

# Pland Care & Maintenance

## CARE OF YOUR NEW STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCT

### Handling and fixing caution

Take care when handling and fixing this product. Exposed edges of the stainless steel, including tap holes, upstand, overflows and wastes etc. may cause harm if handled without due caution. When using the fixing clips supplied with inset sinks avoid touching the two prongs on the area of the clip that grips the underside of the worktop.

### To the stockist

- Please store products in a cool, dry area.
- Sinks should, where possible be stood on their ends supported by battens with the bowl uppermost.
- If sinks are nested with bowls inside one another, place some dry cushioning material between them to protect the surfaces.

### To the installer

- **DO** handle with care to avoid scuffs and scratches during installation.
- **DO** check that edges of sinks are dead level so that water will flow off the draining board.
- **DO NOT** over-tighten plumbing or other mechanical fixtures.
- **DO NOT** remove the plastic protective film applied to certain products until all installation work has been completed.
- **DO NOT** stand/kneel on the drainer of sinks.
- **DO NOT** drop mortar, plaster or similar substances onto the stainless steel.

### To the user

Stainless steel will give you a lifetime of trouble free use as long as you follow a few simple rules. If it appears to mark, don't worry, it is usually not the steel, but something deposited on it, which has caused the apparent stain.

- **DO** wash the product before use.
- **DO** clean the product regularly, using CIF, Goddards, or similar recommended cleaners. Follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully. Always rinse well with clean water and dry the surface with a soft cloth.

- **DO** use nylon or bristle brushes, not metal scrapers or wire brushes to loosen stubborn stains.
- **Never** use wire wool pads, as they can scratch the steel.
- **DO** take care when handling sharp objects as they can scratch the surface of the steel. Any scratches will blend together over a period of time and become less noticeable with age. There is no detriment to the corrosion resistance or general performance of the material.
- **DO NOT** allow undiluted bleach to remain in contact with stainless steel (remember dishwasher powders, sterilising agents and similar products all contain chlorides). Black pit marks can result and permanent damage can be caused. Dilute to manufacturer's instructions and always rinse with clean water.
- **DO NOT** soak clothes in bleach solutions for long periods. Always rinse bowl with clean water after use.
- **DO NOT** leave such substances as Mortar, Grouting cement, soldering flux, photographic developing fluids, silver dip, denture liquids or food acids on the surface of the steel. Clean immediately and rinse well with clean water.
- **DO NOT** allow corrosive foodstuffs, such as fruit juices, damp salt, vinegar, mustards, pickles and mayonnaise to remain on the surface of the steel for long periods. Wash and rinse away.
- **DO NOT** let hard water cause a build up of lime or chalk deposits which can sometimes be seen as a greyish film. Clean regularly with recommended cleaners to avoid this problem and always wipe dry with a soft cloth.
- **DO NOT** worry if the steel appears to rust. Usually it's deposits of wire wool scouring pads, plumbers swarf, particles from rusting storage tanks or other deposits on the surface which can be cleaned and rinsed away following your usual cleaning procedure. Bases of washing up bowls can harbour such deposits – check regularly.
- **DO NOT** use coarse grit cleaners or wire wool pads when cleaning the steel. They will scratch the surface.
- **DO NOT** leave carbon steel objects such as bottle openers, scissors, whisks and other kitchen objects standing on the surface for long periods, they can rust and leave marks.

**Do please enjoy your new stainless steel product**



Strength in stainless steel

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