Cleaning and Disinfecting Instructions for Chemetal

Metal designs and laminates from Chemetal are decorative metal sheets for use in interior spaces. We use several different metals and coatings. Per CDC guidelines regarding recommended cleaners for the coronavirus, we have formulated this list of cleaning materials and have tested them with good results on Chemetal. Many cleaning brands use these materials as a base disinfectant, and are mostly acceptable cleaners. However, we are unable to test every cleaning product brand available and know that some may have additional ingredients that can damage the topcoat.

Avoid abrasive cleaners and pads that scour, scrub or heavily brush the surface in the cleaning process. These will damage the topcoat. Avoid pure ammonia as a cleaner. Solvents such as thinner and acetone should not be used on large areas (though many have success cleaning glue and small areas with diluted solvent mixes). We have tested the materials below, but your results and formulations may vary. If you’d like a sample of a particular finish to test with your cleaning product, we are happy to provide.

**Recommended Cleaners for Chemetal:**

- Soap, water and a soft non-abrasive cloth are recommended pre-cleaning and cleaning methods.

- **Ethyl Alcohol (ethanol)**

- **Isopropyl Alcohol (70% or 90% Solution)**

- **Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach)** - Diluted - 2 tablespoons per 1 quart water mixture must be used within 24 hours.

  - Note: Do not mix bleach with other cleaning materials especially ammonia. This will produce toxic gas.

- **Glass cleaner (Windex type)**

  - This is predominantly alcohol-based with a small but acceptable amount of ammonia.

These are our recommended procedures from experience and recent internal testing but everyone cleans differently and we encourage you to obtain a sample to test your method. We hope this is helpful. Thanks for using Chemetal.