

# SHOWER SCREEN CLEANING GUIDE



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## Recommended Cleaning Products

### Glass

A 50/50 solution of white vinegar and water

Soft microfibre cloth

Squeegee

### Aluminium

A 50/50 solution of white vinegar and water

Flat tip instrument or chopstick

Cotton ball tip

Soft microfibre cloth

### Silicone

A 50/50 solution of white vinegar and water

Soft brush

### Hinges

A 50/50 solution of white vinegar and water

Soft microfibre cloth

### EnduroShield®

A 50/50 solution of white vinegar and water

Damp soft microfibre cloth



Regular cleaning will help maintain your shower screen and reduce the build up of soap scum, mineral deposits and mould.

## Glass Cleaning

### **STEP 1**

Start by making your 50/50 solution of white vinegar and water. Pour it into an all-purpose plastic spray bottle.

### **STEP 2**

Spray on your glass and leave for several minutes, this will help dissolve any mineral deposits that may have built up on the glass surface then wipe down with a damp microfibre cloth. Just be sure that your cloth is completely clean and free of abrasive particles or soap residue.

### **STEP 3**

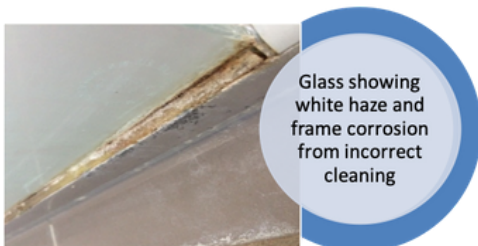
Rinse your cleaning cloth regularly to remove accumulated residues and any abrasive particles it may have picked up.

### **STEP 4**

For best results rinse the shower screen with plain water when you're finished and dry using a rubber squeegee or soft dry cloth.

### **STEP 5**

We recommend using a squeegee to wipe down your shower after every use to help reduce the build up of soap scum and mineral deposits.



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## Aluminium Cleaning

### STEP 1

Wipe away as much grime as you can with a cloth, then spray the tracks with a mix of vinegar & water.

### STEP 2

Let the vinegar & water solution sit for 3-5 minutes.

### STEP 3

Wipe down tracks and aluminium with a soft microfibre cloth.

### STEP 4

For hard to reach areas place a thin sturdy cloth over a flat head instrument (or chopstick) and scrub along into the hard to reach areas.

### STEP 5

Then run a cotton ball tip or soft microfibre cloth along the length of the tracks, wiping and rinsing until all gunk is gone.

### STEP 6

Once you have removed all grime from the aluminium either wipe or spray down with water to ensure that all parts of the vinegar solution has been removed from the aluminium surfaces.

(Please refer to Cleaning Caveat page 8 for more details).



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## Silicone Cleaning

### **STEP 1**

Every few months spray the silicone caulking with the same white vinegar and water solution that you use on your shower screen.

### **STEP 2**

Spray down the caulking and scrub with a soft brush. Any mold that is getting started will be killed because of the vinegar solution.

### **STEP 3**

For deeper stains, leave the vinegar on the caulking for at least 10 minutes before scrubbing with a soft brush.

## Hinges Cleaning

### **STEP 1**

Wipe away as much grime as you can with a cloth, then spray the hinges with a mix of vinegar & water.

### **STEP 2**

Let the vinegar & water solution sit for 3-5 minutes.

### **STEP 3**

Wipe down hinges with a soft microfibre cloth.

### **STEP 4**

Then wipe down with a soft microfibre cloth and continue wiping and rinsing until all gunk is gone.

### **STEP 5**

Once you have removed all grime from the hinges either wipe or spray down with water to ensure that all parts of the vinegar solution has been removed from the hinges surfaces.



Hinge  
corrosion  
caused by  
incorrect  
cleaning  
product

## EnduroShield® - Easy Clean Coating

Save time and money with EnduroShield®, the revolutionary non-stick treatment that is ideal for shower screen glass.

EnduroShield glass treatment makes cleaning shower screen glass easy and repels soap scum, grime and dirt. EnduroShield **may** reduce your cleaning time by up to 90%.

Untreated glass is porous and as a result absorbs mineral deposits and soap scum, making it more and more difficult to clean overtime. Shower glass is subject to mineral deposits from water, shampoo, soaps, body fats, and harsh scrubbing using toxic cleaners, causing the glass to discolor and develop irremovable staining.

EnduroShield is an ultra-thin transparent glass coating that completely adheres to the surface and provides protection that will repel both water and oil based stains.

Similar to a non-stick fry pan, cleaning weekly is recommended and is made easier using a 50/50 solution of white vinegar and water with a damp microfibre cloth.

## Cleaning Recommendations

1. Failure to remove any residue may cause these components to deteriorate as a direct consequence of the cleaning process.
2. Weather strips can be removed and cleaned separately to help maintain them and keep them clean. Overtime they may need replacing.
3. Using harsh commercial chemical cleaners will cause corrosion and damage your aluminium products over time. (See *examples above*) Corrosion caused by incorrect cleaning methods will not covered under our warranty.
4. In areas with hard water your glass may need more regular cleaning to reduce the build up of mineral deposits.
5. We recommend applying EnduroSheild to help maintain your shower screen and reduce the amount of soap scum build up and mineral deposits. Regular cleaning is still required.
6. What to avoid if your glass has been coated with EnduroSheild.  
Be careful not to use any rough, gritty, abrasive, highly acidic or alkaline cleaners as they may damage the protective coating. This includes products such as Comet (powder), Ajax, or cerium oxide which damage or polish back the actual substrate.
7. Using a squeegee after every use will help reduce the amount of soap scum build up and mineral deposits.



## Cleaning Caveats

### Q. Is Vinegar Corrosive to Metal?

A. Yes, vinegar can be corrosive to metal. At high temperatures, vinegar can be especially concentrated and acidic. Although vinegar can be used to clean some metals, it's important to always exercise caution when doing so. Vinegar should also be avoided if cleaning surfaces and objects with the following materials.

- Iron
- Stainless Steel
- Bronze
- Copper

### Q. Does White Vinegar React with Aluminum?

A. Yes, when using vinegar with aluminum it's always important to clean completely and not allow long sitting periods after cleaning. The aluminum acetate is reactive with vinegar and when scrubbing overly hard with abrasive pads, the vinegar can begin to react and eat away/dissolve the aluminum. This may be hard to notice early on with the naked eye but the damage can begin to reveal itself in the future if you overdo the scrubbing or soaking times.

### Putting It All Together- Vinegar and Aluminium

So, overall does vinegar harm aluminum? It certainly can if not used properly. The biggest take away from this guide is to always ensure you rinse your aluminium completely. Vinegar can either be a great solution or cause further corrosion if used improperly.

## About This Cleaning Advice

This information is offered as a general guide only and specific advice should always be sought from a reputable glazier or professional cleaner before undertaking any cleaning. This guidance does not preclude the use of other methods, materials or equipment, however the user should undertake careful evaluation and make suitable enquiries of the suitability of alternative methods, materials or equipment, before using them.

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