



## Care and Cleaning of Bath Enclosures

The simplest and preferred method of cleaning your unit is by washing it with clean water and drying with a soft cloth. Additionally an alcohol based (not ammonia) glass cleaner can be used for general maintenance cleaning. If soil is still present after light cleaning, a non-abrasive cleaner with a pH of seven to eight may be used. Comet Liquid Bathroom Cleaner® has been tested and is recommended by the Bathroom Enclosure Manufacturer Association (**BEMA**). Do not use scouring pads, abrasive cleaners, sharp instruments, or ammonia or acid-based cleaners to clean the shower unit. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions on the labels of household cleaning products. To protect the finish of your bath enclosure you should only use products recommended for glass and anodized aluminum surfaces by the manufacturer of the cleaning product. If in doubt, contact the manufacturer of the cleaning product. Use of harsh cleansers or detergents not specifically recommended for use on anodized metal or glass surfaces can/may damage your shower unit.

In some geographic locations extremely high mineral content, or other foreign compounds in regular tap water, cause excessive acidity or alkalinity and can damage or discolor glass and anodized aluminum surfaces with repeated exposure. Etching of glass surfaces by mineral or chemical agents is irreversible and appears as a light gray or whitish stain that can be rough to the touch and cannot be removed. This is the same effect seen on a glass tumbler washed repeatedly in a dishwasher using strong dishwashing detergent. Spotting is normally the result of mineral buildup on the glass or metal. The anodic coating of aluminum is one of the hardest substances known and is chemically inert to most compounds; however it will be damaged by strong acidic or alkaline solutions. Any chemical that can remove mineral buildup on the surface of aluminum generally can also damage the anodic coating. Use of such a product will dull or discolor the finish and, on gold units, ultimately cause the color to fade. The most reliable preventive measure to preserve the quality of your bath enclosure unit is to wipe the surfaces dry with a soft cloth after each use.

### **Deluxe Acrylic Towel Bars (Special Care)**

Clear acrylic towel bars should only be cleaned with a product that specifically states that it is safe for use on acrylic products. Repeated use of cleaning products containing ammonia or alcohol will seriously damage the towel bar, eventually causing 'crazing' of the surface, cracking, and breakage.

For more information on care and cleaning of bath enclosures see the **BEMA** web site [www.bathenclosures.org](http://www.bathenclosures.org) and this page will give you additional information about the care & cleaning of your enclosure as well as answer frequently asked questions.