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The Facts on Stainless Steel

- Stainless steel needs to be exposed to the atmosphere; this creates a protective barrier that makes stainless steel resistant to corrosion and gives it a remarkably long life. **Stainless steel requires oxygen to be *stainless*.**
- Corrosion or rusting often reported soon after installation, has two main causes:
 1. Contact corrosion occurs when a piece of common carbon steel, copper, brass or other foreign material contacts the sink and destroys the passive protective barrier. This can cause rusting action, which can continue even after the removal of the foreign matter.
 2. Pitting or pinhole corrosion occurs when chlorides attack the steel forming pits. Acid chlorides are particularly severe, but even chlorine bleach can cause failure. The sink should be rinse thoroughly after such contact.
- We recommend a thorough cleaning with Cameo to remove the spots or stains. All cleaning should follow the grain line inside the bowls.
- Everything scratches, including stainless steel. But with stainless steel, these usage scratches will develop into a fine uniform “seasoned” finish over time...much like the cutlery you use every day.

