

Pionite decorative laminates are designed to provide a durable surface that is easy to maintain. Included in this guide are progressive cleaning steps which can be applied to remove most common stains. When properly followed, these steps will keep your Pionite laminate looking great for years to come.

## CLEANING

In most cases, all that is required to maintain the original appearance of your Pionite laminate is wiping it with a damp cloth. For persistent stains, however, the cleaning methods listed below are recommended. Start with the first method and proceed to the next method if the stain persists. It is important that after each cleaning step, the surface of the laminate is rinsed with warm water and wiped with a dry cloth. This step prevents the buildup of cleaning agent on the laminate surface. Residual cleaning agent can be reactivated with moisture from a wet plate or cup. If this reactivated cleaning agent remains on the surface of the laminate it can damage the decorative surface.

- **Regular cleaning** - wipe the surface of the laminate with a soft, damp cloth and a mild detergent; then rinse the laminate surface with warm water and wipe with a clean, dry cloth to remove any cleaner residue.
- **If the stain persists** - use a damp cloth and a full-strength, all-purpose cleaner. Rinse the laminate surface with warm water and wipe with a dry cloth to remove any cleaner residue.
- **For tougher stains**, such as coffee, tea, or fruit juice, use a paste of baking soda and water. Apply this paste with a soft bristled brush and scrub gently in a circular motion for 10-20 cycles. (*Caution: Excessive scrubbing can dull or damage the surface of the laminate making it more prone to future stains.*) Rinse the laminate surface with warm water and wipe with a clean, dry cloth to remove any cleaner residue.
- **Extremely stubborn stains** may be removed with bleach or acetone (i.e. nail polish remover). For safety reasons, rubber gloves should be worn when handling these liquids. Apply the bleach or acetone to the stain and let it sit for **no longer than 1 1/2 minutes**, then rinse thoroughly with warm water and wipe dry with a clean cloth. (*Caution: Prolonged exposure of the laminate surface to bleach will cause discoloration.*) If this method appears to be removing the stain but not affecting the color of the laminate, repeat this step until the stain is removed, then rinse the laminate surface with warm water and wipe with a clean, dry cloth to remove any residue.