



Stainless Steel Advisory

Stainless steel is an alloy containing iron, chromium, and other elements that provide enhanced **resistance** to corrosion. However, **it is not rust or stain proof**. Rust and staining in stainless steel products can occur due to several factors, including:

- **Environmental conditions:** High humidity, coastal environments, and industrial areas with high pollution levels can accelerate rust formation.
- **Exposure to chlorides:** Prolonged contact with chloride-containing substances (e.g., saltwater, pool chemicals) can lead to corrosion.
- **Contact with other metals:** Direct contact with iron or steel can cause galvanic corrosion, especially in moist or corrosive environments.

At IGT Glass Hardware, we strive to provide the highest quality stainless steel products; however we cannot guarantee their complete resistance to rust or staining. In order to ensure longevity and optimal performance, we've provided guidance for periodic maintenance of your stainless steel hardware.

Care and Maintenance

Do not use coarse abrasives, like steel wool, as this could cause rust on the product surface. Additionally do not leave soap or other detergents to dry on stainless steel surfaces. Many detergents contain chemicals that can alter the finish, or cause staining. Do not use bleach, even when diluted. Bleach can cause corrosion when exposed to stainless steel for extended time periods. If bleach comes in contact, rinse thoroughly.

Regular cleaning: Clean your stainless steel products regularly with mild soap and water. Rinse thoroughly and dry with a soft cloth.

Stains and fingerprints: Use a glass cleaner and rub with a soft cloth on all types of finishes.

Persistent spots: Apply a stainless steel cleaner with a sponge or cloth. For brushed stainless steel finishes, rub in the direction of the grain. Rinse with clean water and dry.

Hard water stains: Using vinegar and baking soda, swab and soak for 5 to 10 minutes. Rub the area, then rinse with clean water and dry.

Rust discoloration: Use any of the above mentioned methods. Swab with a cloth and soak. If necessary, rub with a nylon pad. Rinse with clean water and dry.

We offer a limited warranty on our products. Please refer to our warranty policy for details.