



## **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.

<b>Fingerprints</b>	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.
<b>Stubborn stains and discoloration</b>	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.*

