

## HIMACS Care & Maintenance

*Thank you for selecting HIMACS to enhance your living space. At LX Hausys we know life happens on countertops, but you can protect your investment with minimal care and these simple precautions.*

### GENERAL CARE

Always use a trivet (or similar device) with soft feet under any heat-generating device such as a toaster oven or electric fry pan. Avoid contact with strong chemicals such as drain cleaners and oven cleaners - they can cause discoloration of HIMACS that may be permanent. In the event of accidental contact immediately wipe up the splash, clean the affected area, rinse thoroughly with clear water, and buff dry.

### ROUTINE CLEANING

HIMACS is non-porous so stains don't penetrate the surface. Everyday cleaning requires only a damp cloth (microfiber works well) and a mild detergent solution or all-purpose countertop cleaner, rinse with clear water and buff dry. This will also reduce possible "hard water" mineral buildup around faucets. Some suggested cleaners are shown below and ammonia-based cleaners also work well, however some window cleaners can leave a film residue that will build up over time.

### SPILLS, SPLASHES, SPOTS

Some foods, beverages, and food preparation materials contain food color and dyes that may require a little more attention. If they aren't removed with the "routine care" steps, first remove any excess with a plastic putty knife. Then try one of the "Less Abrasive Cleaning Products" shown below. Apply the product directly to the affected area, rinse, and buff dry.

### UNUSUAL STAINS

If further attention is needed any of the "More Abrasive Cleaning Products" shown below can be used. It's rare, but sometimes it may be necessary to use diluted (1:4) household bleach such as Clorox® applied directly to the affected area. Never let the bleach solution sit more than two or three minutes before thoroughly rinsing and drying the area. It can be used on HIMACS sinks and vanity bowls too.

- Nail polish spills can be removed using nail polish remover by applying it to a cotton ball or swab, wipe (don't scrub) the affected area, wash, and rinse. Be careful with acetone-based removers - it's important to limit exposure to avoid discoloration.
- "Super Glue" (cyanoacrylate) spills should first be reduced using a plastic putty knife. The remaining residue can usually be removed following the steps for nail polish (it may require an acetone-based nail polish remover). Be sure to clean, rinse, and buff dry. If necessary, repeat the process.

### DISINFECTING

For information about specific products, visit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website to review "List N", a list of EPA registered products, at <https://cfpub.epa.gov/wizards/disinfectants>.

### REPAIRING SCRATCHES

For removing superficial scratches, rub the area in a circular motion with a wet Scotch Brite® or similar buffing pad until the scratches are removed. Clean thoroughly with soap and water and let dry. Deeper scratches can often be removed by careful light sanding with 120-grit sandpaper followed by 220- and 320-grit. Next, buff the entire surface with a wet Scotch Brite® or similar pad. Use a circular motion to restore the overall finish level.

### SEVERE DAMAGE

Should your HIMACS sustain heat damage, a deep cut or gouge, fracture, crack or any other severe damage, a professional fabricator can usually repair your surface to look as good as the day it was installed.

Less Abrasive Cleaning Products	More Abrasive Cleaning Products
Formula 409®, Greased Lightning®, Simple Green®, Windex® Disinfectant Multi-Surface Cleaner, ammonia-based spray cleaners	Ajax® Comet®
Household baking soda and water paste	Mr. Clean® Magic Eraser products
Barkeepers Friend®, Soft Scrub® (liquid)	Barkeepers Friend® (powder)
3M™ Scotch Brite pad, wet (#7445 white, #7448 light gray)	3M™ Scotch Brite pads, wet (#7447 maroon, #6448 dark gray, or green as found on sponges)