Thank you for selecting HIMACS to enhance your living space. At LX Hausys we know life happens on countertops, but you can protect your investment with minimal care and these simple precautions.*

### GENERAL CARE

Always use a trivet (or similar device) with soft feet under any heat-generating device such as a toaster oven or electric fry pan. Avoid contact with strong chemicals such as drain cleaners and oven cleaners - they can cause discoloration of HIMACS that may be permanent. In the event of accidental contact immediately wipe up the splash, clean the affected area, rinse thoroughly with clear water, and buff dry.

### ROUTINE CLEANING

HIMACS is non-porous so stains don't penetrate the surface. Everyday cleaning requires only a damp cloth (microfiber works well) and a mild detergent solution or all-purpose countertop cleaner, rinse with clear water and buff dry. This will also reduce possible "hard water" mineral buildup around faucets. Some suggested cleaners are shown below and ammonia-based cleaners also work well, however some window cleaners can leave a film residue that will build up over time.

### SPILLS, SPLASHES, SPOTS

Some foods, beverages, and food preparation materials contain food color and dyes that may require a little more attention. If they aren't removed with the "routine care" steps, first remove any excess with a plastic putty knife. Then try one of the "Less Abrasive Cleaning Products" shown below. Apply the product directly to the affected area, rinse, and buff dry.

### UNUSUAL STAINS

If further attention is needed any of the "More Abrasive Cleaning Products" shown below can be used. It's rare, but sometimes it may be necessary to use diluted (1:4) household bleach such as Clorox® applied directly to the affected area. Never let the bleach solution sit more than two or three minutes before thoroughly rinsing and drying the area. It can be used on HIMACS sinks and vanity bowls too.

- Nail polish spills can be removed using nail polish remover by applying it to a cotton ball or swab, wipe (don't scrub) the affected area, wash, and rinse. Be careful with acetone-based removers - it's important to limit exposure to avoid discoloration.
- "Super Glue" (cyanoacrylate) spills should first be reduced using a plastic putty knife. The remaining residue can usually be removed following the steps for nail polish (it may require an acetone-based nail polish remover). Be sure to clean, rinse, and buff dry. If necessary, repeat the process.

### DISINFECTING

For information about specific products, visit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website to review "List N", a list of EPA registered products, at <https://cfpub.epa.gov/wizards/disinfectants>.

### REPAIRING SCRATCHES

For removing superficial scratches, rub the area in a circular motion with a wet Scotch Brite® or similar buffing pad until the scratches are removed. Clean thoroughly with soap and water and let dry. Deeper scratches can often be removed by careful light sanding with 120-grit sandpaper followed by 220- and 320-grit. Next, buff the entire surface with a wet Scotch Brite® or similar pad. Use a circular motion to restore the overall finish level.

### SEVERE DAMAGE

Should your HIMACS sustain heat damage, a deep cut or gouge, fracture, crack or any other severe damage, a professional fabricator can usually repair your surface to look as good as the day it was installed.

Less Abrasive Cleaning Products	More Abrasive Cleaning Products
Formula 409®, Greased Lightning®, Simple Green®, Windex® Disinfectant Multi-Surface Cleaner, ammonia-based spray cleaners	Ajax® Comet®
Household baking soda and water paste	Mr. Clean® Magic Eraser products
Barkeepers Friend®, Soft Scrub® (liquid)	Barkeepers Friend® (powder)
3M™ Scotch Brite pad, wet (#7445 white, #7448 light gray)	3M™ Scotch Brite pads, wet (#7447 maroon, #6448 dark gray, or green as found on sponges)



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Your decision to purchase Wilsonart® Laminate will bring you years of quality performance.

Everyday cleaning of our products is as simple as a quick wipe with a damp sponge. All resist muddy fingerprints, coffee spills and so much more.

Be sure to read and follow the recommended care and cleaning procedures.

### ROUTINE CARE

To clean the surface, use a damp cloth or sponge and a mild soap or detergent. Rinse thoroughly with warm water and wipe dry.

Difficult stains such as coffee or tea can be removed using a mild household cleaner/detergent and a soft bristled brush, repeating as necessary.

If a stain persists, use a paste of baking soda and water and apply with a soft bristled brush. Light scrubbing for 10 to 20 strokes should remove most stains. Although baking soda is a low abrasive, excessive scrubbing or exerting too much force could damage the decorative surface, especially if it has a gloss finish.

Stubborn stains that resist any of the above cleaning methods may require the use of undiluted household bleach or nail polish remover. Apply the bleach or nail polish remover to the stain and let stand no longer than two minutes. Rinse thoroughly with warm water and wipe dry. This step may be repeated if the stain appears to be going away and the color of the laminate has not been affected. **WARNING:** Prolonged exposure of the laminate surface to bleach will cause discoloration.

Hot pans and heat-producing appliances (such as electric skillets), when set directly upon countertops, can mar the product's beauty. Always use a heat shield, hot pad or trivet.

### A FEW NOTES OF CAUTION

- Acidic or abrasive cleaners can damage laminate surfaces; do not use them.
- Drain cleaners containing lye will permanently damage any Wilsonart® Laminate surface. If you spill a drain cleaner, wipe it up immediately and rinse several times with water.
- Hair, textile and food dyes can cause permanent stains. If dye should happen to spill, wipe it up immediately with dishwashing detergent or an all-purpose cleaner.
- Never place pots or dishes directly from the oven or burner on an unprotected laminate surface; such extreme heat can cause cracking or blistering.
- Do not work with oven cleaners on an unprotected countertop. Wipe spills away promptly and rinse several times with water.
- Rust removers contain harsh chemicals which will quickly cause permanent damage. If a spill occurs, wipe off all residue immediately, wash thoroughly with soapy water and rinse several times.
- Steel wool and other abrasive pads will damage Wilsonart® Laminate. Don't use them for cleaning and don't store steel wool pads on your countertop; the metal can rust and leave stains.
- Toilet bowl cleaners contain harsh chemicals that can cause permanent damage. If spills occur, wipe up immediately, wash surface with soapy water and rinse several times.

### RECOMMENDED HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS

- Windex®
- Glass Plus®
- Fantastik®
- Mr. Clean®
- Formula 409®
- Isopropyl Alcohol (Isopropanol)

\*Prolonged exposure to bleach will cause discoloration. When cleaning Wilsonart Laminate, DO NOT use products that contain the following ingredients:

CHEMICAL INGREDIENT	SYNONYMOUS NAMES
Hydrochloric Acid	Muriatic Acid Hydrogen Chloride
Sulfuric Acid	Oleic Acid Oil of Vitriol Oleum
Hydrofluoric Acid	Rust Remover
Phosphoric Acid	Rust Remover
Sodium Hydroxide	Caustic Soda Caustic Lye Soda Lye
Pumice (abrasive)	N/A



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Wilsonart® Laminate

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## Para Mantener Y Cuidar

### LAMINADOS WILSONART®

Para limpiar la superficie use líquido limpiavajilla, o un detergente suave y agua, usando un paño suave o una esponja.

Con manchas difíciles como de café o té, use un limpiador o detergente suave y un cepillo de cerdas suaves y repita el proceso si es necesario.

Si aun así la mancha no desaparece, use una pasta de bicarbonato de sodio y agua y aplíquela con un cepillo de cerdas suaves. En la mayoría de los casos, frotar suavemente 10 a 20 veces deberá ser suficiente para hacer desaparecer la mancha.

Aunque el bicarbonato de sodio no es muy abrasivo, frotarlo repetidamente o aplicar mucha fuerza puede dañar la superficie, especialmente en caso de laminados con acabado brillante.

En caso de manchas rebeldes que no cedan a los métodos anteriores, haga una pasta con blanqueador sin diluir o quitaesmalte. Aplíquelo sobre la mancha, y déjelo no más de dos minutos. Enjuague varias veces con agua tibia y seque con un paño suave. Si la mancha comienza a desaparecer y el color del laminado no se ve afectado, repita los pasos anteriores. **ADVERTENCIA:** Exponer la superficie del laminado al blanqueador por tiempo prolongado, ocasionará pérdida del color.

Las sartenes calientes y los aparatos eléctricos que producen calor (como las hornillas eléctricas), cuando se las coloca directamente en la superficie, pueden dañar la belleza del laminado. Siempre utilice un aislador, un platillo, o algo para proteger la superficie.

### CONSEJOS ESPECIALES

Siempre enjuague la superficie del laminado después de limpiar. No enjuague después de limpiar es la causa más común de daño al laminado. Aun una pequeña cantidad de limpiador que quede sobre la superficie, se puede reactivar por la humedad de las tazas o platos, dejando marcas permanentes en el material. Enjuague cuidadosamente con agua limpia y un paño limpio cada vez que aplique algún tipo de limpiador.

Recuerde usar una tabla de cortar. El filo de los cuchillos puede dañar la superficie de los laminados Wilsonart®, afectando su belleza y disminuyendo su resistencia a las manchas y al desgaste.

Los laminados Wilsonart® se usan en ocasiones en lugares que solo requieren remoción ocasional del polvo. La bella apariencia de estas superficies se puede mantener con más facilidad usando un aerosol para muebles sin aceite. (Recuerde remover el lustramuebles varias veces en el año para evitar que se acumule). El lustramuebles también ayuda a disimular las rayaduras ligeras.

### ALGUNAS PRECAUCIONES

No use limpiadores muy ácidos o abrasivos. Pueden dañar el laminado.

Los limpiadores de cañerías con lejía (soda cáustica), dañarán permanentemente cualquier superficie Wilsonart®. Si llega a salpicar uno de estos limpiadores, quítelo de inmediato y enjuague varias veces con agua limpia.

Las tinturas de cabello, textiles y de alimentos pueden dejar manchas permanentes. Si salpican tinturas, retírelas de inmediato con detergente limpiavajilla o con limpiador general.

Nunca coloque ollas o platos sacados directamente del horno o calentador sobre una superficie laminada no protegida: el calor extremo puede producir grietas o ampollas en la superficie.

No coloque limpiadores sobre una cubierta no protegida. Retire de inmediato las salpicaduras y enjuague varias veces con agua limpia.

Los removedores de óxido contienen potentes agentes químicos que rápidamente causarán daños permanentes. Si hay un derrame, retire inmediatamente los residuos, lave cuidadosamente con agua jabonosa y enjuague varias veces.

La viruta de acero daña los laminados Wilsonart®. No la use para limpiar, y no la deje sobre la superficie, el metal puede oxidarse y dejar at manchas. Los limpiadores de inodoros contienen potentes agentes que pueden causar daños permanentes. Si se derraman, retírelos de inmediato, lave la superficie con agua jabonosa y enjuague varias veces.

### PRODUCTOS RECOMENDADOS PARA LIMPIEZA

- Windex®
- Glass Plus®
- Fantastik®
- Mr. Clean®
- Formula 409®
- Isopropyl Alcohol (Isopropanol)

\*La exposición prolongada a un decolorante/blanqueador causará descoloración.

Cuando limpie laminados Wilsonart, o pisos no utilice productos que contengan los siguientes ingredientes químicos:

### INGREDIENTE QUÍMICO SINÓNIMOS FRECUENTES

Ácido Clorhídrico Ácido Muriático Cloro

Ácido Sulfúrico Furfural Vitriolo

Ácido Fluorhídrico Protector limpiador de hierro

Ácido Fosfórico Protector limpiador de hierro/antióxido

Hidróxido de Sodio Soda Cáustica  
Hidróxido de Potasio Soda Soda Cáustica

Pómez (abrasivo) Polvo de Piedra Pómez  
Piedra China