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CLEANING GUIDELINES FOR ALUMINUM

Aluminum Notes:

- The majority of aluminum offered by Jacknob contains a "Clear Anodized" finish.
- This finish is exceptionally resistant to corrosion, discoloration, and wear.
- Never use bleaches or chlorides on aluminum. They have a tendency to leach on the surface which could lead to staining and pitting.

Clear Anodizing:

An electrochemical process that thickens and toughens the aluminum's naturally occurring protective oxide. This anodic coating is created and combined with the metal by passing an electrical current through an acid electrolyte bath. Please note that this film contains a porous structure which allows secondary infusions such as coloring, lubrications, etc. to penetrate.

Aluminum contents:

See Material Properties section for aluminum.

Cleaning Materials

- Sponge
- Nylon or other soft-bristle material brush
- Cloth
- <u>NOTE</u>: Never use sand paper, wire brushes, Scotch-Brite pads, etc. as they are <u>highly</u> <u>abrasive</u> and could mar the anodized finish.

Recommended Cleaning Solutions

- Hand dishwashing liquid/water solution
- Mild soap/water solution
- Vinegar, Lemon Juice, Cream of Tarter, or any mild acidic liquid.
- <u>NOTE</u>: Always complete cleaning process by rinsing surface with water to remove any remaining cleaning solutions.