

CARE AND CLEANING FOR WATERSTONE FAUCET FINISHES

ATTENTION: Waterstone offers many finishes for its products. Every finish is unique and requires different techniques for care and cleaning. Find your product's finish in the sections below, then carefully read and follow directions for that finish.

CLEAR PROTECTIVE COATED FINISHES

ABOUT YOUR FINISH:

These finishes have a clear protective coating on them. Even though they have a protective coating, they are only considered semi-durable. If the outside clear coating is scratched or damaged in any way, the base metal finishes exposed will oxidize. Any use of an abrasive cleanser, or any abrasive pad, cloth or sponge can remove or dull the protective coating and damage the finish. Some available sink cleaners with bleach, soaps, and hand lotions will damage the finish, as can acidic organic cleansers. Always wipe your fixture down with a clean soft cloth and keep it clean and dry after use.

Antique Brass - AB
Antique Copper - AC
American Bronze - AMB
Antique Pewter - AP
Distressed Antique Brass - DAB
Distressed Antique Copper - DAC
Distressed American Bronze - DAMB
Distressed Antique Pewter - DAP
Polished Brass - PB
Polished Copper - PC
Satin Brass - SB
Satin Nickel - SN
Venetian Bronze - VB

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

It is the responsibility of the customer to check for any material finish defects **BEFORE** installation. Waterstone does not warranty these finishes **AFTER** installation.

SUGGESTED FINISH MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE:

1. Do not allow water spots to dry on the fixture. Keep the surface clean and dry after use.
2. Periodic cleaning can be done by using a mild diluted glass cleaner (we recommend Windex). Apply the mild cleaner to a soft clean cloth, and periodically wipe your fixture down to remove water spots and surface debris.
3. Never use cleaners with bleach, abrasives, or vinegar. Never use any type of abrasive pad or sponge.

POWDER COATED FINISHES

ABOUT YOUR FINISH:

These finishes are powder coated color finishes. They have **NO ADDITIONAL PROTECTIVE COATING**. These finishes are not considered durable finishes and can be scratched, chipped or scuffed. If the exterior color coating is damaged, the exposed metal base will oxidize. Any use of an abrasive cleanser, or any abrasive pad, cloth or sponge can remove or dull the color coating and damage the finish. Some available sink cleaners with bleach, soaps, and hand lotions will damage the finish, as can acidic organic cleansers. Always wipe your fixture down with a clean soft cloth and keep it clean and dry after use.

Almond - 01
Black - 06
Biscuit - 07
Chocolate Bronze - CHB
Euro-White - EW
Matte Black - MB
White - WT

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2. Periodic cleaning can be done by using a mild diluted glass cleaner (we recommend Windex). Apply the mild cleaner to a soft clean cloth, and periodically wipe your fixture down to remove water spots and surface debris.
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LIVING FINISHES

ABOUT YOUR FINISH:

These finishes are considered Living Finishes and have **NO PROTECTIVE COATING** on them. Living finishes are finishes that have a very shallow patina on their surface. Essentially, the finish is what nature would do to the surface over a long period of time. The finishes are intended to change with time and generally darken slightly where they are not being touched, and highlight where the high use points are on the fixture. Hand oils, soaps, and acidic fluids and cleaners can damage the finish. These finishes are not durable, and are easily scratched or scuffed. Any type of astringent cleaner or any type of abrasive cleanser, pad, cloth or sponge will damage the finish. To help keep the surface on the fixture from oxidizing in the packaging, Waterstone initially applies a wax to the finish surface to help protect and prevent the finish from exposure to air and oxidizing prior to installation.

Antique Bronze - ABZ
Black-Oil Rubbed Bronze - ORB
Caribbean Bronze - CB
Tuscan Brass - TB
Unlacquered Polished Brass - UPB
Weathered Brass - WB
Weathered Copper - WC

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SUGGESTED FINISH MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE FOR ANTIQUE BRONZE, CARIBBEAN BRONZE, TUSCAN BRONZE, UNLACQUERED POLISHED BRASS AND WEATHERED BRASS:

1. Do not allow water spots to dry on the fixture. Keep the surface clean and dry after use.
2. Periodic cleaning can be done by using a micro-crystalline wax (we recommend Renaissance Wax). Apply the wax with a soft non-abrasive tissue paper, and gently buff the wax with a soft clean cloth to help remove surface spots and add a protective coating to the finish.
3. Never use cleaners with bleach, abrasives, or vinegar. Never use any type of abrasive pad or sponge.

SUGGESTED FINISH MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE FOR BLACK-OIL RUBBED BRONZE:

1. Do not allow water spots to dry on the fixture. Keep the surface clean and dry after use.
2. Periodic cleaning can be done by applying mineral oil to a clean soft cloth and gently wiping down the finish surface to clean. Make sure not to rub too hard, in that you can remove too much of the surface patina surface with aggressive cleaning.
3. Once the mineral oil has been applied, with a clean soft dry cloth gently pat the finish surface to remove any excess oil on the fixture to until the fixture no longer looks "wet".
4. Never use cleaners with bleach, abrasives, or vinegar. Never use any type of abrasive pad or sponge.

SUGGESTED FINISH MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE FOR WEATHERED COPPER:

1. Do not allow water spots to dry on the fixture. Keep the surface clean and dry after use.
2. Periodic cleaning can be done by applying denatured isopropyl alcohol to a clean soft cloth and gently wiping down the finish surface to clean. Do not rub too hard, in that you can remove too much of the surface patina. This step will leave the finish looking a shade darker.
3. Using a different soft clean cloth, apply a non-abrasive metal polish (we recommend "Miracle Shine" by GSM) to the cloth and gently rub the polish into the finish. This will clean, protect, and brighten up the finish after it was left darker from the alcohol cleaning in step 2.
4. Never use cleaners with bleach, abrasives, or vinegar. Never use any type of abrasive pad or sponge.

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CHROME FINISHES

ABOUT YOUR FINISH:

These finishes are the most durable finishes Waterstone offers. The best general maintenance is regular cleaning. Even though these finishes are considered durable, you can never use any abrasive type cleaners, clothes, or pads to clean your fixture. Always try and keep your finishes clean and dry. Trapped moisture on the surface of your finish can lead to staining. Astringent cleaners, chlorine, bleach, along with acidic based organic cleansers are potentially harmful to these finishes. Chrome plated finishes are very tarnish resistant. However, they are not indestructible and can scratch and mar.

Chrome - CH
Satin Chrome - SC

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SUGGESTED FINISH MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE:

1. Do not allow water spots to dry on the fixture. Keep the surface clean and dry after use.
2. Periodic cleaning can be done by applying isopropyl alcohol with a soft clean cloth to gently remove surface spots.
3. Never use cleaners with bleach, abrasives, or vinegar. Never use any type of abrasive pad or sponge.

NICKEL FINISHES

ABOUT YOUR FINISH:

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Black Nickel - BLN
Polished Nickel - PN

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1. Do not allow water spots to dry on the fixture. Keep the surface clean and dry after use.
2. Periodic cleaning can be done by applying isopropyl alcohol with a soft clean cloth to gently remove surface spots.
3. Never use cleaners with bleach, abrasives, or vinegar. Never use any type of abrasive pad or sponge.
4. For hard water stains, use an aluminum polish. We recommend Mothers Aluminum Polish.

PRECIOUS METALS

ABOUT YOUR FINISH:

This finish is done with real precious metal gold plating on the brass fixture surface. This finish has **NO PROTECTIVE COATING** and is extremely soft. Some or all of the Gold plating will be removed if any type of polish is used. Additionally, the finish will wear away with time. The gold plating is considered very delicate and can be easily scratched or scuffed. Any type of astringent cleaner or any type of abrasive cleanser, pad, cloth or sponge will damage the finish.

Polished Gold - PG
Satin Gold - SG

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SUGGESTED FINISH MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE:

1. Do not allow water spots to dry on the fixture. Keep the surface clean and dry after use.
2. Periodic cleaning can be done with mild liquid soap only. Wipe gently with a soft cloth to clean.
3. Never use cleaners with bleach, abrasives, or vinegar. Never use any type of abrasive pad or sponge.

STAINLESS STEEL

ABOUT YOUR FINISH:

Waterstone's stainless steel fixtures are actually made of solid stainless. This finish has **NO PROTECTIVE COATING** on it. Stainless steel is by its material nature very tarnish resistant, but by no means tarnish or stain proof. This finish will indeed oxidize naturally over time and react to its environment, and in a reaction to some chemical cleaners that have bleach in them rusting can be induced on the finish. Keep your stainless fixture wiped clean and dry, and use only a cleaner specifically made for stainless steel. Trapped moisture on the surface of your finish can lead to staining. Astringent cleaners, chlorine, bleach, along with acidic based organic cleansers are potentially harmful to stainless steel finishes.

Stainless Steel - SS

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SUGGESTED FINISH MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE:

1. Do not allow water spots to dry on the fixture. Keep the surface clean and dry after use.
2. Periodic cleaning can be done by applying a "stainless steel cleaner" with a soft clean cloth to gently remove surface spots and brighten the finish.
3. Never use cleaners with bleach, abrasives, or vinegar. Never use any type of abrasive pad or sponge.



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