The Proper Cleaning + Disinfecting of Formica® Products
Three Steps for Every Day Cleaning

1. Use a clean, damp, non-abrasive 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

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

• 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

- 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™

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™
- Intenteck™
- Formica® Solid Surfacing
- FENIX™
Special Cleaning Recommendations

- Markerboard & Chalkboard
- Stains
- Glue
- Paint or Varnish
- Solid Surfacing/Sinks
Formica® Writable Surfaces Gloss (-90)

- 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

- 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

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

• 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

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)

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## Cleaning and Disinfectants (EPA Approved List N Products)

| Cleaning and Disinfectants | DecoMetal (Brushed Aluminum) | Solid Surfacing
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------
| General Cleaning:           | Fantastik®                 | Isopropanol                 
|                             | Formula 409®               | Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach) |
|                             | Windex®                    |                             |
|                             | Liquid dish soap (Dawn®)   |                             |
| Disinfecting:               | Quaternary Ammonium        |                             |
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# EPA COVID-19 Disinfectant List & Common Brands

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## 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 Bleach 2
- 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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