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CLEANING  
INSTRUCTIONS  
FOR  
**LEXAN**<sup>®</sup>

DETAIL DRAWING

## Cleaning Instructions

When LEXAN sheet is first installed, glazing compound and masking paper adhesives can be easily removed by applying naphtha (VM&P) or kerosene with a soft cloth, followed immediately with a thorough soap and water cleaning. **DO NOT USE GASOLINE.** Adherence to regular and proper cleaning procedures is recommended to preserve appearance.

## LEXAN MR10 Sheet Cleaning Instructions

Because of this material's highly mar- and UV-resistant coating, avoid the use of abrasive cleaners and/or cleaning implements that may mar or gouge the coating.

### Graffiti Removal for LEXAN MR10 Sheet

- Butyl cellosolve works well for the removal of paints, marking pen inks, lipstick, etc.
- Masking tape, adhesive tape or lint removal tools work well for lifting off old, weathered paints.
- To remove labels, stickers, etc., the use of kerosene or VM&P naphtha is generally effective. When the solvent will not penetrate sticker material, apply heat (hair dryer) to soften the adhesive and promote removal. **GASOLINE SHOULD NOT BE USED.**

### Job Site Precautions

New construction and renovations frequently require that the glazing and surrounding sash and wall finish be cleaned of any excess mortar, paint, sealant, primers or other construction compounds. Only recommended cleaners should be used to clean LEXAN sheet. Contact with harsh solvents such as methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) or muriatic acid can result in surface degradation and possible crazing of LEXAN sheet.

## Washing to Minimize Scratching

Wash LEXAN MR10 sheet and LEXGARD<sup>®</sup> laminates with a mild soap or detergent (e.g., Formula 409<sup>1</sup> Household Cleaner) lukewarm water, using a clean sponge or a soft cloth. Rinse well with clean water. Dry thoroughly with a chamois or moist cellulose sponge to prevent water spots.

Fresh paint splashes, grease and smeared glazing compounds can be removed easily before drying by rubbing lightly with a good grade of VM&P naphtha, isopropyl alcohol or butyl cellosolve (2-butoxy ethanol). Do not use butyl cellosolve in direct sunlight.

Afterward, a warm final wash should be made, using a mild soap or detergent solution and ending with a thorough rinsing with clean water.

## Minimizing Hairline Scratches

Scratches and minor abrasions can be minimized by using a mild automobile polish. Three such products that tend to polish and fill scratches are Johnson Paste Wax, Novus Plastic Polish #1 and #2, Novus Inc., Minneapolis, MN, Mirror Glaze plastic polish (M.G.M10), Mirror Bright Polish Co., Pasadena, CA. It is suggested that a test be made on a sample of LEXAN sheet with the product selected and that the polish manufacturer's instructions be followed.

The following cleaning agents have been deemed compatible with LEXAN sheet and LEXGARD laminates. The manufacturer's recommendations and instructions should be followed.

- Formula409<sup>1</sup>
- Freon T.F.
- Joy<sup>2</sup>
- Palmolive Liquid<sup>3</sup>
- Top Job<sup>2</sup>
- VM&P grade naphtha
- Windex with Ammonia D<sup>4</sup>

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## Some important "Don'ts"

- **DO NOT** use abrasive or highly alkaline cleaners on LEXAN sheet products.
- Never scrape LEXAN sheet products with squeegees, razor blades or other sharp instruments.
- Benzene, gasoline, acetone, or carbon tetrachloride should never be used on LEXAN sheet products.
- **DO NOT** clean LEXAN sheet products in hot sun or at elevated temperatures.

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