



Hard Surface Materials Cleanability Overview

Our diverse portfolio of hard surface materials and finishes provides various solutions for cleaning and disinfecting needs. Each material has its own performance attributes that offer benefits for workspaces, healthcare environments, cafeterias, collaborative spaces, and other high traffic areas.

Cleaning a surface uses soap or detergent to remove debris, dirt, and dust on surfaces, paying particular attention to areas where higher levels of touch may occur.

Disinfecting kills microscopic organisms (germs, viruses, fungi) on surfaces by using EPA-approved products that kill the organisms and prevent them from spreading.

Following are recommendations for cleaning and disinfecting Herman Miller's standard hard surface materials.



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MATERIAL	PRODUCTS	PRODUCT APPLICATIONS	CLEANERS										DISINFECTANTS		
			Guardsman Anytime Clean & Polish	Pledge Lemon Enhancing Polish	Simple Green All-Purpose Cleaner	Sparkle Glass Cleaner	Tide Powder Detergent Original Unscented (Diluted Solution)	Ultra Ivory Dish Liquid (Classic)	Zud Multi-Purpose Cream Cleanser	Expo Liquid Cleanser	Disinfecting Wipes With or Without Bleach	Quaternary Ammonia	Isopropyl Alcohol		
SURFACE MATERIALS: CLADDING, PANELS, STORAGE, SURFACES, TABLES, TILES, TOPS, WORK SURFACES															
Acrylic: Clear, Frosted	Workspaces, Storage	Surface: Action Office, Canvas Office Landscape, Meridian Storage, Renew Link	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	No	No
Formcoat	Workspaces, Tables	Top, Work Surface: Canvas Office Landscape, Ethospace, Everywhere Tables, Exclave, Public Office Landscape, Renew Link, Renew Sit-to-Stand Tables	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No			Yes	Yes	Yes
Glass	Workspaces	Panel, Screen, Surface, Tiles: Action Office, Canvas Office Landscape, Ethospace, Layout Studio, Meridian Storage Back-Painted Glass Top, Eames Tables, Saiba Tables, Striad Tables	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No			Yes	No	No
Laminate	Workspaces, Storage, Tables	Cladding, Surface, Top, Work Surface: Action Office, Axon Tables, Canvas Office Landscape, Eames Tables, Ethospace, Everywhere Tables, Exclave, Layout Studio, Motia Sit-to-Stand Tables, Nevi Link, Nevi Sit-to-Stand Tables, OE1 Workspace Solutions, Overlay, Prospect, Public Office Landscape, Renew Link, Renew Sit-to-Stand Tables, Tu Storage	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	Yes	Yes
Thermally Fused Laminate	Workspaces, Storage, Tables	Top, Work Surface: Ambit Workspace Solutions, Canvas Office Landscape, Everywhere Tables, Motia Sit-to-Stand Tables, Nevi Sit-to-Stand Tables, Tu Storage	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	Yes	Yes
Coated Metal	Workspaces, Storage, Tables	Cladding, Surface: Action Office, Axon Tables, Canvas Office Landscape, Eames Tables, Ethospace, Everywhere Tables, Exclave, Layout Studio, Motia Sit-to-Stand Tables, Nevi Link, Nevi Sit-to-Stand Tables, OE1 Workspace Solutions, Overlay, Prospect, Public Office Landscape, Renew Link, Renew Sit-to-Stand Tables, Tu Storage	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	Yes	Yes
Plastic	Workspaces, Storage, Tables	Cladding, Surface: Action Office, Axon Tables, Canvas Office Landscape, Eames Tables, Ethospace, Everywhere Tables, Exclave, Layout Studio, Motia Sit-to-Stand Tables, Nevi Link, Nevi Sit-to-Stand Tables, Overlay, Prospect, Public Office Landscape, Renew Link, Renew Sit-to-Stand Tables, Tu Storage	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	Yes	Yes
Coated Plastic	Workspaces	Surface: Canvas Office Landscape	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	Yes	Yes
Wood, Wood Veneer, Recut Veneer	Workspaces, Tables	Surface, Tiles, Top, Work Surface: Action Office, Axon Tables, Canvas Office Landscape, Eames Tables, Ethospace, Everywhere Tables, Exclave, Layout Studio, Motia Sit-to-Stand Tables, Nevi Link, Nevi Sit-to-Stand Tables, OE1 Workspace Solutions, Overlay, Prospect, Public Office Landscape, Renew Link, Renew Sit-to-Stand Tables	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No			Yes	Yes	Yes
HEALTHCARE SURFACE MATERIALS: CLADDING, STORAGE, SURFACES, TABLES, TILES, WORK SURFACES															
Acrylic - Clear	Healthcare, Storage	Surface: Co/Struc	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	No	No
3D Laminate (PVC)	Healthcare, Storage	Surface, Tiles: Compass, Ethospace, Intent	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	Yes	Yes
Chemsurf	Healthcare, Storage	Surface: Co/Struc	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	Yes	Yes
Corian	Healthcare	Cladding, Surface, Work Surface: Commend, Compass, Co/Struc, Ethospace, Mora, Nemschoff Bedside Cabinet	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	Yes	Yes
Durawrap	Healthcare, Storage	Surface, Tiles: Compass, Ethospace, Intent	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	Yes	Yes
Glass	Healthcare	Tiles: Ethospace	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No			Yes	No	No
Laminate	Healthcare, Storage	Cladding, Surface, Tiles, Work Surface: Co/Struc, Commend, Ethospace, Intent, Mora, Nemschoff Bedside Cabinet	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	Yes	Yes

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Thermally Fused Laminate	Healthcare, Storage	Surface: Commend, Mora, Nemschoff Bedside Cabinet	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Coated Metal	Healthcare, Storage	Surface: Co/Struc, Commend, Compass, Ethospace, Intent, Mora, Nemschoff Bedside Cabinet	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Plastic	Healthcare, Storage	Surface: Co/Struc, Commend, Compass, Ethospace, Intent, Nemschoff Bedside Cabinet	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Coated Plastic	Healthcare	Surface: Intent, Nemschoff Bedside Cabinet	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	
SCREENS: SURFACES															
Acrylic - Clear, Tinted, Glaze	Workspaces, Storage	Surface: Canvas Office Landscape, Meridian Storage, Renew Link	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No		Yes	No	No	
Glass - Clear, Opal, Opal Etch	Workspaces	Surface: Canvas Office Landscape, Ethospace, Layout Studio, Nevi Link, Renew Link	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No		Yes	No	No	
Laminate	Workspaces	Surface: Ambit Workspace Solutions, Canvas Office Landscape, Everywhere Tables, Layout Studio, Motia Sit-to-Stand Tables, Nevi Link, Nevi Sit-to-Stand Tables, OE1 Workspace Solutions, Renew Link, Renew Sit-to-Stand Tables	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Thermally Fused Laminate	Workspaces	Surface: Laminate Screens	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Marker Board	Workspaces	Surface: Canvas Office Landscape, OE1 Workspace Solutions	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes		Yes	No	Yes	
Coated Metal	Workspaces	Surface: Ambit Workspace Solutions, Canvas Office Landscape, Everywhere Tables, Layout Studio, Motia Sit-to-Stand Tables, Nevi Link, Nevi Sit-to-Stand Tables, OE1 Workspace Solutions, Renew Link, Renew Sit-to-Stand Tables	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Translucent Plastic	Workspaces	Surface: Ethospace	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No		Yes	No	Yes	
Wood Veneer	Workspaces	Surface: Canvas Office Landscape, Layout Studio, Renew Link, Nevi Link	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No		Yes	No	No	

Cleaners and Disinfectants

Refer to the matrix of standard Herman Miller products on pages 2 and 3 for use of the following cleaners and disinfectants. This list is provided to you as a service. Refer to the manufacturer's label for application, specific product detail, and use. No warranty is implied since results may vary.

Cleaners

Guardzman Anytime Clean & Polish

Pledge Lemon Enhancing Polish

Simple Green All-Purpose Cleaner

Sparkle Glass Cleaner

Tide Powder Detergent Original Unscented
(Diluted solution: 1 tablespoon per 1 cup warm water)

Ultra Ivory Dish Liquid (Classic)

Zud Multi-Purpose Cream Cleanser

Expo Liquid Cleaner (Marker Boards only)

Disinfecting Wipes With or Without Bleach

Clorox Disinfecting Wipes

Clorox Healthcare® Bleach Germicidal Wipes

Clorox Healthcare Disinfecting Wipes

Clorox Healthcare VeraSure Alcohol-Free Disinfectant
Cleaner Wipes

Lysol Disinfecting Wipes

PDI Super Sani-Cloth Germicidal Disposable Wipes

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Disinfectants: Quaternary Ammonia

Diversey Virex™ II 256

Ecolab Mikro-Quat

Fantastik® All-Purpose Cleaner

Disinfectants: Isopropyl Alcohol

Including Kiercide 70/30

Bleach Cleanability and Disinfecting

Bleach Cleanability

It is recommended to avoid bleach cleaning of hard surface materials because it corrodes metal, damages environmental surfaces, is inactivated by organic matter, and is toxic.

Bleach Disinfecting

The use of a bleach solution of one part bleach to ten parts water may occur for infrequent disinfecting of hard surface materials, but as with bleach cleaning, it corrodes metal, damages environmental surfaces, is inactivated by organic matter, and is toxic.

Disinfecting products with a pH factor between 7 and 9 are suitable; a disinfecting product with a pH of 10.5 or higher may damage the integrity of hard surfaces.

Additional Resources

For additional care, cleaning, and disinfecting information of Herman Miller product hard surface materials and finishes, please refer to these resources on hermanmiller.com.

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[Suggested Cleaners and Disinfectants](#)