



# Metal Surface Cleaning Recommendations

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These instructions apply to:

- **GageCarve** (anodized or powder coated aluminum panels)
- **GageCeilings** (coated aluminum panels)
- **GageMetal** (coated aluminum or steel panels, PVD coated steel, uncoated stainless steel)
- **GageWoven** (stainless steel, copper, brass, commercial bronze, plated, anodized, powder coated woven wire mesh)

1. Before cleaning the entire surface, do a test patch on a small, hidden area or on a sample.
2. Clean from the bottom of the metal panel to the top using a mild detergent (4 ounces of dish soap in a gallon of water) and soft cloth (microfiber).
3. Rinse thoroughly from the top down using a clean, soft cloth and water.
4. Dry immediately with a clean, soft, lint-free cloth.

## Helpful Hints

- Wear gloves when cleaning to prevent fingerprints.
- Use deionized/distilled water when cleaning to prevent water spots.
- If you are not sure what type of metal or finish is on the metal (anodized, powder coated, plated, PVD, painted, or uncoated) **only use a mild detergent, followed by a thorough rinse of water and dry completely.**

## COVID-19 Disinfecting

The CDC has recommendations for cleaning and disinfecting Hard (Non-porous) Surfaces. **Please note that using disinfectants according to [CDC guidelines](#) can permanently damage the finish on Gage Architectural Metal Products.**

- **Uncoated Stainless Steel** can be disinfected using a 5% ammonia solution. Apply for no longer than one minute. Rinse thoroughly with water and dry with a soft cloth.
- **Anodized** and **PVD** coated metals can be disinfected using alcohol (denatured or isopropyl). Apply for no longer than one minute. Rinse thoroughly with water and dry with a soft cloth.
- Wear PPE when cleaning – gloves and mask.
- **DO NOT** use bleach, acids, or alkaline cleaners.
- **DO NOT** use commercial liquid cleaners.
- **DO NOT** use abrasive cleaners, scouring pads or other harsh cleaners.
- **DO NOT** use excessive, forceful scrubbing.
- **DO NOT** use a power washer.
- **DO NOT** use high heat.
- **Never mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners.**
- Due to the organic properties of GageMetal Black Organic, exposure to liquids can increase the change in the patina.