

# Surface<sup>2</sup>

## Cleaning Instructions

Congratulations on your decision to purchase Abet Laminati High Pressure Laminate (HPL). Your HPL is sourced from the highest-quality Italian manufacturer and is the best available in Australia. The durability and high resistance of your laminate means it does not require special care, however the following guidelines will assist with maintenance and care.

These instructions apply to the following HPL collections: Abet wood, Colours, Colours and Textures, Decori Minimi, Fabriek, Foldline, Foldlight, Full-colour, Hr-Laq, Interni, Labgrade, Legni, Magnetico, Metal Effect, Metalli\*\*, Parade, Digital, Febo, Patagonia, Polaris\*, Rocks and Walkprint. For other collections, please contact Abet Laminati direct.

### General cleaning

- For routine cleaning, wipe the laminate down with a soft damp cloth and mild detergent.
- Do not use abrasive detergents or sponges, which may dull or scratch the surface.
- Clean spills and stains as promptly as possible, to avoid it seeping into the surface and making them more difficult to remove.
- To avoid water and detergent marks, always rinse and dry the laminate after cleaning.
- Always conduct a patch test on a small inconspicuous area of the laminate before using a new detergent.
- Do not use detergents that contain strong acids or bases. Products to avoid include:
  - Descalers with formic acid and aminosulphonic acid.
  - Drain cleaner.
  - Hydrochloric acid.
  - Products used for cleaning silver.
  - Oven cleaner.
  - Bleach.
- Organic solvents may be used for cleaning (e.g. acetone, ethyl alcohol, benzene, perchloroethylene, Methyl ethyl ketone, etc.), however prolonged contact should be avoided. Solvents are highly flammable and general safety precautions should be taken, such as wearing protective gloves and ensuring sufficient airflow.
- Do not attach adhesive strips to the laminate for long periods of time.

### Food and Coffee

Most food stains will easily wipe away with a soft damp cloth and mild detergent. Some stains such as tea or coffee may be a little more difficult, especially if they have been left sitting on the laminate. A soft-bristle nylon brush and an all-purpose cleaner can be used to remove older or more difficult stains. Repeat until the stain is removed and don't forget to rinse and dry the area.

### Limescale

Mild limescale build-up can be removed by wiping over with a soft damp cloth and mild detergent. Older or stubborn residue may be treated with an acidic detergent solution (containing max 10% acetic acid or citric acid). Allow the detergent to act on the stain for a short period of time before rinsing well and drying. Repeat the process if necessary until the stain is removed.



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### **Ink, grease, paint, oil, polish and makeup**

Remove the stain with a soft damp sponge and detergent solution. Suitable organic solvents may also be used. Rinse well and dry. Older stains may need repeat treatment, or allow the solvent to act on the stain for a short period of time before rinsing well and drying.

### **Candle wax**

Before the wax hardens, blot with paper towels or a damp cloth to remove as much residue as possible. If the wax has already hardened, remove it with a soft spatula (plastic or silicone, not metal), being careful to not scratch the surface. Residual traces can be removed using an alcohol-based detergent. Rinse and dry. In the event of persistent markings, dry the area with a hair dryer and blot with paper towels.

### **Biological material**

Stains may be cleaned with a soft damp cloth and mild detergent. Older or stubborn stains may require a soft-bristled nylon brush, or allow the detergent a short period of time to act on the stain, before rinsing and drying. Disinfect the area with non-aggressive disinfectants.

### **Paint and adhesives**

Remove the stain as soon as possible with a soft damp cloth and mild detergent, being careful to not scratch the surface. Avoid leaving the area exposed to sunlight or in environments with high temperatures.

### **Silicon and resin**

Use a soft spatula (plastic or silicon, not metal) to remove the silicone or resin and use a soft-bristled nylon brush to scrub any residual marks with a diluted solvent. Rinse thoroughly. Avoid leaving silicon and resin in contact with the surface for long periods of time.

### **\*Polaris collection**

Remove stains with room temperature water and magic sponge, then rinse and dry with a paper towel or soft cloth. Repeat if marks remain, allowing the detergent to act for a few minutes before rinsing and drying. Stubborn stains can be treated with a concentrated detergent, diluted 50% in water. Always remove a stain immediately and conduct a patch test on a hidden area to see if the product is aggressive.



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The Metalli collection requires products suitable for cleaning aluminium, such as neutral soap diluted in water or alcohol-based glass cleaner. Conduct an initial patch test on an inconspicuous area to ensure there is no chemical aggression. Use a soft cloth to scrub gently and always rinse well and pat dry with a soft cloth or paper towel. If using disinfectant, it is important not to leave any residue on the aluminum surface.

### **\*\*\*Magnetico collection**

Always use a microfibre cloth to clean Magnetico laminate, rather than a traditional whiteboard eraser. Also avoid using hands and fingers. The surface should be periodically wiped down with a soft damp cloth, and may also be washed down with warm soapy water. Don't forget to rinse and dry. For stubborn marks, use acetone or a solution of 25% cloudy ammonia, 25% quality dishwashing liquid and 50% clean warm water. Apply the solution in a circular motion to small sections at a time, using a soft cloth. Allow very stubborn marks to soak before wiping. A small amount of glass cleaner such as Windex may also be used if needed. Please do not use any other products or abrasive sponges, as they will damage the surface.

**IMPORTANT:** It is imperative that only correct whiteboard marker pens are used on the surface. Permanent markers will be difficult to remove and cause shadowing.

For specific questions not addressed in this document, please contact  
Surface Squared on 1300 722 113 for assistance.