
SURFACE INTELLIGENCE · FIELD NOTE 04

Protect the finish you paid for.

Brushed, matte, plated, and living finishes do not all tolerate the same treatment. Use the fixture maker's instructions rather than assuming every white mark needs a strong descaler.

YOUR KIT

Soft cloth; finish-approved cleaner; dry towel



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Three deliberate steps.

01 Find the finish

Match the model or finish to its care sheet. Clear bottles from the work area and keep incompatible products away from the fixture.

02 Work gently

Use the specified cleaner and a soft cloth. Clean the base and handles without leaving product to sit longer than directed.

03 Rinse and dry

Remove residue as instructed. Dry the base, seams, and underside. If deposits remain, check whether the manufacturer permits a dedicated mineral remover.

The final check.

☐ No product pooled at the base

☐ Underside checked

☐ Finish looks consistent when dry

Know when to pause.

Stop if color transfers, a coating lifts, or the finish changes. Do not wrap an unknown finish in vinegar-soaked towels.

A mineral mark is not permission to strip a finish.

Always follow the surface maker's care instructions and product label. Never mix cleaning products. This guide is for ordinary household care, not hazardous-material remediation. Product-specific instructions take priority.

Related references and service information: Surface care: Natural Stone Institute Shower care: KOHLER
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