## **Cleaning Topmatt**

Laminates such as Topmatt suggest to users that they are less susceptible to soiling due to their anti-fingerprint characteristic. This applies to finger sweat, provided that no furniture polishes, cleaning agents containing wax or re-greasing plastic cleaners were used. It must be taken into account that these lacquer surfaces must also be cleaned regularly. The cleaning of laminate surfaces is generally straight-forward and the "Cleaning and Use Recommendations for EGGER Laminates" also apply to lacquer-based surfaces.

We can recommend the following commercial cleaners for cleaning Topmatt surfaces ....

Bref Power



Multi Fett-Cleaner W5 - Lidl



## How should you clean?

In order to have a good before and after comparison it makes sense to clean only a part of the surface.

- 1.) Spray a part of the stain with "Bref Power cleaner for grease and burnt-in" or with "Multi Fett-Cleaner W5" of course there are other power cleaners available.
- 2.) Let the cleaner work for 5 to maximum 10 minutes, please do not let it work for longer than 10 minutes, otherwise the surface may be damaged.
- 3.) Take up cleaner with a wet sponge cloth again/wipe off, while washing the sponge cloth several times with clear water. It is important here that you only wipe in the sprayed area, if you get with the cloth into the not sprayed area it can be that dirt is dissolved there, and you do not get a nice demarcation hiss and not cleaned
- 4.) If no more residues of the cleaner (foam) are visible, clean the cleaned surface again with another sponge cloth (clean sponge cloth without cleaner residues) and importantly with warm water (cold water often leaves streaks).
- 5.) Finally wipe the cleaned area dry with a cotton cloth or paper towel
- 6.) Now compare the cleaned area with the uncleaned area. If there are differences, dirt or residues have been dissolved by the cleaner. If there are none, repeat steps 1-6.
- 7.) If necessary, repeat the cleaning steps until the surface again corresponds to the original pattern in colour and gloss level.

## Should you expect use marks on Topmatt surfaces despite high scratch resistance?

In contrast to the EGGER laminate, the **very matt** laminate surface is based on a lacquered surface cured using electron beams with anti-fingerprint characteristic. The flat and supermatt surface has "no texturing" and therefore use marks can appear under mechanical stress. With medium to dark uni and printed decors, use marks are more noticeable than with light decors. This is not a functional impairment of the surface, but an impairment based on optical aspects. Light use marks can generally be removed using dirt erasers. Dirt erasers are open-pored sponges made of melamine resin. They are available on the internet, in chemist's shops and retail stores in different sizes and made by different companies.







