



Cleaning Care Advice

For your switches and power points

Keeping your home clean and germ-free is normally at the top of everyone's priority, particularly during cold and flu seasons and this year, it is more important than ever. Surfaces like door handles, kitchen bench tops, light switches and power points often see a lot of use, increasing the danger of exposure to germs and bacteria. It is highly recommended that you clean these common surfaces on a regular basis to help reduce spread of germs.

Cleaning with care

As a homeowner, it is important for you to have a basic knowledge on how to safely clean your switches and power points. Knowing what cleaning materials to use and how to apply them will help prevent damage to these important surfaces.

It is recommended that you never use formulas like chemical sprays. Plastic materials used in your switches and power points can be damaged when exposed to elements present from sprays, causing your device to fail over time. For instance, liquid from sprays can enter gaps in the surface and cause some issues with your switch or power point function. Stress cracking and discolouring are some other damages that chemical sprays can cause on your switches.

What you should use for cleaning

You can use a detergent solution mixed with warm water to clean your switches and power points. If you need a quick and convenient cleaning option, you can simply wipe them with detergent-impregnated wipes.

Cleaning skins of Clipsal Iconic range

If you own switches and power points from the Clipsal Iconic Range, cleaning them is very easy. Simply remove the skin and wash it thoroughly in warm soapy water. Remove any stubborn marks by scrubbing it lightly with a sponge scourer. When the skin is completely dry, you can attach it back onto the wall plate.

However, with Iconic Styl and Iconic Essence, you will need to take a slightly different approach when it comes to cleaning. As Iconic Styl is made from anodised aluminium, you should not use sponge scourer or any abrasives to remove marks as this may damage the metallic appearance of the skin. For Iconic Essence, it is not recommended to submerge these skins in water as it may damage the timber detailing edges. Instead, we recommend you use a sponge or soft cloth with detergent solution mixed with warm water for cleaning. Using abrasives on the timber is discouraged as it may remove the lacquer seal and damage the appearance. They may also affect future ability for the product to resist staining.

Other options to Consider

If you are considering other options that eliminates the need for you to regularly touch switches and power points, then we have a few options for you. Indoor and outdoor motion sensors are a good investment as they provide you with a hands-free way to operate lights. They are ideal for commonly used areas such as pantries, walk-in robes, staircases, garages, laundries, driveways and verandas where they are activated by your presence.

Or you can take hands free control to the next level and use connected mechs to control your lighting via a smart device (smartphone or tablet) or set timers and time schedules to control your lights automatically.

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