

Operation & Maintenance Cleaning / Care Advice

Hyg-ie-Clad

During the development of the surfaces for **Hyg-ie-Clad** particular attention was given to achieving a high degree of practicality. In addition to a long service life, they offer excellent cleaning properties for low maintenance. Adhering dirt can be easily and thoroughly removed without great use of force and largely without the use of chemical agents.

In order to maintain the beauty and intrinsic value of your **Hyg-ie-Clad** surfaces, the following **cleaning and care advice** should be adhered to:

In general, it will suffice to clean the surface regularly with a damp, soft and lint-free or non-abrasive cloth. If necessary, a mild household cleaner (washing-up liquid) can be added to the cleaning water.

Heavier soiling and possible stains, particularly from highly coloured substances and liquids (like mustard, coffee, tea, red wine, etc. for example) should be washed off with water **as quickly as possible**, possibly with the addition of a **proprietary, non-abrasive** household cleaner (such as CIF). **Stains must not be allowed to dry.**

Note: We do not recommend the use of household cleaners with Hyg-ie-Clad High Gloss or Hyg-ie-Clad Printed.

Stubborn stain residues, particularly spots of grease and grease deposits from **vegetable oils or body and suntan lotions (fingerprints)** can be brushed off using a warm 30% soft soap solution and a **soft** dish washing or hand washing brush.

Surface stains caused by limescale deposits that cannot be cleaned off by the methods described above can be treated with **proprietary bathroom cleaning agents, limescale remover or descaling agents**, e.g. for coffee machines or electric kettles. **Always observe the application and dosage recommendations of the respective manufacturer when using such agents.**

It should also be noted that such agents should **not be allowed to dry out for an extended period of time** and must be rinsed off with clear water after the recommended exposure time. Tried and trusted household agents such as vinegar essence **must not be used in concentrated or undiluted form**. We recommend dilution with water at a **ratio of 1 part of vinegar essence – 10 parts of water**. Limescale stains and limescale deposits can be removed easily with this. Even if the solution is allowed to dry inadvertently, it will leave no trace on the surface.

When using proprietary household cleaning agents, be sure not to use **any undiluted or concentrated cleaning agents that are strongly coloured** as these dyes can also leave deposits.

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Steam cleaners, pressure washers, eraser sponges and sharp-edged objects or abrasive cleaning aids such as steel wool and the likes are not suitable for cleaning vinyl surfaces. These are also not resistant to organic solvents such as thinners, nail varnish remover, plastic cleaners containing organic solvents like acetone and/or acetates or undiluted spirits (spirits must be diluted 1:2 with water!) and hair dyes or bleaches, stamping ink and black ballpoint pen paste ink. Deposits must be removed immediately.

In order to prevent drops and excess moisture from forming, it is recommended that excess water be removed from all surfaces using a soft cloth or a shower squeegee and to keep these surfaces dry. This will keep your decorative wall surfaces hygienically clean and extend the service life of your panels at the same time.

Important:

Always adhere to the concentrations recommended by the respective manufacturer of any cleaning agents.

Plastic cleaners / special cleaners should always be initially tested for compatibility on a inconspicuous place.

Our information provides suggestions for possible applications. It was compiled on the basis of practical experience. It does not claim to be complete and errors and emissions are excepted.