

General Care and Cleaning for

FIBERGLASS PLANTERS & RECEPTACLES

Indoor and outdoor fiberglass planters and receptacles need to be cleaned regularly to remove dirt and dust accumulation.

MATTE FINISHES: Polyester Gel Coats are very resistant to water and other chemicals. You may want to avoid any strong solvents or highly acidic cleaners. It is best to use mild detergents such as hand washing soaps, which will work for a majority of stains, smudges, hand prints and dirt accumulations.

Ammonia based cleaners, such as Windex (streak free), Lysol Tub and Tile, Lysol Disinfectant Wipes or any type of Rubbing Alcohol may also be used. Try in an inconspicuous area, if it discolors or dulls the area do not use.

Stubborn stains can be removed using a Scotch Brite Scour Pad and one of the cleaners listed above. This type of cleaning is more effective on an entire panel verses spot cleaning. Matte finishes have a flattening agent that gives it a natural aged look. The flattening agent helps in making a uniform dull flat finish. Some chalking will occur as it is part of the natural aging process. It may be necessary to apply a post planting wipe down of the unit, as there can be some disturbance of the surface area between normal shipping and the handling of units. Again once exposed to the weather/elements the entire exterior surface will age in a uniform manner.

SEMI-GLOSS FINISHES: Use a good quality cleaner or mild detergent with water for cleaning dirt or oil. Do not use harsh abrasive cleaners, which will scratch the surface. Stubborn stains may be removed with fingernail polish remover.

To restore and/or maintain a higher luster finish, use a high quality automotive polish or wax made especially for use on fiberglass products, such as Meguiar's MGH #9, Gel Gloss One Step Cleaner and Polish which can be purchased from hardware, automobile parts supply or marine products stores. Whether cleaning or polishing, always use a clean, soft absorbent cloth.

TEXTURED FINISHES: Polyester Gel Coats are very resistant to water and other chemicals. You may want to avoid any strong alkaline or highly acidic cleaners. It is best to use mild detergents such as hand washing soaps, which will work for a majority of stains, smudges, hand prints and dirt accumulations. You may also use any ammonia based cleaners such as Tub and Tile or any Glass Cleaner. Try in an inconspicuous area, if it discolors or dulls the area do not use. Stubborn stains may be removed using a plastic scrub brush and one of the cleaners listed above. This type of cleaning is more effective on the entire panel verses spot cleaning.

All applied finishes have a flattening agent that gives it a natural aged appearance. Some chalking will occur as it is part of the natural aging process. On Orange Peel and Applied Textured Finishes you can use a stiff bristle brush or stiff plastic broom with any of the cleaners listed above.