



## Caring for AXIX™ Stainless steel and PVD finish Sinks

### **Caring for Stainless Steel AXIX™ Sinks**

Discolouration and most marks on stainless steel are caused by water-borne deposits clinging to its surface. They are always the result of an outside source rather than coming from the steel itself. Such stains are often seen as a “rainbow-effect” and can be avoided completely by removing wet cleaning aids (cloths, containers etc.) from the sink after use so as to avoid watermarking and rust stains.

One of the best ways to care for the sink is to clean it with a product called ‘Gumption’ which can be used as required. It will also remove grease and limescale. It is helpful to dry the sink thoroughly after cleaning.

#### Avoid

- The use of plastic bowls for washing up, as these cause heavy localised scratching
- Leaving salt, vinegar, citric fruit juices, mustard or pickles on the surface for any length of time as they can cause corrosion;
- Abrasive cleaners such as bleach, scourers or wire woolpads.

### Scratching

The surface scratches which appear on stainless steel sinks rarely have any appreciable depth and will become less noticeable with age. A stainless steel sink will develop a patina with time and will look better a year after installation than during the first few months of use due to the fact that the scratching will have evened out. All sinks manufactured in stainless steel perform in exactly the same way in this respect be they manufactured by AXIX™ or a competitor. We recommend the use of ‘Gumption’ which when used regularly will assist in maintaining your sink.

We would point out that the use of a plastic washing up bowl will over time cause the development of regular abrasion marks over the sink’s surface. Stainless steel cream cleaner to be used after ‘Gumption’. To use the stainless steel cream cleaner, apply with a damp cloth (like a microfiber or Chux) using circular motions, allow to dry (to a white powder), then buff off with kitchen paper towel. The stainless steel cream forms a waterproof layer on your sink, which helps the water drain off easier.

### Rust Spots

AXIX™ are extremely stringent in the quality and standards required from the steel suppliers. The material used is high quality stainless steel which is metallurgically incapable of rusting or corroding in normal household conditions.

It can, however, harbour ferrous particles from the water supply and these often occur with newer installations when the pipework is disturbed, or from ‘wire’ scouring pads or utensils. These filings get deposited and cling to the sink surface and unless removed will rust.



In this instance we would recommend that the sink is cleaned thoroughly using 'Gumption'. This should be scrubbed with a stiff nylon nailbrush (NB simply using a nylon washing up brush is not sufficient as the product needs to be worked into the 'valleys' of the texture of the sink), which should be left on the sink for at least thirty minutes before thoroughly rinsing off.

We would point out that unless the particles are completely removed they will return. It is therefore very important that after cleaning the sink, it is dried thoroughly.

This process needs to continue at least daily for a period of 7 to 10 days until the problem disappears. The problem is sometimes particularly obstinate to remove and it may take several attempts to restore the sink to its pristine condition.

#### **Caring for PVD coated AXIX™ Sinks**

We would advise that the sink is cleaned after each use with soapy water. To dry, use a soft cloth or sponge. This will help prevent water spotting and mineral build-up on the surface of the sink.

- Never use steel wool in or on the sink (as it may leave steel deposits on the sink, which can cause rust).
- Avoid all abrasive and aggressive chemicals.
- Avoid using harsh chemicals or bleaches.
- Avoid prolonged contact with ordinary steel containers (eg. Tin cans) as it may rust and stain the sink.
- Avoid prolonged exposures to acids from fruits, fruit juices, salts, tea bags etc, as these may leave stains.
- Avoid leaving liquid soaps, hand sanitizing liquids etc on the surface, as these may leave stains.

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