

# The Proper Cleaning + Disinfecting of Formica® Products





## Three Steps for Every Day Cleaning

1. Use a clean, damp, nonabrasive cotton cloth and a mild liquid detergent or household cleaner. Clean the soiled area using a rotating motion.
2. Next, rinse with clean water, using a clean, non-abrasive cotton cloth. Take care not to flood the laminate, especially near seams
3. Dry the surface with a soft, clean, non-abrasive cotton cloth.

# Recommended Cleaners

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- Liquid dish soap like Dawn®
- Fantastik® All Purpose Cleaner
- Formula 409®
- Pine-Sol® (original formula)
- Windex®



# What to Avoid

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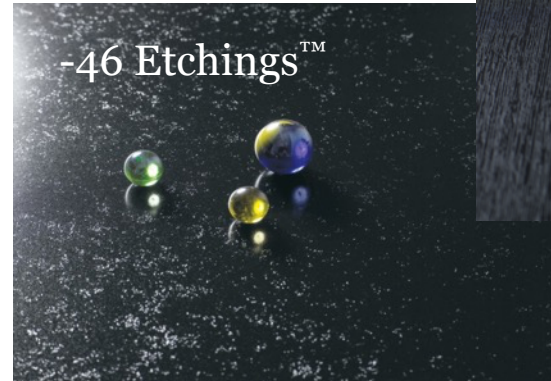
- Abrasive pads - like scouring powders, steel wool, Scotch-Brite™ and sandpaper
- Abrasive cleaners like scouring powders, Ajax® , Comet®, Magic Eraser
- Acidic or Alkali based Cleansers



# Deep Texture Cleaning Tips

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- Use a nylon bristled hand or vegetable brush
- Mild liquid detergent and water solution
- Clean the soiled area using a rotating motion
- Finish by rinsing with water, and then dry the surface.



# Formica® Products & FENIX™

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The Three Step Every Day Cleaning Method applies to all Formica® Brand products

- Formica® Brand Laminate
- Formica® Writable Surfaces
- 180fx®
- Formica® Compact
- ColorCore®2
- DecoMetal®
- Formica Infiniti®
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- Formica Envision™
- HardStop™
- Intentek™
- Formica® Solid Surfacing
- FENIX™



# Special Cleaning Recommendations

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- Markerboard & Chalkboard
- Stains
- Glue
- Paint or Varnish
- Solid Surfacing/Sinks



# Formica® Writable Surfaces Gloss (-90)

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- Wipe with a clean, nonabrasive cotton cloth or standard dry erase eraser.
- If residual streaks remain after normal cleaning, use a mild glass cleaner, then dry with a clean, non-abrasive cotton cloth.
- Stubborn marks may require alcohol or acetone
- Marker left on the surface for long periods of time may require a marker board cleaner and conditioner specifically designed for dry erase surfaces





# Formica® Writable Surfaces Chalkboard

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- Wipe clean with a sponge and water.
- Stubborn marks may require alcohol or acetone.
- Always test chalkboard pens for ghosting on a small area before using on a larger surface.



# Three Steps to Remove Tough Stains

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1. Apply a recommended cleanser and allow it to draw out the stain.
  - Acetone
  - Rubbing alcohol (isopropyl)
  - Ethanol
2. Clean using a rotating motion. If a cotton cloth or sponge doesn't do the trick, try using a nylon-bristle brush.
3. Rinse with water and dry the surface. Remember, it is important to remove all cleanser from the surface.



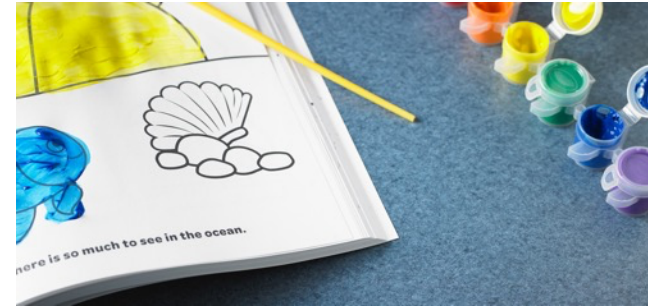
# The Baking Soda Method – Tougher Stains

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- Apply paste of baking soda and water
- Wipe up the paste with damp non-abrasive cotton cloth
- Rinse clean with water



# Removing Glue, Paint, and Varnish



- Newly installed decorative laminate can have a streaky appearance caused by contact adhesive used during fabrication.
  - Clean with a non-abrasive cotton cloth and an adhesive solvent
- For Super Glue, acetone works well
- Most oil-based paints, varnishes and lacquers can be removed from decorative laminate surfaces with a suitable solvent

# Formica® Solid Surfacing

## Stubborn Stains

- Soft Scrub®
- Bleach

## Sinks

- Scrub with Comet®, Ajax®, Scotch-Brite™

Formica® Solid Surfacing is repairable



# Disinfectant Use on Formica Products

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## EPA Approved List N Products

- Over 420+ Products & Growing
- Keyword Search on EPA Website by:
  - EPA Registration Number
  - Active Ingredient
  - Use
  - Contact Time

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

## Formica Tested Products From Key Active Compound Categories

- Test Method: Spot Test – NEMA 3.4



# Cleaning and Disinfectants (EPA Approved List N Products)

## HPL\*

### General Cleaning:

- Fantastik®
- Formula 409®
- Windex®
- Liquid dish soap (Dawn®)

### Disinfecting:

- Quaternary Ammonium
- Alcohols (Isopropanol, Ethanol)
- Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach)
- Hydrogen Peroxides

## (FENIX™ & Formica® Infiniti)\*\*

### General Cleaning:

- Fantastik®
- Formula 409®
- Windex®
- Liquid dish soap (Dawn®)

### Disinfecting:

- Quaternary Ammonium
- Alcohols (Isopropanol, Ethanol)
- Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach)
- Hydrogen Peroxides
- Phenolic

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cleaning or  
disinfectant with a  
warm water rinse  
and dry

\*Also applies to  
Formica® Compact,  
ColorCore®2,  
HardStop™, Formica  
Envision™, and  
Intentek™

\*\*Also applies to  
Formica Infiniti®  
ColorCore®2



# Cleaning and Disinfectants (EPA Approved List N Products)

## DecoMetal (Brushed Aluminum)

### General Cleaning:

- Fantastik®
- Formula 409®
- Windex®
- Liquid dish soap (Dawn®)

### Disinfecting:

- Quaternary Ammonium
- Alcohols (Isopropanol, Ethanol)
- Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach)
- Hydrogen Peroxides

## Solid Surfacing

### General Cleaning:

- Fantastik®
- Formula 409®
- Windex®
- Liquid dish soap (Dawn®)

### Disinfecting:

- Isopropanol
- Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach)

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# EPA COVID19 Disinfectant List & Common Brands

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

## Quaternary Ammonium

(198 listed)

- Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes
- Clorox Healthcare® VersaSure® Wipes
- Clorox Commercial Solutions® Disinfecting Wipes
- Lysol® Disinfecting Wipes (All Scents)
- Lysol® Brand All Purpose Cleaner
- Sani-Cloth® Germicidal Disposable Cloth
- Super Sani-Cloth® Germicidal Disposable Wipe
- Virex™ II 256
- Fantastik® Multi-Surface Disinfectant Degreaser
- Envy® Liquid Disinfectant Cleaner
- Caviwipes™
- Cavicide™

## Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach)

(54 listed)

- Clorox Healthcare® Bleach Germicidal Wipes
- Ultra Clorox® Brand Regular Bleach (8.25%)
- Clorox Healthcare® Bleach Germicidal Cleaner Spray
- Clorox® Disinfecting Bleach2
- CloroxPro™ Clorox® Germicidal Bleach
- CPPC Ultra Bleach 2
- Sani-Cloth® Bleach Germicidal Disposable Wipe
- Caviwipes™ Bleach
- Cavicide™ Bleach
- Dispatch®
- Lysol® Brand Bleach Mold and Mildew Remover

# EPA COVID19 Disinfectant List & Common Brands (cont'd)

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## Hydrogen Peroxides

(43 listed)

- Clorox Commercial Solutions® Hydrogen Peroxide Cleaner Disinfectant
- Clorox Commercial Solutions® Hydrogen Peroxide Cleaner Disinfectant Wipes
- Clorox Commercial Solutions® Clorox® Disinfecting Biostain & Odor Remover
- Oxivir™ Tb
- Oxivir™ Wipes
- Oxivir™ 1 Wipes
- Accel® Tb
- Accel® TB Wipes
- Accel® (Concentrate) Disinfectant Cleaner
- Oxy-1 Wipes
- Sani-HyPerCide™ Germicidal Spray
- Oxy-Team™ Disinfectant Cleaner

## Phenolic

(9 listed)

- Steris LpH®
- Steris Vesphene® II
- Opti-Phene
- Wex-Cide 1128

## Ethanol

(18 listed)

- Purell® Professional Surface Disinfectant Wipes
- Lysol Neutra Air® 2 in 1
- Wedge Disinfectant Wipes

## Isopropanol

(11 listed)

- Klercide™ 70/30 IPA
- Alpet® D2
- Opti-Cide 3®





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