

Care and Maintenance

In order to keep your tub shiny for years to come you want to keep soap scum and minerals removed. You do this by using a non-abrasive cleaner that is slightly acidic. There are many non-abrasive cleansers. That and a soft nylon scrubbing pad is all you should ever need. DO NOT use any abrasive cleaners on or near the refinished surface. In general, any cleaner approved for use on acrylic surfaces is okay to use.

A few things to remember about caring for your refinished tub are:

- No abrasive cleaners. If it says it is safe for acrylic surfaces it should be okay to use
- No abrasive sponges. ScotchBrite pads will scratch your tub.
- No drain cleaners.
- No hair-dye.
- No heavy bleach cleaners that turn blue after 20 minutes or so.
- If you use bleach, rinse it out afterwards (don't soak the tub in bleach).
- If your tub gets chipped, call a re-finisher to touch it up or purchase an inexpensive porcelain repair kit at the hardware store. Chipped areas of the glaze allow water underneath which causes peeling.
- Don't leave soap bars and leaky shampoo bottles on the edges of the tub. The chemicals in soap will eat into the finish over the years.
- For extra precaution simply wipe your tub out after every use with the towel you used to dry off. This slows soap and mineral build up.
- Fix dripping faucets. This should have been completed before the tub was re-finished. If you develop a leak, fix it soon.
- DO NOT lay soap, bottles, or any other objects on the finished surface.
- DO NOT use any abrasive scrubbing pads, such as Scotch Brite™ or any similar scrubbing pad, as this will scratch the new surface.
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Please observe the following:

Clean the finish regularly with soap and a soft nylon scrubbing pad. Soap scum and hard water can combine and build up quickly in bathtubs and if left too long can require mechanical means to clean leading to possible damage. Faucets must be properly maintained by the owner and user, to protect the new surface. Leaky faucets will erode the finish, causing it to crack and wear out prematurely, therefore voiding your warranty. Destruction of the finish may occur through improper use of acid bearing compounds, such as drain openers or tile grout cleaners. All chemicals must be kept away from the finish. These chemicals include, but are not limited to, cosmetics, hair dyes, and perfumes, which may stain or otherwise mar the finish. You can extend the life of your new finish with the application of a polymer polish every six months. Any good auto or fiberglass polish is fine. If you use a suction-cup bathmat remove it after use to let the surface dry. A suction-cup free bathmat is recommended. Ask your refinishing professional for bathmat recommendations.

REMEMBER

If you treat your new surface with respect, clean it regularly, and follow the above guidelines, your fixture will stay shiny and bright, and give you many years of trouble free use.