



ROBBERECHTS

Subject: Cleaning advice for melamine tops

Reflection

Polarization of the light: the fibers run into a certain direction to transport the resin to the ends of the tree. This is called the “woodgrain”; it reflects the light in different ways, depending on the angle from which you are viewing it. In that way it seems as if two adjacent surfaces of which the grain runs in different directions do not have the same color (e.g. desk with extension). You need to walk around it just to see how the light plays with the surface and notice that the gloss and color of the wood change.

Scratches

A pad adequately protects the wood from scratches and circles from glasses and cups. Lift the objects as much as possible to move them. Most scratches are the result of moving objects onto the surface of the furniture.

Plastic and gum

Some plastics contain components that should keep the material smooth. Objects with such components which are placed onto wood, could remove the shine or leave indelible prints. Avoid prolonged contact of plastic folders and files with wooden surfaces, the wood cannot “breathe”.

Effect of light - Patina

Like leather, wood changes over time : light (also moonlight) changes the appearance and gives it a so-called “patina”. Each wood sort changes in its own way : some will get a warm honey color, while others tend to get lighter or, on the contrary, darker. Do not forget to move from time to time objects and accessories which are placed onto the furniture. In that way you will avoid color differences which are the result of different exposure to light.

Avoid extreme temperatures and moisture

Remove stains

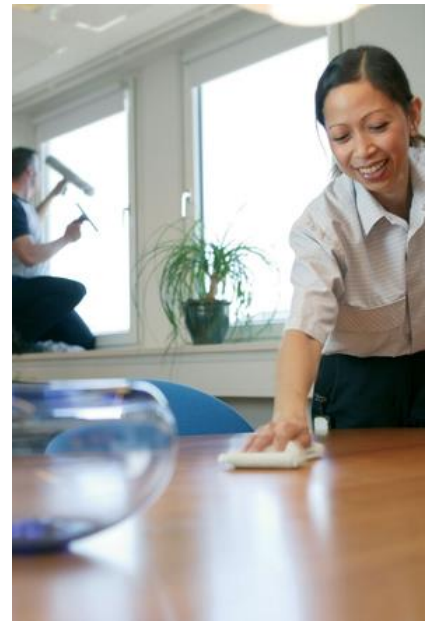
Use soapy water or water diluted with 50% alcohol. Never use products containing silicone.

Regular maintenance

Use a damp cloth. Use another soft cloth for wiping and make sure that there are no water residue remains. Always rub with the grain.

Basic maintenance

Wipe the countertops with a soft cloth and soapy water. Avoid strong detergents, solvents and stain-removers. Below you will find a list of possible stains and their most appropriate cleaning method.





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TYPE OF STAIN	CLEANING
Water-based pen	Warm soapy water
Indelible marker	Terpentine
Inkt pens	Soapy water
Black ballpoints	Soapy water
Water	Soapy water
Footprints	Soapy water
Wax	Soapy water
Coffee	Soapy water
Fat	Warm soapy water
Other stains	Soapy water, terpentine

