

TECLAB CASEWORK

Teclab metal casework is the most well built system furniture on the market. With the proper care of your casework furniture, you can expect to have many years of reliable service. The following information is designed to help you maintain and protect the appearance of your Teclab casework. Please refer to the information below regarding the recommended care and cleaning procedures as it relates to the surface you are cleaning.

POWDER COATED STEEL SURFACES:

Our steel casework is protected by one of the newest paint application methods in the industry. Powder coated steel is a chemical resistant, baked coating that is able to withstand a number of chemicals. However, in order to prolong the “like new” appearance of your casework installation, it is necessary to regularly clean all exposed surfaces.

Regular cleaning

Powder coated steel casework needs to be cleaned regularly to remove surface contaminants. This also helps to safeguard against unwanted chemical reactions. The best method for cleaning is to use glass cleaner with a soft cloth. Be sure that this cleaner is compatible with other chemicals that may be in use around the area you are cleaning as ammonia based products should never be mixed with products containing bleach.

Caution:

- **Do not** use steel wool or abrasive cleaners for cleaning. This may damage the surface(s) of your cabinet(s).
- **Do not** expose powder coated surfaces to acids which may cause staining or damage to the exposed surface(s).

Chemicals to Avoid:

- EK (Methyl Ethyl Keytone), Acetone, or other strong solvents
- Chlorine-based cleaners
- Sulfur-based cleaners

STAINLESS STEEL SURFACES:

While stainless steel is an extremely durable surface, proper maintenance will help extend the life of your product. Stainless steel has a naturally occurring process in which oxygen from the atmosphere combines with the chromium in the stainless steel to form a protective film of chromium oxide. Contaminates left on the surface may interfere with this process, reducing the corrosion protection. Therefore, regular cleaning helps to protect the corrosion resistance stainless steel is known for and preserves the appearance people have come to appreciate.

Regular cleaning

Stainless steel needs to be cleaned regularly to remove dust, dirt, and contaminants. The best method for cleaning is to use warm water with a soft cloth, towel dry to avoid water spotting. Gentle, non-abrasive detergents such as soap may be used as necessary. Rinse surfaces thoroughly to remove soap before drying with a soft cloth.

Fingerprints are probably the most common contaminate to remove and can be effectively removed by using glass cleaner. Follow cleaning with a warm water rinse.

Caution:

- **Do not** use carbon steel brushes or steel wool for cleaning. This may leave particles embedded in the surface(s) which may lead to rusting.
- **Do not** expose stainless steel surfaces to acids which may cause staining or damage to the exposed surface(s).
- Abrasive pads and other carbon steel products may cause pitting and/or corrosion if left on stainless steel surface(s).