

## **Ampco Care and Cleaning Instructions**

### **HIGH-PRESSURE DECORATIVE LAMINATE RESTROOM COMPARTMENTS**

The following information should be used as a guideline to preserve your Ampco high-pressure decorative laminate restroom compartments.

#### **Protecting the Surface**

High-pressure laminate partition systems are made of laminate with a Phenolic backing bonded to a core substrate. Although laminate surfaces are extremely durable, you may want to add some extra protection. Use self-cleaning waxes available at your local supermarket to provide a protective film on laminate clad surfaces. These products are gentle and if used according to the directions on the package, can be used regularly with no need for stripping.

Most laminate can withstand heat up to 275 degrees F for brief periods. However, because the glue used to bind the laminate to the core material is heat-activated in some products; laminate surfaces should not be exposed to temperatures above 140 degrees F for prolonged periods

While laminate surfaces are impervious to normal wear and tear, they can be damaged if they are subjected to extraordinary abuse. Pounding directly on laminate surfaces can result in scratching, and even gouging and cracking.

#### **Cleaning the Surface**

Matt and Suede Finishes – Use a soft damp cloth with mild liquid soap or all-purpose cleaner.

Textured Finishes – Use a nylon brush with all-purpose cleaner or mild liquid detergent diluted with water. Rinse with water and wipe with a soft dry cloth.

**\* Do not use abrasive cleaners or rough scouring pads or steel wool to clean laminate surfaces. Acid and alkaline-based solutions such as drain cleaners, chlorine bleach, metal cleaners, and oven cleaners will permanently damage laminates and should not be allowed to come into contact with laminate surfaces. Accidental spills should be wiped and the entire area rinsed immediately after the spill occurs.**

Certain substances require special cleaning techniques and materials. Here are recommendations for the most common problems:

Residual Glue – Use a soft dry cloth with an adhesive solvent.

Paint and Vanish – Use a soft dry cloth and a solvent or paint remover to remove oil-based paint and vanish. Water based paints can be removed with glass cleaner or paint remover on a soft dry cloth.

Stains – Laminate surfaces will resist most stains, however some substances can cause permanent or semi-permanent discoloring. The visual impact of stains caused by hair dyes, laundry bluing, and pharmaceutical compounds can be reduced by blotting the area quickly with a soft dry cloth slightly dampened with diluted chlorine bleach. Afterward, immediately rinse the area with water to remove any remaining bleach.

Applying full strength Pine Sol liquid cleaner or mild all-purpose spray cleaner can fade discoloration from wood stains, indelible ink, or newsprint. Allow the cleaner to draw out the stain for a few minutes, then blot with a soft cloth rinse with water.

If you have any questions regarding the care and cleaning of your high-pressure laminate system, please feel free to give us a call.