# HELMSMAN HEAVY-DUTY LOCKERS O+M MANUAL

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One quality of metal lockers that is not frequently discussed is the ease of cleaning and maintenance. Like any other type of locker, metal lockers that are not regularly cleaned and maintained can have shortened life spans and become more prone to rusting and other types of damage. How easy is it to clean and maintain these lockers?

## **GENERAL CARE**

Ideally, the surfaces of these lockers should be wiped with a damp cloth at least once a month.

## LOCKS AND HINGES

Every now and then, the hinges and locks of these lockers need lubrication. This will depend largely on where the lockers are used and how frequently their owners use them. If they are used on a daily basis, it is a prudent idea to regularly check the locks and hinges which should be lubricated or repaired accordingly.

## LAMINATE DOOR

Always start by trying the gentlest method of cleaning. If a stain persists work through the following steps, repeating each step several times if the stain seems to be disappearing.



## **STEP 1**

For routine cleaning, use a damp cloth or sponge and a mild soap or detergent. Rinse the panels and dry on completion.

## STEP 2

For difficult stains apply a mild household cleaner/detergent with a softbristled brush.

## **STEP 3**

If stubborn stains persist, use a non-scratch cleaner such as Cif or Flash, scrubbing lightly with a soft-bristled brush for 10 to 20 seconds.

#### **STEP 4**

If a stain persists, apply undiluted household bleach, let stand for no longer than 2 minutes and rinse thoroughly with warm water. DO NOT expose the laminate surface to household bleach for prolonged periods of time as this may lead to permanent discolouration.

## **STEP 5**

If the surface has been discoloured through long exposure to industrial grime, clean carefully with a cream cleaner containing a mild abrasive.

# DO AND DO NOT

DO always rinse thoroughly after cleaning (residue from cleaning solutions is the single greatest cause of damage to laminate surfaces).

Do wipe up spills immediately rinse thoroughly.

DO NOT use acidic or abrasive cleaners, expose the laminate to household bleach for prolonged periods of time, or apply excessive scrubbing, especially on gloss finish surfaces.



## **CLEANING IRONMONGERY/FRAMEWORK**

Powder-coated products should always be cleaned at no more than 3-month intervals. A solution of mild detergent diluted with warm water should be used. A soft cloth, sponge or natural bristle brush may be used. Abrasive materials should be avoided. White spirit may be used to remove oil or grease deposits, but strong solvents must be avoided. The coated items must be thoroughly rinsed following the use of detergents.

Metallic surfaces should be cleaned as detailed for powder coating. Care should be taken in order to avoid scratching the metallic surface.

## MAINTENANCE OF IRONMONGERY

Locker locks and hinges should be wiped clean. A moderate amount of a silicone type lubricant (such as WD40) should be applied to all moving parts, with any excess lubricant promptly removed. Excess use of lubricants may attract dust, which will increase the wear rate of moving parts. It is imperative that the amount of lubricant is kept to a minimum.

#### REPAIRS

Every now and then, you will notice scratches and abrasions on the surfaces of these lockers. In such instances, be sure to act upon these quickly as these could lead to the deterioration of the metal especially after prolonged exposure to moisture. Abrasion and scratches can be easily covered up by spot painting the affected areas.











## LOST KEYS

It is not unusual for locker users to lose or misplace their keys. For such occasions, it is a good idea to keep a master key within easy reach otherwise, you may have to destroy a good lock and have it replaced.

Metal lockers are naturally more durable and stronger compared to other types of lockers. But learning how to properly clean and maintain these lockers can significantly increase their life spans, allowing you to get better returns on your initial investment and help in increasing the satisfaction of their users.

Lost keys and parts can be ordered from our service centre please call 01284 727669



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