



# The Care and Cleaning of



## Eljer Plumbingware Products

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## *E*nameled Cast Iron Products

Eljer® brand Cast Iron is extremely durable, although care must be taken in handling and cleaning. For example, dropping a cast iron tub six inches to a cement floor will result in damage fracturing the enamel surface. The damage exposes itself in the form of chips, shatters or spiderweb-like cracks also known as hairlines.



### ***IMPORTANT!***

Use of cleaners containing Hydrofluoric Acid will destroy the surface of the fixture and will void the warranty. Use of cleaners containing Sodium Hypochlorite and Bleach should not be used, because over time these cleaners will etch the surface of enameled cast iron products. Use of cleaners containing these chemicals will void the warranty.

### ***NORMAL CLEANING***

The first action to maintain the surface and appearance of any cast iron fixture is to thoroughly rinse with plenty of water and dry the surface of the fixture after each use. Hard or soft water deposits may be a problem if left to accumulate and crystallize. A build up of these minerals may make the surface of the fixture appear dull. Again we recommend common household cleansers, a soft cloth or nylon pad and a light scouring to remove the mineral deposits. Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water and dry when complete.

### ***BLEMISHES AND MARKS***

Blemishes such as stains or surface specks may be removed with common household cleansers such as AJAX® and COMET®. Before using any household cleaner read (and then follow) the instructions printed by the cleaner manufacturer. Cleansers containing oxalic acid such as ZUD® and BARKEEPERS FRIEND® can be used occasionally when the label instructions are read and followed.

### ***KITCHEN SINKS***

To remove silver-wire or aluminum marks left from pots and pans, cans that contained food or beverages, or other

marks from metal we recommend a sprinkling of cleanser and a few drops of water be applied to the surface to make a paste. Leave the paste undisturbed for no longer than ONE minute, then scrub lightly with a soft cloth. The treatment may need to be reapplied. Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water and dry when complete.

#### **BATHTUBS AND WHIRLPOOLS**

For general cleaning, use mild soap or mild dishwashing liquid detergent and water. Thoroughly rinse the cleaned surface with plenty of water and dry the surface after use. Cleaners containing silica or sand can be abrasive and should not be used.

All Eljer Cast Iron bathtubs and whirlpools are made in compliance with ANSI standards and feature a PERMA-MAT® slip resistant surface that is sand blasted into the enamel surface. To remove accumulated dirt, soaps, lotions, shampoos, bath oils, and other bathing products from the PERMA-MAT surface, (along with accumulated mineral deposits) we recommend a paste of common household cleanser be applied to the surface and remain for 3-4 minutes. A light scrubbing with a soft cloth or nylon pad will help remove the build-up of soils. For 'bathtub ring' we recommend a cleaning with mild detergent and a soft cloth. In all cases, rinse thoroughly with plenty of water and dry the tub.

## **Vitreous China Products**

Everyday cleaning of Eljer china products may be accomplished by using an antibacterial liquid dishwashing soap and water.

For stubborn stains, use AJAX® or Comet® sparingly. Read and follow all label directions. In all cases, rinse thoroughly with plenty of water and dry the fixture.

In areas with hard water, a build-up of mineral deposits or lime may make the finish of the product appear dull. To remove lime buildup on vitreous china products, KRC-7® liquid cleaner may be used. Read and follow all label directions.

In all cases, rinse thoroughly with plenty of water and dry the fixture.

## **Toilet Bowls and Tanks**

### **IMPORTANT!**

USE OF ANY TOILET CLEANERS THAT ARE APPLIED IN THE TOILET TANK VOID THE WARRANTY FOR ELJER TOILETS.

In-tank cleaners can damage the rubber, metal and/or plastic components of tank parts causing leaks

and hindering toilet performance.

To clean bowls, use TOILET BOWL CLEANERS THAT ARE APPLIED TO THE TOILET BOWL and a nylon brush when necessary. Use of a metal brush will create metal marks in the bowl.



## Acrylic Products

Clean acrylic products with non-abrasive cleaners only. Use any liquid cleaner that DOES NOT CONTAIN AMMONIA. DO NOT USE PRODUCTS CONTAINING WAX. Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water and dry the tub.

In most cases, your bath can be cleaned using liquid soap and a soft cloth. If a stronger cleanser is needed, check the label to ensure that it is safe for use on acrylic surfaces.

In all cases, rinse thoroughly with plenty of water and dry the tub.

Additives can be used to enhance your bathing experience. Be careful when using bubble bath, as the increased agitation of a whirlpool bath will generate many times more bubbles than a conventional bath. We recommend that you use non-oil-based additives, as they will be easier to clean out of the bath.



It is recommended that every 3 - 4 months you purge the whirlpool system by adding 4 tablespoons of low foaming disinfectant to the water and operating the bath for 5 to 10 minutes. If you are using bath additives, do this purging every month.

To do this, follow this simple procedure.

1. Fill the bath with hot water, (not exceeding 140 degrees F).
2. Add to the hot water 4 tablespoons of low foaming disinfectant.

3. Turn the air induction completely OFF as this will vigorously agitate the water and induce foaming.
4. Run the bath for 5 to 10 minutes.
5. Drain the bath completely and refill with cold water only.
6. Run the whirlpool for 5 to 10 minutes, and then drain the bath completely.
7. As with regular cleaning, rinse thoroughly with plenty of water and dry the tub.

Jacuzzi® Whirlpool Bath has introduced a two-part plumbing system cleaner made especially for whirlpool baths. The product is sold as "Systems Clean" and it will minimize build-up of whirlpool residuals such as soap scum, bath and body oils and dirt from inside the whirlpool bath's pipes, pumps, fittings and circulation system. For additional information contact Jacuzzi Whirlpool Bath at 1-800-288-4002.

## *F*aucets

To clean faucets, use mild liquid soap and water, and a soft cloth. Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water and wipe the faucet dry. To avoid lime deposits, wipe the faucet dry after each use.

To remove lime deposits, it may be necessary to soak a paper towel with white vinegar, and apply the paper towel to the faucet for 5-10 minutes. The vinegar will begin to dissolve



the lime deposits. Use mild liquid soap and water, and a soft cloth to finish cleaning. Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water and wipe the faucet dry.

## *E*nameled Steel Products

The first action to maintain the surface and appearance of any enameled steel fixture is to thoroughly rinse with plenty of water and dry the surface of the fixture after each use.

## *E*nameled Steel Sinks

To remove silver-wire or aluminum marks left from pots and pans, cans that contained food or beverages, or other marks from metal we recommend a sprinkling of cleanser and a few drops of water be applied to the surface to make a paste. Leave the paste undisturbed for no longer than

ONE minute, then scrub lightly with a soft cloth. The treatment may need to be reapplied. Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water and dry when complete.

Hard or soft water deposits may be a problem if left to accumulate and crystallize. A build up of these minerals may make the surface of the fixture appear dull. Again we recommend common household cleansers (following the instructions of the cleanser manufacturer) a soft cloth or nylon pad and a light scouring to remove the mineral deposits. Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water and dry when complete.

***IMPORTANT!***

Use of cleaners containing Hydrofluoric Acid will destroy the surface of the fixture and will void the warranty. Use of cleaners containing Sodium Hypochlorite and Bleach will over time etch the surface of enameled steel products and should not be used. Use of cleaners containing these chemicals will void the warranty.

## **B**athtubs

All Eljer Enameled Steel bathtubs (sold outside of Canada) are made in compliance with ANSI standards and feature a slip-resistant surface that is applied over the enamel surface. Under normal conditions, steel bathtubs should be cleaned with mild detergent or soap and water. Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water and dry when complete.

To remove accumulated dirt, soaps, lotions, shampoos, bath oils, and other bathing products from the slip-resistant surface, (along with accumulated mineral deposits) we recommend the following:

1. Wet the tub surface.
2. Sprinkle ZUD® or Bar Keeper's Friend® onto a wet sponge.
3. Apply sponge with cleanser to stain
4. Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water and dry when complete.

***IMPORTANT!***

Do not use any type of scouring pad or abrasive cleaners on the slip-resistant surface. Cleaners containing silica or sand can be abrasive and should not be used.

## **Q**uorum Solid Surface Sinks

Quorum solid-surface sinks provide a durable, stain-resistant surface, tough enough to survive everything from careless paring knives, to magic marker graffiti, to coffee spills. By following a few simple cleaning guidelines,



you can keep your Quorum sink surface looking as good as new for years to come.

#### ***NORMAL CLEANING***

The non-porous Quorum surface is incredibly easy to clean - and you don't need any special cleaning products. After everyday use, it can be wiped clean with a damp cloth or sponge and a mild detergent or general-purpose cleaner.

#### ***SPILLS & STAINS***

Use a Scotch Brite® pad to remove tough stains such as coffee, juice, berries, and cigarette burns. Nail polish can be removed from Quorum solid-surface sinks with nail polish remover or an abrasive cleaner.

#### ***REPAIRING SCRATCHES***

To remove superficial scratches on both solid and matrix colors, rub a wet, green Scotch Brite® pad in a circular motion until the scratches are gone. Clean thoroughly with soap and water, rinse thoroughly with plenty of water and dry the surface.

## **Wire Racks and Baskets**

Use mild liquid soap to clean Eljer wire racks and baskets for kitchen sinks. Running the racks and baskets through an automatic dishwasher will help remove any stains. If you do not have a dishwasher, use two tablespoons of liquid automatic dishwashing detergent diluted in a 2-gallon bucket of water, and soak for 30 minutes. Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water and dry when complete.

## **Cutting Boards**

Eljer cutting boards are made from North American Hardwoods and will show scratches from knives.

Cleaning should be done in soapy water after each use, to prevent cross-contamination from various foods. Thoroughly rinse with plenty of water and dry the cutting board after each use.

You can restore your cutting board by using fine or very

fine sandpaper and hand sanding in the direction of the grain. After sanding, wash in soapy water, thoroughly rinse and dry the cutting board. You may wish to apply Foley-Martens brand Wood Preservative (Item No. 8006912) to help preserve the wood of the board. Contact Foley-Martens @ 952-595-7500 ext. 298 or 1-800-225-7281 for information regarding purchase of the Wood Preservative.

## *T*oilet Seats

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Some of the newer detergents and household bathroom cleansers have a damaging affect on seat materials. We suggest that to keep your seat sparkling clean and new-looking, use only mild soap and water for cleaning. Thoroughly rinse the cleaned surface with plenty of water and then dry the surface after use. Cleaners containing silica or sand will be abrasive and should not be used.

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