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Melamine Boards

Cleaning and Care Instructions

Material Specification: Melamine faced wood-based panel with a decorative surface. The substrate can be either Particle Board or MDF

Area of application: Decorative wood based panels for interior uses

Due to their resistant and hygienic surfaces, Nikpol melamine faced boards do not require any special maintenance. The surface is generally easy to clean; this also applies to textured surfaces. The recommended cleaning methods according to the degree of soiling are as follows:

Light, fresh soiling

Clean with a paper towel, a soft clean cloth (dry/damp) or a sponge. If using a damp cloth, dry the surface with an absorbent paper towel or microfibre cloth.

How to avoid streaks: Streaks often form when the surface is cleaned with organic solvents, together with cold water and old cloths. To ensure no streaks occur when cleaning, we recommend wiping the surface down with warm water and then drying it using normal paper towels or microfibre cloths.

Normal soiling — extended contact time

Clean with warm water, a clean rag or microfibre cloth, a soft sponge or soft brush. Use normal domestic cleaners or soaps that have no abrasive ingredients. Then wipe with fresh water, removing all traces of the cleaning agent, to prevent streaks forming. Dry the surface with a clean, absorbent cloth or paper towels.

The following cleaning agents should not be used under any circumstances:

- Scouring and abrasive agents
  (abrasive powders, scouring pads, steel wool)
- Polish, washing powder, furniture cleaner, bleach
- Detergents with strong acids and acidic salts
- Steam cleaning equipment

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Care and usage tips for matt surfaces

Surfaces with a matt finish have a very natural look and feel. The oiled or matt lacquered type finish thus retains the characteristics of the original, solid wood surface. Like high-gloss or solid wood surfaces, a few points need to be considered when using and caring for matt surfaces.

As with other synthetic surfaces, normal soiling is easy to remove without any problems. What is important is that the surfaces are only cleaned with a soft, moist cloth. Under no circumstances must abrasive agents powders, steel wool, polish, washing powder, furniture cleaner, bleach, acidic cleaning agents or steam cleaning equipment be used.

The reason for these precautions is that abrasive cleaners, rough cloths or scouring pads will cause bright patches or highlights in the surface if applied too vigorously, which damage the surface and are impossible to remove. Remnants of fat should also be removed as quickly as possible (within 48 hours) as the surface may be damaged if they are allowed to remain in contact with it for too long.

Advice on the cleaning of deep surface structures

The deeper surface of structures may seem to be more critical concerning staining and potential damage of the surface. However laboratory tests showed the similar high level of resistance like all other Nikpol melamine faced panels.

One main reason for this is the placement of the high and low gloss areas. Compared with similar surface structures existing in the market the advantage of the Nikpol surface structure realizes a higher resistance against scratches. Also when used with very light decors this surface can be cleaned easily. The cleaning motion should follow the structures direction.

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