

# Care & Cleaning FAQs

## How to clean/sterilize stainless steel?

Using the recommended cleaning products and supplies, wipe the surface of your stainless steel product in the direction of the grains to clean/sterilize your equipment, while preventing streaking. Then dry the surface with a dry towel to prevent water spots.

## Can 304 stainless steel withstand high sanitization temperatures?

304 stainless steel can tolerate temperatures up to 1,598 °F for short periods of time without ill effect, and temperatures up to 1,697 °F for extended periods of time. These tolerances are well above sanitation temperatures.

## What cleaning products can I use on stainless steel?

*Recommended cleaning products:*

- **✓ Hospital Disinfectants:** Stainless steel holds up to most hospital disinfectants (except bleach/cleaners with chlorine).
- **✓ Commercial/Household Cleaners:** Non-abrasive, neutral household cleaners, as well as commercial stainless steel and glass cleaners are extremely effective in cleaning stainless steel.
- **✓ Clean Water & Wipe:** Warm, clean or soapy water and soft wipe.

*Recommended cleaning supplies:*

- **✓ Non-abrasive cloth**
- **✓ Microfiber towel**
- **✓ Soft towel or sponge**
- **✓ Always use clean (not dirty) cleaning supplies**

## **What cleaning products and supplies should I not use on stainless steel?**

*Discouraged cleaning products:*

- ✘ Bleach/cleaners with chlorine
- ✘ Abrasive cleaning products
- ✘ Dirty water

*Discouraged cleaning supplies:*

- ✘ Steel wool, steel brushes, other abrasive tools
- ✘ Dirty cleaning supplies

## **How to get fingerprints off of stainless steel?**

All cleaning solutions listed will help remove fingerprint smudges.

## **How to get streaks off of stainless steel?**

Rub with the grain when cleaning, do not scrub in circular motion.

## **How to get stainless steel to shine again?**

All cleaning solutions listed will help your stainless steel shine again. For further polishing you can buff the surface using:

1. Olive oil & soft cloth
2. Flour & dry cloth
3. Handheld power buffer tool

## **How does stainless steel cleaning fit in with hospital cleaning protocols?**

Stainless steel equipment will not add to or alter your hospital's cleaning protocols. Stainless steel's innate properties stand up to frequent cleaning and hospital-approved cleaning chemicals (except bleach/chlorine). When cleaned properly, stainless steel provides the sterilized environment required by medical facilities.