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Cleaning & Maintenance NeroX™ Graphite Black Tubs



(Manufactured after October 2019)

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

This manual does not apply to the black-coated external panels of black and white AquateX™ bathtubs (e.g. Spoon 2 Black-Wht, Purescape 171 Black-Wht, Sensuality Black-Wht etc.)

Older NeroX™ models, Spoon 2 Graphite and Purescape 171 Graphite are made entirely of NeroX™ however; their external panels are additionally treated with black stain repelling coating for better performance. Please consult your sales consultant.

THIS MANUAL MUST NOT BE APPLIED TO THE COATED STAIN RESISTANT EXTERNAL BATH PANELS.

Preface:

Black NeroX™ baths and lavatories require more frequent cleaning to maintain a uniform finish. Darker colors of all stone surfaces, regardless of manufacturer, tend to require more effort than lighter colors.

Over time, even with proper care, your graphite black NeroX™ bathtub will acquire a patina, changing the appearance of the finish. You may restore the look of the original finish by following the refurbishing guidelines on the next page.

Avoid:

- Window cleaners, as they tend to leave a waxy build-up that dulls the surface.
- Contact between the material and products with high coloring power such as nail varnish, hair dyes, self-tanning products, etc., because they could cause permanent stains.
- Cleaning cloths or pads containing metal wire.

Not Recommended:

- Use of bath salts will most likely leave white and well visible residue on the black stone surface and is not recommended. If you insist on using bath salts, wash them off with plenty of water and dishwashing soap, then wipe it completely dry with a soft cloth.
- Abrasive sponges like the green side of “Scotch-Brite®” or similar.

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Recommended products:

- Soft cotton cloths or microfiber cloths of a “natural multi-purpose” type.
- Dish washing liquid.

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All Aquatica graphite black bathtubs are finished with a very fine matte/satin finish. For most residues, all you need to clean your black NeroX™ bathtubs is warm soapy water, ammonia-based household cleaner, or a dedicated solid surface countertop cleaner (intended for Corian® or other solid surface brands) found at your local grocery store.

Experience has shown that a film builds up on the surface if water is left to dry on the bathtub surface. This film will dull the look of the black bathtub or sink making the finish appear blotchy and uneven. To prevent buildup of the film, **it is very important to wipe the black bathtub or sink completely dry after cleaning.**

CLEANING:

Use soapy water, ammonia-based non-abrasive or slightly abrasive cleaner (not window cleaner) with non-abrasive microfiber cloth, rinse and wipe completely dry. Rub microfiber cloth over entire bathtub or sink in small circular motions to blend in finish. The above procedure will also remove most stains or marks caused by cigarettes, alcohol, food, lipstick, hair dye, shoe polish, iodine, marking pens, etc.

Commercially available solid surface cleaners, such as Clean EnCounters® from Stone Care International will also work well.

Preventing Hard Water Marks

Rinse and wipe your black NeroX™ bathtub or basin completely dry after cleaning; clean up spills before they dry.

Removing Blotchy Appearance or Fine Scratches

You may notice that at some point the surface of your black NeroX™ bathtub or basin starts to look blotchy. Typically, this is caused by leaving hard water to dry on the surface, which will leave a film of minerals. Bath salts could be another possible cause.

Washing the NeroX™ surface

- Pour some abrasive dishwashing soap or other liquid cleanser, such as Soft Scrub®, on a damp sponge or cloth and rub over area using small circular motions, from the front to the back, and then side to side, overlapping the circles until the entire bath or sink surface has been cleaned.
- Rinse the top thoroughly with clean water and wipe surface completely dry.
- Check to see if blotchiness is gone. If not, repeat procedure applying more pressure on the sponge or cloth.
- Continue over all affected areas until all film is removed.

Note: While this procedure may remove or minimize the look of very fine scratches, other deeper scratches may remain. They may be removed by following our repair procedure or you may wish to hire a professional refinisher to refinish your bathtub or sink. Contact Aquatica Service Team to inquire about getting a quote for refinishing.

