

## CARE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>PRODUCT</b>	Melamine faced board and HPL (all types)	<b>DATE</b>	5 December 2021
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### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Melamine faced board: melamine faced board, two-sided, coated with impregnated paper containing the design, available in different variations (moisture resistant, fire retardant, etc.) for vertical use.

HPL board: high-pressure laminate in accordance with EN438-3 is composed of layers of impregnated paper compressed at high pressure and high temperature. HPL boards are available as a top finishing for bonding to a base board (e.g. chipboard, MDF, plywood, etc.) or as a self-supporting Compact HPL board.

Melamine faced board and HPL boards are available with a wide range of designs (e.g. solid colours, wood and stone reproductions) with a specific surface structure (e.g. wood structure, pearlised structure, textile structure, etc.)

### GENERAL

Melamine faced board and HPL are easy to clean, provided that they receive regular care. There are no special cleaning instructions or cleaning products. Commercially available care products are sufficient, provided that they are used correctly and regularly.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR DAILY CARE

We recommend removing all greasy marks, marks and dirt as quickly as possible, ideally within 48 hours. The longer the dirt remains on the surface, the more difficult it will be to remove it afterwards (e.g. coffee and wine stains). The surface can be cleaned several times a day with general cleaning products with no abrasive properties, without affecting the surface.

The recommended step-by-step plan for cleaning the surface:

1. Remove any large quantities of dirt and/or dust from the surface with a soft brush or sponge to make the surface clean.
2. To clean the surface, use a sponge or cloth to apply an all-purpose cleaner mixed with water or spray a glass cleaner (e.g. Instantet or Mr Proper) directly onto the surface. Detergent is not recommended as it can leave a film on the surface.
3. Gently rub the surface with the cleaning product.
4. Once the cleaning product has been allowed to work, rinse well with lukewarm water to remove the cleaning product from the surface.
5. To prevent streaking, wipe the surface dry with a soft, dry towel. Do not use paper as small particles of paper can be left behind in the surface structure, particularly if the structure is deep.
6. To clean deep surface structures, always wipe in the direction of the structure and never across it to prevent dirt from being pressed into the structure rather than removed.

7. If the first attempt does not completely remove all marks, repeat the step-by-step plan.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUBBORN MARKS**

A magic sponge (e.g. Mr Proper Magic Gum) combined with a general, non-abrasive cleaning agent may be used for (very) stubborn marks – rub over the surface in a circular motion. Rub gently, never press too hard. We recommend cleaning the entire surface, not just the mark, so that the surface is cleaned evenly. Always test a small corner before cleaning the entire surface. Use the magic sponge if the recommended step-by-step plan for cleaning the surface does not produce the desired result.

## **CARE OF MATTE OR DEEP SURFACE STRUCTURES**

Boards with a very deep surface structure can be cleaned by following the general instructions for daily care. It is important not to use paper to clean the surface (paper residue can remain in the structure) and to rub in the direction of the structure, and not across it, to prevent the dirt from being rubbed into the structure rather than removed from it.

Boards with a matte or glossy (flat) surface structure can be cleaned by following the recommended step-by-step plan. It is important not to use abrasive cleaning agents or an abrasive sponge as this can damage the top finishing of the panel. It is best to clean flat surface structures with a circular motion.

## **DO NOT USE THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS FOR CARE**

- Abrasive, aggressive cleaning agents, such as abrasive sponges, steel wool, sand paper
- Floor cleaners containing linseed oil, washing powder, furniture and plastic cleaners containing silicon, bleach, petroleum-based cleaners, turpentine, solvents (e.g. cellulose thinner), scouring powder and care products containing abrasive components, white spirit
- Care products containing strong (undiluted) acids, bases and salts
- High-pressure cleaners
- Paint stripper
- Acetone may be used but must be rinsed thoroughly with warm water and then rubbed dry with a soft cloth.

## **GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Never place hot objects such as saucepans directly onto the surface.
- Never use the surface as a cutting board, always use a wooden or plastic cutting board.
- If in doubt about the procedure that you need to follow to clean the surface or treat specific marks or the use of a specific care product, please contact your local UNILIN representative for expert advice.