

Trespa Use and Care Guidelines

Surface Protection

Scratches and impact: Do not chop, slice or pound directly on a Trespa® Solid Composite surface. Use a chopping block or other protective surface. Heavy impact, such as a hammer can cause gouges in the surface. Knives can leave slices or scratches. Ceramics and abrasive materials can scratch Trespa surfaces.

Hot Objects: Do not place extremely hot items on Trespa surfaces. Trespa surfaces can withstand heat up to 350°F. However, prolonged high temperature exposure can cause surface damage. Use an insulated hot pad or other protective device beneath hot items. Do not place hot irons or crucibles directly onto Trespa surfaces.

Ordinary Cleaning

To keep Trespa surfaces looking beautiful, clean with a damp cloth using mild non-abrasive cleaners, e.g., 409, Fantastic, etc. Some commercial self-cleaning waxes and polishes can be used on Trespa, but caution must be taken since others contain abrasives that will eventually damage the surface or make it susceptible to stains.

Stronger acid or alkaline-based cleaners may permanently damage or stain Trespa. Never allow these cleaners, containers, rags or other items contaminated with these cleaners to remain in contact with Trespa. Examples of such cleaners include:

Drain Cleaners	Some Countertop Cleaners	Ceramic Top Cleaners	Chlorine
Bleach			
Oven Cleaners	Rust Removers	Toilet Bowl Cleaners	Metal
Cleaners			

If you spill such cleaners on a Trespa surface, wipe up the spill immediately and rinse the affected area thoroughly with water. Chemical testing, performed to SEFA 8-1998 test specifications, has shown that Trespa Athlon® and Toplab® Plus grades resist most chemicals for a period of time, but there is no substitute for good housekeeping. Check your Trespa specifications for chemical resistance prior to long-term exposure.

Disinfecting

Trespa surfaces may be disinfected with common alcohol based disinfectants or with mild solutions of hydrogen peroxide.

Special Cleaning Recommendations

Residual adhesive: Trespa will occasionally have a protective cover sheet used during shipping that may leave residual adhesive. Clean this adhesive with a non-abrasive cotton cloth and adhesive solvent such as lacquer thinner, MEK, or acetone. Read and follow all instructions and warnings on the labels of all solvent products.

Paint and varnish: Remove most oil based paints, varnishes and lacquers with a suitable solvent or paint remover. Read and follow all instructions and warnings on the labels and remember that most solvents are extremely flammable. Remove most water based paints with an ammonia-based household cleaner or paint remover. For stubborn paint spots, use a plastic, non-abrasive scouring pad. Never use steel wool or other metal scouring pads.

Stains: Trespa is resistant to most common stains. However, some materials and liquids such as certain dyes and pharmaceutical products may permanently stain Trespa if not removed quickly. Examples include:

Some Hair Dyes
Dermatological Tar

Laundry Bluing
Povidone-Iodine

Tannic Acid

Mercurochrome

To remove or minimize such stains, use full strength Pine-Sol® liquid cleaner or another mild household spray cleaner on the affected area, and allow it to draw out the stain. Blot with a damp, non-abrasive cloth, then rinse. You can also use solvents such as denatured alcohol. Follow all directions and warnings on the solvent label because many are extremely flammable.

Avoidance of Abrasive Cleaners/Materials

DO NOT use abrasive cleaners, powders, scouring pads, steel wool, sandpaper, and etc. to clean Trespa surfaces. These can damage the surface finish and make it susceptible to staining.