

# CARING FOR YOUR STAINLESS STEEL HARDWARE

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## HOW TO CARE FOR STAINLESS STEEL HARDWARE

Stainless steels are very resistant to rust, however this does not mean they're impervious to it. With proper maintenance stainless steel will maintain its lustre and appearance indefinitely.

One of the advantages of stainless steel hardware is that any rust spots can be easily removed and generally the product will return to its 'new' state with appropriate cleaning.

- Most discolouration can be removed with a mildly abrasive cleaner (Ajax, Jif, Brasso etc.)
- Heavier corrosion and rust can be removed using a Scotch-Brite™ pad or stainless steel scourer
- Do not use steel wool - this may leave residues of steel which will rust
- After cleaning, the product should be rinsed free of all cleaning product residue with clean water



Stainless steel may develop discolouration, rust spots and corrosion brought about by environmental and installation conditions. Environments with exposure to the following substances should be avoided:

- Chlorine based (bleach) products and cleaners
- Hydrochloric acid (commonly used for tile and concrete cleaning)
- Cement dust
- Soap concentrates
- Water with high iron content (generally bore water)

**NOTE:** Stainless steel is a living metal, so light surface rust is more likely to occur in the first few weeks after installation as the metal stabilises with the environment. Do not be alarmed, this is quite normal but does require cleaning immediately to prevent permanent damage.