

## Care and Cleaning of Alumax Bath Enclosures

For daily cleaning the simplest and preferred method is to wash the unit with clean water and dry with a soft cloth. If soil is still present after drying a non-abrasive cleaner with a pH of seven to eight may be used. Do not use scouring pads, sharp instruments, or acid-based cleansers to clean the 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 may damage your unit.

In some geographic locations extremely high mineral content or other foreign compounds in regular tap water causing excessive acidity or alkalinity can damage or discolor glass and anodized aluminum surfaces with repeated exposure. Dissolved mineral salts in water can build up on the glass or metal if tap water containing these compounds is allowed to dry repeatedly on the surface. To help prevent the buildup of these harmful compounds rinse your unit with clean, soap-free water and dry with a soft towel after use. Etching of glass surfaces by chemical agents is irreversible and appears as a light gray or whitish stain on the glass that is rough to the touch and can not 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 can damage the anodic coating. This will dull or discolor the finish and, on gold or brushed nickel units, ultimately cause the color to fade.