



## Laminate Care & Maintenance

Laminate is a hardwearing material, but like all materials it can be damaged if used without some care and maintenance. The following information should help you maintain the surface of laminate with minimal time and effort.

### Cleaning

A wipe over with a clean soft damp cloth should be sufficient to keep all laminate surfaces clean.

Soiled or light stains are removed with warm soapy water or with a common detergent such as spray and wipe containing no abrasive or strongly acidic alkaline ingredients. Avoid scourers as they will damage the surface. If you find streaky marks appearing (more commonly on dark colours or high gloss colours) a wipe over with windex and a dry cloth will generally remove these.

Laminate is resistant to most household products but is not absolutely stain proof. If accidental spills occur, prompt action is essential. Wipe off beetroot, berry juice, wine, concentrated bleach, oven cleaners, artificial dyes, hair colouring and solvent based pen ink immediately.

Laminate will withstand normal wear and tear, but can be damaged by scratching or cutting with utensils, knives and unglazed pottery. Always use a chopping board and never cut directly on to the surface. Darker colours will show scratches more readily than lighter colours in general. Dark colours and high gloss surfaces require more care and maintenance than lighter colours or low gloss colours. To minimise scratching, always place and lift objects off the surface never drag or slide them across the surface. Never place hot pans, pots, electric fry pans, slow cookers, steamers or similar objects directly onto the surface.

Particular care should be taken in the areas of joins, swelling of joins may occur if they are subject to excessive heat or water. Never place hot pans, pots, electric fry pans, slow cookers, steamers or similar objects directly onto the join. Any water spills over the joins should be wiped up immediately.

If stubborn stains persist or you have any further questions do not hesitate to contact us for further advise.