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## 1. PRIOR TO INSTALLATION

When installing your newly acquired piece, handle it on a clean, dry surface to prevent scratching. Residues of bonding materials should not be allowed to harden on the surface of the piece. To remove bonding material residues before they harden, wipe them off with a damp cloth, always avoiding scouring pads that could scratch the surface.

## 2. GENERAL CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

The pieces in the *Materia* catalogue can be found in different materials: solid surface, composite, stone, iron, cement, terrazzo, wood, etc. To maintain all of these materials in their original condition, we list a series of tips below:

1. Use a soft cloth with lukewarm water and neutral soap for daily cleaning of the washbasin.

2. Wipe it with a soft, dry cloth after each use. This will prevent the appearance of stains caused by limescale in the water.

3. Do not leave liquid standing or pour coloured liquids in the washbasin, as this could leave marks in the basin. If this occurs, clean it as quickly as possible.

4. Installation of the piece in places where it could come into contact with food, grease, alcohol or diverse chemical agents is not recommended.

5. The use of cleaning products containing acids or powerful antioxidants is not recommended, as they could damage the piece.



## SOLID SURFACE CEMENT TERRAZZO



Prolonged contact with certain elements that could damage the surface, such as nail polish, colouring agents, dyes and cosmetic products, for example, should be avoided.

Only in the case of Solid Surface, if the stain persists, can you use a sheet of fine sandpaper like the one that comes with the piece.

This will make it possible to work more deeply on the surface of the stain. To do so, we recommend doing the following:

- Wash the surface of the washbasin and make sure that it is free of dust.
- Wet the piece to avoid dirt.
- Rub the part to be repaired gently with a number 1 waterproof sandpaper with a grit size of 320.
- The surface should be kept wet during sanding.

The Solid Surface collection includes washbasins that combine this high-tech material with marine lumber. For maintenance of this type of wood, consult the Wood section.

## DADOQUARTZ ®



The Pretoria bathtub and washbasin made of *DADOquartz®* is part of the Solid Surface collection in the *Materia* catalogue. These products are delivered to customers with an easy-to-use repair kit which they will find in the packaging.

We recommend keeping the product clean on a regular basis; this will reduce the signs of wear and age that may appear over the years.



Take care to rinse the surface of the product thoroughly after cleaning. For stubborn stains, such as those caused by ink, dyes, wine or cigarette burns, use a green scrubber.

## COMPOSITE



For daily maintenance of the Composite matte surface products, we recommend using common detergents that do not contain abrasives.

Likewise, Composite can be cleaned with natural detergents. Thanks to its natural origin, the material can also be cleaned using natural and inexpensive means, such as vinegar or water with lemon.

Surfaces with a matte finish sometimes require the use of slightly abrasive agents.

## STONE



Stone washbasins are supplied with a specific treatment to enhance the colour of the stone and also to provide greater protection against dirt and water. The treatment is carried out in two phases and consists of application of two special products for this material.

The products applied are the following:

1. SUPER colour intensifier by AKEMI.
2. *Nano-Effect* stain repellent by AKEMI.

The technical properties can be consulted at *www.akemi.es*

This treatment is durable, but it is necessary to apply a cleaner/protector from the same or a similar brand as time goes by due to the deterioration caused by water and soaps.

We recommend performing this maintenance once a year. Otherwise stains or cracks might appear due to the porosity of the marble.

This collection includes a variety of furniture pieces and accessories made of teak. For maintenance of this material, consult the Wood section.

## IRON



It is best to clean the washbasin daily with a soft cloth dampened with lukewarm water and neutral soap. For a perfect finish, the best option is to dry the basin with a soft, dry cloth after each use. This will help to maintain the natural shine of the piece.

The cast iron washbasins are treated to achieve rust-resistant and impermeable pieces. Nonetheless, it's important to avoid letting water accumulate on them to maintain them in perfect condition.

## ATELIER



As this is a collection of washbasins produced using a manual process, cleaning with water and neutral soap is recommended.

Grit is the worst enemy of ceramic pigments and microcement, and therefore the use of granular cleaning products or exfoliating creams should be avoided. Naturally, objects that could scratch the washbasin should never be placed on it.

The use of any abrasive product, such as bleaches, metal or very stiff brushes, acids, solvents, etc., should be avoided.





## WOOD

MARINE LUMBER
ACACIA
TEAK



The *Materia* catalogue includes three types of wood: the marine lumber of the Solid Surface and wood washbasins, the teak of the furniture in the Stone collection, and the acacia wood of the Wood series of washbasins.

The care required to maintain the health and beauty of all types of wood used in washbasins, furniture and accessories involves avoiding the use of abrasive products for cleaning, understanding their intrinsic nature, as well as their deterioration and behaviour in normal daily use.

We recommend not allowing water to stand on the wood to avoid the appearance of stains or damage to the material.

If it is necessary to remove a persistent stain, after sanding the surface, you can restore its satiny appearance by applying teak oil, in the case of furniture and accessories in the Stone Series, to hydrate it without adding coatings that would block the pores the wood needs to breathe.

## GOLD & SILVER



The pieces that make up the Gold & Silver collection achieve their finish thanks to fine metallic coatings applied to porcelain pieces. These coatings are characterised by being anti-corrosive and impervious to common cleaning products.

For daily cleaning of the piece, we recommend the use of a damp cloth and common bathroom cleaning products, always avoiding abrasive products that could cause irreversible damage to the piece.

As this coating is metal, it can be altered by the application of acids and powerful oxidants, and therefore we recommend avoiding these types of products.

Claims for pieces will not be admitted if the precautions described here are not followed.

## SWAROVSKI



This collection is made up of a series of porcelain washbasins decorated with Swarovski crystals that are applied one by one by expert artisans at the Bathco workshop. Proper care is essential to guarantee the highest quality and durable application of these crystals.

We recommend using a clean, dry, anti-static cloth to eliminate layers of fine dust. If you need to handle the Swarovski crystals, we advise using white cotton gloves to avoid leaving fingerprints. For denser dust, use lukewarm water with a little dishwashing liquid.





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# PORCELAIN
# METAL
# RESIN





## PORCELAIN



Clean regularly with non-abrasive products and non-scratching sponges. Sponges with hard surfaces can scratch and strip off the protective coating on the washbasin, making it more porous and therefore more vulnerable to dirt.

## METAL



For daily cleaning of the washbasin, we recommend the use of a soft cloth with warm water and a neutral, non-abrasive soap. For a perfect finish, the best option is to dry the basin with a soft, dry cloth after each use. This will help to maintain the natural shine of the piece.

Never use abrasive products that could cause irreversible damage to the piece or rough materials that could scratch the polished surface. As these are metal pieces, the application of acids and strong oxidants can alter the finish, and therefore these types of products should be avoided. Also avoid the use of products sold for “cleaning silver".

Aluminium and steel washbasins are intended for installation in the bathroom, and therefore installation in places where they could come into contact with food, grease, alcohol or diverse chemical agents should be avoided. It is very important to not leave standing liquid, as this could leave marks in the basin. In any of these cases, try cleaning the washbasin as indicated above as quickly as possible.

For steel, specific products for cleaning stainless steel surfaces can be used from time to time.

The best maintenance is that which is done daily, with lukewarm water, neutral soap, a soft cloth and thorough drying, without allowing grime and

stains to accumulate that would require the use of stronger products.

STAINLESS STEEL 304

Stainless Steel 304 washbasins are highly resistant to temperature variations, corrosion and are considered healthy as they do not contain lead. For this reason, it is the most widely used material in industrial use, in the food and medical industry, as well as in interior decoration.

In addition, these washbasins feature a nano-coating that facilitates cleaning and provides enhanced water resistance. To preserve its properties, contact with aggressive chemicals and exposure to sudden temperature changes should be avoided.

For proper maintenance, clean the surface using a soft microfiber cloth, warm water and neutral soap. After cleaning, it is advisable to rinse and dry the surface thoroughly. This is especially important in areas with hard water.

Under no circumstances should abrasive products, acid-based cleaners, ammonia, solvents or aggressive degreasers be used. Likewise, the use of hard brushes, abrasive scouring pads or high-pressure cleaning systems should be avoided, as they may damage the protective nano-coating on the surface.

## RESIN



With a gel coat surface and resin and mineral filler compounds, this material is sensitive, so we recommend cleaning using non-abrasive products and sponges that will not scratch the surface. You should also avoid applying acids and strong oxidants that could alter its characteristics.

To eliminate severe and stubborn stains, follow the procedure described above, but use a sponge instead of a scrubber, or use a white polishing compound with a circular motion.

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