
CLEANING

1. INITIAL CLEANING

Following the fabrication and fitting of iTOP products, the whole surface should be given an initial clean using MDi TOTAL CARE.

MDi TOTAL CARE is a natural eco-friendly cleaning product for removing common stains from MDi products.

Please remember:

- Do not press the sponge down too hard on the surface to be cleaned. MDi TOTAL CARE contains materials of a certain particle size, and so if the same area is rubbed energetically or rubbed too many times, the surface of some finishes might acquire a slight shine. (*)
- Sometimes a surface might have an imperceptible film of dirt or residues from cleaning products. Consequently, when MDi TOTAL CARE is used, it must be applied to the whole surface so as to clean it in a uniform way.

2. EVERYDAY CLEANING

iTOP is a non-porous surface, which makes it very easy to clean.

To remove environmental dust, just wipe the surface with a dry cloth. Do not use products that contain wax, polish or strong acids like hydrofluoric or sulphuric acid.

For optimum care, use a slightly acidic detergent and diluting a small amount in water. For everyday cleaning, MDi TOTAL CARE is also recommended.

With the passage of time and continual use, if more thorough cleaning is needed, repeat the cleaning operation that was used when the product was first fitted.

Do not drag heavy objects directly across the surface so as to avoid scratching it.

(*) Do not use MDi TOTAL CARE on surfaces with a Polished finish.

3. CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS BY TYPE OF STAIN

NATURAL, BUSH-HAMMERED AND SANDBLASTED SURFACES

Stains should be removed as soon as they occur to prevent them from drying. Before any kind of product is used on the surface, test it out on a concealed area and leave it to act for 4 to 5 minutes. Then rinse it with plenty of water to check that the surface's colour or shine is not affected.

Examples of suitable commercial cleaning products for MDi iTOP surfaces are solvents, grease removers and ammonia.

TYPE OF STAIN	STEP ONE	STEP TWO TYPE OF DETERGENT*	EXAMPLE OF DETERGENTS**
Cement, pencil marks, lime scale, scratches by metal objects, rust	Wash with water as soon as possible and rub the area gently with a cloth.	Acid	AKEMI Acid Cleaner, Deterdek by FILA, commercial cement remover, FABER cement remover, FABER tile cleaner
Epoxy grouting residues		Acid	AKEMI Epoxy Remover, Fila CR10, grease remover, FABER epoxy cleaner
Fat, grease, food, rubber, ink, felt tip pen, blood, nicotine, vomit, urine, etc.		Acid Solvent	AKEMI Stone Cleaner, AKEMI Intensive Cleaner, Fila PS/87, FABER deep degreaser, FABER coloured stain remover
Graffiti, paint, varnish		Solvent	AKEMI Graffiti Remover, Fila NoPaint Star, commercial solvent, FABER graffiti remover, FABER epoxy cleaner
Coffee, tea, juice, soft drinks		Alkaline Oxidizing	AKEMI Algae and Moss Remover POWER, Fila SR/95, FABER coloured stain remover
Candle wax or wax for repairing scratches, tree resin, remains of adhesive tape		Solvent	AKEMI Wax Stripper, AKEMI AFIN Acryclean, Filasolv, commercial solvent, FABER deep degreaser / oil & grease remover / solvent stripper
Silicone		Acetone	AKEMI AFIN Acryclean, Fila Zero Sil, acetone, FABER deep degreaser / oil & grease remover
Dirty joints, wax-based care products		Acid	AKEMI Intensive Cleaner, Fuganet, FABER grout cleaner, FABER deep degreaser / oil & grease remover
Rust		Acid	AKEMI Rust Remover, FABER cement remover
Stains caused by plants, leaves, flowers or ink		Alkaline Solvent	AKEMI Algae and Moss Remover POWER, FABER coloured stain remover
Hairspray, shoe polish		Alkaline	AKEMI AFIN Acryclean, FABER deep degreaser / oil & grease remover
Soot	Remove with a vacuum cleaner	Acid	AKEMI Stone Cleaner, FABER cement remover

* Acidic detergents: lime scale remover, cement remover, paint remover etc.

Alkaline detergents: basic cleaning products like grease removers or ammonia.

Solvents: Turpentine, acetone, alcohol, universal solvents etc.

Oxidizing detergents: diluted bleach, hydrogen peroxide etc.

** For further information, visit www.akemi.com / www.filasolutions.com / www.fabersurfacecare.com