



## **Care and Repair of Laminate Finishes**

### **DO NOT USE ACETONE ON LAMINATES!**

Your laminate desk is made with Surf X brand high abrasion resistant laminates that have a special protective coating. This coating over the color or wood grain gives the surface more protection than high pressure laminate kitchen counters. This is a very tough surface for normal abrasion and not the inexpensive laminates sold generally in the mass markets.

#### **Cleaning Laminates-**

It's important to keep gritty residue from degrading the surface. Your finish will easily resist normal abrasion such as sliding a book across a dusty surface. Yet as the years pass or if the granules of grit are bigger, the residue can act like sandpaper on your finish. It's best to clean the top every six months with warm, lightly soapy water (e.g., Joy) and a soft cotton rag. Just rub the surface until the dirt all comes off on your rag. Wipe with clear water and then a clean dry cotton rag. The water will not harm your finish (unless you have scratches going all the way through the finish).

#### **Light Mars/Scratches-**

Gently rub with a soft cloth over scratched area to reduce the intensity of the scratch. Don't rub hard in one place or it will burnish the area and leave a shiny "hot spot".

#### **Deep Scratch Fix-**

These are white because the scratch goes into the sub-layer. Call us to order our **TOUCH UP STICK**. This wax blend stick will lay a colored pigmented wax into the scratch groove.

#### **Pen and Magic Marker Marks-**

These marks are laying on the surface of the finish. Use light rubbing alcohol and a soft, white rag to gently rub the area until you see the marks begin to disappear. Stop when they are gone. Do not rub intensely in one small area as this will "heat up" the finish, causing a shiny spot. Also, don't saturate the top in a large area or the alcohol will sit on the surface too long before being dried off.

## **Definite No, No's**

#### **Hot Objects**

Hot coffee mugs, microwaved containers, hot dishes, etc. will cause white rings. Use coasters, a placemat, or a magazine.

#### **Sharp Pointed Feet**

Machines or accessories resting on the surface should have a blunt, padded foot of some type. Avoid bare metal or sharp pointed edges.

#### **Metal Burrs**

Scarred metal on the base of an object may have a burr. Burrs are incredibly sharp and will scratch anything. Feel the bottom of all objects with your hand before placing them on the desk. If it has a burr you must put rubber or felt pads under the object or file down the burr.