

# Care and Maintenance

Gavco products are built using melamine-surfaced Thermally Fused Laminates (TFL) and High Pressure Laminates (HPL). Known for durability and ease of cleaning these surfaces have been shown not to support the growth of microorganisms under standard use. Beyond routine care, additional disinfectants can be used to eliminate bacteria and viruses

## ROUTINE CARE

To clean the surface, use a clean damp cloth or sponge and mild soap or detergent. Rinse thoroughly with water and wipe with a dry cloth.

## STAINS

Difficult stains such as coffee or tea can be removed using mild household cleaners and a soft bristled brush. Spray, brush, and wipe clean.

## RECOMMENDED HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS

- Windex
- Glass Plus
- Fantastik
- Mr. Clean
- Formula 409
- Isopropyl Alcohol (Isopropanol)

## PERSISTANT STAINS

A mixture of baking soda and water can be used with a soft bristled brush. Light scrubbing for 10 to 20 strokes should remove most stains. **WARNING:** Prolonged use or heavy scrubbing can lead to damage. If stains still persist, use of undiluted bleach or nail polish remover may be required. Apply bleach or nail polish remover for no longer than two minutes. Rinse thoroughly with warm water and wipe dry. **WARNING:** Prolonged exposure to bleach will cause discoloration.

## ADDITIONAL DISINFECTING

There are many disinfectants that have been identified as effective against a spectrum of infectious agents including bacteria and viruses present on different surface types. The disinfectants recommended for use on melamine surfaces are those listing a quaternary ammonium compound as the active ingredient.

## ADDITIONAL DISINFECTING

- Envy Foaming Disinfectant Cleaner
- Fantastik Multi-Surface Disinfectant
- EcoLab Multi-Purpose Disinfectant
- Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- Lysol Heavy Duty Cleaner and Disinfectant
- Virex II / 256

## WARNINGS

- Acidic or abrasive cleaners can damage laminate.
- Drain cleaners with lye will cause permanent damage.
- Hair, textile, or food dyes will cause permanent damage.
- Extreme heat can cause cracking or blistering.
- Rust removers will quickly cause permanent damage.
- Toilet bowl cleaners will cause permanent damage.
- Steel wool and other abrasive pads will cause permanent damage.