

# CARE AND MAINTENANCE

## **Care and Maintenance**

Regular cleaning will preserve the appearance and integrity of the surface. Stainless steel can easily be cleaned and kept stain-free using various methods.

#### **Recommendations:**

- Clean with an abrasive cleaner like, Bon-Ami or Zud weekly or bi-weekly. Always scrub in the direction of the grain or polish lines. Another option is to use Baking soda. Make sure to rinse well and dry. Illustration A
- Most soaps and detergents contain chlorides, we recommend rinsing the stainless-steel sink with hot water after use, to prevent corrosion. Illustration B
- · Regularly dry your sink to prevent water and surface rust marks. Illustration C
- · Do not leave salt in the sink or near a saltwater environment.
- Use a quality stainless steel cleaner and follow cleaner instructions. Wipe along the grain (NOT against). Illustration  $\mathsf{D}$

#### Things to Avoid:

- · Avoid harsh abrasive cleaners and corrosive chemicals.
- Avoid abrasive scouring pads, carbon steel brushes and steel wool for cleaning as iron particles left behind can lead to rust.
- Avoid the use of oily rags or greasy cloths when wiping the surface. To avoid water spots, wipe dry after use.

### **Additional Tips:**

- · Regularly drying your sink works wonders to prevent water and surface rust marks.
- · Wear rubber gloves when working with cleaners to protect your hands.
- Never mix cleaners. Some products react to create dangerous gases.
- There are thousands of blended or compound cleaners on the market. Users are advised to contact suppliers of solvents for information on their applications on stainless steel.
- · DO NOT USE SOLVENTS in closed spaces or while smoking.
- · Note: Columbia does not recommend use with harsh chemicals.



Illustration A



Illustration B



Illustration C



Illustration D

#### Notice for California Consumers

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including Chromium (hexavalent compounds), Lead, and Phthalates (DEHP) which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

NOTE: Lead content originates from Brass components in valves and faucets and is certified under NSF/ANSI 372 as containing less than 0.25% lead in wetted surfaces.

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