

care & maintenance

of your **matte black finish**

All faucets need proper care to look and work beautifully for years to come, but Matte Black is more vulnerable to scratching and damage if not cared for properly. To protect your Matte Black faucet, here are some guidelines to keep the finish fresh and new looking.

⊘ - DO NOT:

- ⊘ **Use strong chemical cleaners, or cleaners with abrasives.** Your Matte Black finish should be cleaned regularly with mild soap and water. A PH balanced liquid dish soap like Dawn, diluted in warm water is the best choice. Make sure to rinse the faucet with clear water and then dry it after cleaning. That's it; it's easy, inexpensive and effective.
(**Note:** just because a product is called "soft" or is a liquid, that doesn't mean that it doesn't contain abrasives that can scratch).
- ⊘ **Use scouring pads, metal brushes or hard bristle brushes,** they can damage the finish.
- ⊘ **Use cleaning products that are created to shine surfaces** on Matte Black as you want to maintain the matte finish.
- ⊘ **Use Wax products on Matte Black.** Wax tends to even out the finish and turns the matte finish into a semi glossy finish. Over time, wax can also degrade the matte finish of your faucet.

✓ - DO:

- **Use a microfiber cloth.** These wonderful cleaning tools will effectively clean your faucet without scratching.
- **If you live in an area with hard water, dry your fixtures after every use.** It sounds like a lot of work, but when hard water dries, tiny mineral deposits are left on your fixtures. Over time, they harden and can affect the look and performance of your products. Keep a microfibre cloth in a bathroom drawer and give your fixtures a quick wipe down each time and you will be amazed at how fast and easy your weekly cleanings are and how great your fixtures look every day. For more information, check out this article on hard water.
- **Clean the inside as well as the outside of your faucet.** (This applies to all faucets - not just Matte Black). Debris, calcium and hard water build up can affect water flow. Regularly remove and clean the aerator with the tool included with your faucet. Remove, rinse under cold water and use a gentle brush like a toothbrush to remove dirt and debris. If there is mineral build up, you can soak in a 50-50 water/vinegar solution to remove. To watch a video on how this is done, click here.
- **Regular drain maintenance.** Your fluid basin faucet comes with a Quick-Clean™ waste pop-up with a removable basket. Once a week, simply grasp the basket and pull up. Any hair or debris that fell into the drain will be collected in the basket. Remove any debris and rinse with cold water. To see a video on how the Quick-Clean Drain is removed, Click Here.
- **Be careful with rings, watches or other jewellery that can scratch.** Your Matte Black finish is strong, but repeated contact with say a diamond in a ring can certainly cause scratches over time.

