

Use and Care of your Mouser Cabinets

Mouser Custom Cabinetry manufactures the finest custom cabinetry available, cabinetry that will give you years of trouble-free service when it is installed and cared for as we recommend. Mouser's stained and solid color cabinetry is produced using the best finishing products available and are applied to select grades of solid woods, wood veneers, and MDF materials. Because our cabinetry is built from wood products, it should be cared for like wood furniture, even our solid color products. Our MDF door styles must be cleaned with products intended for wood. MDF is not a waterproof material. Even though it has the appearance of a laminate once it is finished, water will still penetrate through solid color material and cause the wood fibers to swell, particularly in profiled areas.

Finish

Mouser cabinets have a tough, durable catalyzed varnish finish which is highly resistant to moisture and household chemicals. We recommend you use Guardsman Furniture Polish at least monthly to keep your cabinets well protected and looking good. Guardsman Furniture Care Products are available from Mouser Custom Cabinetry, or their products can be found at local furniture stores or the housewares department of many discount stores. A Guardsman Furniture Care Guide can be found inside the "Use and Care Kit" that we ship with each complete cabinet order. To remove oil, grease or daily spills, use a clean, damp cloth, then dry thoroughly. Do not use dishcloths, harsh detergents, abrasive cleaners, spray cleaners, strong soaps or paste wax.

Foil Products Regular Care and Cleaning

Always use a cotton cloth, non-abrasive sponge, or microfiber cloth. Wipe with a damp cloth or sponge with mild dish soap. For oil or tacky surfaces wipe with a damp cloth or sponge using a 50/50 mix of water and Simple Green Brand cleaner.

Foil Products Cleaning of Stains (Infrequent Care)

Always use a cotton cloth, non-abrasive sponge, or microfiber cloth.

Step 1: Using a damp cloth or sponge with a 50/50 mix of water and Simple Green, scrub lightly for 10 to 20 strokes. This should remove most stains. If not, move on to Step 2 and if necessary, onto Step 3.

Step 2: Using a damp cloth or sponge with standard Fantastik Brand or Formula 409 Brand cleaner, lightly wipe for 10 to 20 strokes.

Step 3: Place a cloth or sponge damp with 70% Isopropyl Alcohol on top of the stain for 30 minutes then remove and wipe. This should remove makeup, ball-point ink, and other stubborn stains. If stain persists, repeat Step 3 until stain is removed.

Disinfecting Thermofoil Surfaces

A mixture of 10% bleach, 90% water can be used on most thermofoil surfaces. Before using the mixture on an entire surface, be sure to test it on a non-visual spot.

Cleaners to Avoid on Foil Products

Any abrasive cleaner

Most solvent based cleaners and harsh chemicals such as sink and toilet bowl cleaners

Any cleaner in combination with a brush

Cleaners containing ammonia

Baking Soda

Acetone

If a harsh chemical is spilled on a thermofoil surface, wipe it up immediately. Then wash the surface with soapy water and rinse several times.

Foil Product Limitations

Thermofoil products are not intended for use as cutting surfaces. Do not place hot pans onto thermofoil surfaces. Foil products are not intended for use in exterior applications.

Hardware

Only top-quality decorative hardware is used on Mouser cabinets. Our hinging system allows you to easily adjust any door as required. Our drawer slide systems are designed to give you a lifetime of functionality.

Tandem Box Removal & Adjustment

Click this link for [Tandem Box Removal & Adjustment instructions](#)

Scratches, Chips, Dents

It's practically impossible to prevent scratches, chips and dents over years of use. Touch-up putty sticks and marking pens are available through your dealer to help you make minor repairs.

Proper Storage and Environmental Controls: Humidity

Wood is like a sponge. It can absorb moisture or dry out, depending on the environment. Excessive humidity can result in warpage and expanding of the wood. Also, a lack of sufficient humidity during the winter heating season can cause shrinkage of the wood. This is especially true on solid wood doors. We recommend a complete heating and cooling cycle to allow doors to adjust to your home's environment. It is important to control the humidity in your home all year round, especially if you have a fireplace or a wood stove. Mouser cabinetry is to be stored or installed in an environment with a constant Humidity level of 40% - 55%.

Caution!

Self-cleaning appliances generate intense heat during a cleaning cycle and the integrity of the appliance seal or gasket may be compromised with age, improper installation, etc. We recommend the removal of doors and/or drawers from our wood cabinets and foil products adjacent to, or directly above, an appliance during a cleaning cycle to prevent possible finish or surface damage.