



Routine cleaning

- ✓ **Stainless steel looks best if cleaned regularly with plenty of water.**
Wash using a mild detergent diluted in warm water, then rinse.
- ✓ **Wipe the surface dry with soft, absorbent cloth** to prevent streaks.

Everyday household cleaners

- ✓ **Vinegar:** To clean and polish stainless steel, moisten a cloth with undiluted white or cider vinegar and wipe the surface clean. Rinse.
- ✓ **Club Soda:** Remove streaks or heat stains by rubbing with club soda.
- ✓ **Olive Oil or Baby Oil:** Give longer protection to high traffic areas by lightly rubbing with olive oil or baby oil. Polish & shine with a soft cloth.



Removing marks

- ✓ **Always wipe in the direction of the grain.** Clean an area larger than the actual mark, to avoid leaving shiny spots on the surface.

Fingerprints	Rub with methylated spirits on a soft cloth. Rinse with clean water and wipe dry. Meths can dissolve paint, so don't let it touch painted surfaces.
Stubborn stains and discoloration	Use mild cleaning solutions e.g. cream Jif or speciality stainless steel cleaners, on a rag, sponge or old soft toothbrush. Rinse well with clean water and wipe dry.

Preventing damage

- ✓ **Regular cleaning is better than occasional aggressive cleaning.**
- ✓ **Always use a cutting board.** Never cut directly on your benchtop.
- ✓ **Wipe up spills as soon as possible.** Fruit, juice, salt, vinegar, mustard and mayonnaise can corrode your benchtop when left to sit.
- ✓ **Use a trivet or hot pads** when placing appliances or pots straight from the oven/stove directly onto your benchtop.
- ✗ **Avoid contact with acidic and caustic chemicals** such as silver dip cleaner, drain cleaner, bleach (hydrochloride), and liquid hand soaps containing sodium chloride. Dilute and flush away as soon as possible.
- ✗ **Don't use steel wool to clean your benchtop.** Steel particles may embed in the surface and rust, giving the appearance that your benchtop itself is rusting.

If you have damaged your stainless steel and wish to refurbish it, please get in contact with your local Trends Kitchens branch.

