# **RESOPAL®-HPL**CLEANING AND MAINTAINING



RESOPAL panels (decorative high-pressure laminate panels in accordance with EN 438) are easy to maintain and do not require any special care due to their resilient and hygienically impervious surface. Any cleaning recommendations apply to superficial dirt that collects as a result of general use, of the processing, handling and fitting of RESOPAL panels, RESOPAL components, worktops or RESOPAL Massiv.

# General cleaning:

Slightly soiled panels are cleaned with a soft, clean and possibly damp cloth. Heavier soiling can be removed using a warm soap or detergent solution or an ordinary cleaning agent, possibly allowing it to take effect for a while.

Any residues left behind can generally be removed using organic solvents such as ethanol, acetone, benzine or nail varnish remover.

Only use clean, soft cloths, soft sponges or soft brushes for cleaning!

Cleaning wax or polish may not be applied - they leave a coating on RESOPAL surfaces. This coating causes the typical surface properties to be modified.

# Important note:

The only cleaning agents that may be used are those that do not contain any highly abrasive, acidic or bleaching components!

# How do you remove ...

#### ... limescale?

This can be removed using a warm 10 % vinegar or citric acid solution. The panels should then be washed off with clean, warm water.

#### ... paraffin or wax residue?

Paraffin and wax residues should first be scraped off using a plastic or wooden scraper, but avoid scratching the surface while doing so! Any residues still on the surface can be removed by placing a sheet of blotting paper in between and running an iron over it.

#### ... water-soluble paints, coatings and adhesives or dispersions?

If soiled recently, these can generally be cleaned using water. Dried stains can be cleaned using organic solvents such as ethanol, acetone, benzine or nail varnish remover.



### ... solvent-based paints, coatings and adhesives?

If soiled recently, these can be removed using organic solvents, possibly by allowing them to take effect over a longer period of time. Please ask the paint, coating or adhesive manufacturer about suitable organic solvents.

#### ... physically hardening adhesives and coatings?

Examples include condensation resins (adhesives) based on formaldehyde and urea, melamine, phenol and resorcinol; reactive adhesives and coatings based on epoxy, unsaturated polyester and polyurethane. Once set, these can no longer be removed from the RESOPAL surface! They must be cleaned immediately using suitable organic solvents - please ask the coating or adhesive manufacturer for information on these.

## ... silicone and polyurethane-based sealants?

Sealant residues should first be scraped off using a plastic or wooden scraper, but avoid scratching the surface while doing so! Any residues left over can be removed using silicone remover, possibly by allowing them to take effect over a longer period of time. Allowing them to take effect for a longer period of time may cause the RESOPAL surface to be modified.

#### ... streaking that appears after cleaning using solvents?

Streaks can be removed by cleaning the panels a second time with hot water and drying them using a clean, soft, absorbent cloth or ordinary household paper towels.

All information contained in this data sheet is based on the up-to-date technical knowledge. It is however no warranty. A guarantee of the suitability for certain targeted applications is not given.

