



# Technical Information

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## ***Care and Cleaning of Mirrors:***

The “final touch” on any outstanding mirror installation is proper cleaning. The techniques described here are good practices for you and should also be passed on to your customers so they can maintain the mirror for the life of the job.

- The best and safest cleaner for a mirror is clean, warm water used with a soft cloth. Be careful not to allow the edges of the mirror to get or remain wet over a period of time.
- Do not use any acid or alkali cleaners for mirror cleanup after installation. They attack both the surface and edges as well as the backing of the mirror. And never use an abrasive cleaner on any mirror surface.
- Do not use cleaners with heavy ammonia bases. These too can damage the mirror edges and backing and result in a ruined mirror.
- Remove surface marks or stubborn dirt with 0000 oil-free steel wool, not solvents. These could attack and damage the edges and backing.
- Never spray any cleaner directly onto a mirror. Instead, apply the cleaner to a soft cloth and then wipe the mirror. This will also prevent “puddling” at the mirror edge where the cleaner could attack the backing.
- Always use soft, grit-free cloths when cleaning a mirror to reduce chances of scratching the surface.
- Be sure to dry all joints and edges thoroughly to be certain no commercial cleaner comes in contact with the edge and backing.
- Be sure to let your customers know that routine cleaning maintenance can be accomplished simply and effectively by washing, rinsing and drying the mirror.

**Note:** Good ventilation will keep mirrors from “sweating” and creating condensing liquids which could be corrosive and damaging to mirrors.