

# SFIBRAL

FIBER CEMENT PANELS



## Cleaning and care recommendations

For the surfaces of  
SFIBRAL GAMA | SFIBRAL SKALA



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## Technical leafle

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## Cleaning

The following cleaning and care recommendations refer to the SFIBRAL GAMA and SFIBRAL SKALA panels.

For cleaning SFIBRAL GAMA and SFIBRAL SKALA surfaces, gentle agents such as glass cleaner should be used. In particular, the cleaning agents must not contain any abrasive ingredients, as these can lead to changes in gloss level, and scratches. The cleaning intervals must be adapted to the application area and the soiling degree. Depending on the substance and the amount of time to take effect, both light and fresh as well as heavy and stubborn soiling can occur. Therefore, the right type of cleaning is important. Depending on the type of soiling, the cleaning instructions on the following pages must be observed. Naturally, it is essential to always start with the mildest method and shortest amount of time to take effect.

## Basic cleaning

Depending on the type and degree of soiling, it may be necessary to carry out a so-called basic cleaning. Commercially available grease or power cleaners have also proven effective. The following is a selection of possible cleaners, as examples.

### Brand

Bref Power – against grease & burnt-in substances

Multi Grease Cleaner W5

### Manufacturer / Supplier

Henkel AG & Co KGaA, Düsseldorf

Lidl

## How should cleaning be carried out?

1. Spray the product surface sparingly with the cleaning agent, leave on for max. 5 minutes
2. Wipe cleaning agent dry with a dry cloth (fine microfibre cloth, PU-coated, non-abrasive)
3. Wipe food contact surfaces, such as worktops, with water
4. Finally, wipe the cleaned area dry with a clean cotton or paper towel

### Depending on the result, the cleaning steps can be repeated.

The manufacturer's instructions and safety instructions as well as amounts of time required to take effect must be observed before use.

## Use

As a general rule, soiling and spilled substances should be cleaned up immediately, because the longer the amount of time to take effect, the more cleaning effort is required. In daily use, the following instructions must be observed:

Spilled liquids should always be cleaned up immediately, because longer exposure times of certain substances may affect the gloss level of the surfaces. Especially in the areas around cut-outs and joints, spilled liquids should always be cleaned up quickly and thoroughly.

## General information

Cloths that are too rough and cleaning sponges or melamine sponges with rough sides may produce gloss marks or shine on the surface if rubbed or scrubbed too intensively, which means damage that may not be removable. In the case of intense textures, cleaning can be done without any problems if the instructions are followed. The cleaning should be carried out in the direction of the surface texture.

## Other important notes at a glance:

During the service life, SFIBRAL GAMA and SFIBRAL SKALA surfaces must be cleaned regularly.

The use of maintenance products is generally unnecessary.

Do not use abrasive and scouring agents (e.g., scouring powder, steel wool) for cleaning.

Do not use polishes, waxes, furniture cleaners, re-greasing plastic cleaners, and bleach.

Do not use cleaning agents that contain strong acids or strongly acidic salts. Examples are descalers based on formic acid and aminosulphonic acid, drain cleaners, hydrochloric acid, silver polish or oven cleaners.

When cleaning with solvents: Observe the accident prevention regulations. Open the windows. No naked flames.

Cleaning with a steam cleaner is not recommended.

Attention: For the edging, make sure that the cleaning agents are removed immediately after application, otherwise stress cracks or stress whitening may occur.

Substances containing solvents should only be highly diluted when cleaning edges.

Streaks are usually caused by cleaning with organic solvents, the use of cold water and repeatedly used cloths or shammy leather. In order to carry out all cleaning without shading or streaks, it is recommended to dry the surface with the help of a microfibre cloth after rinsing with warm water.

Remove grease residues within the shortest possible time, at the latest after 48 hours, because the surface may become damaged if it takes too long to clean the surface.

SFIBRAL GAMA and SFIBRAL SKALA surfaces comply with the high SFIBRAL quality standard as well as the applicable standards and regulations and are tested for all relevant quality requirements. Please refer to the respective technical data sheets for quality requirements.

## **Cleaning recommendations**

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### **1. Dust, dirt, dust/grease mixture, pencil, chalk, sugar solutions, fingerprints, felt-tip pen, grease, oil, ballpoint pens, rubber**

#### **1.1. Light, fresh soiling**

Use soft and clean paper wipes (dry or damp) or a sponge. If cleaning with a damp cloth, wipe dry afterwards.

#### **1.2. Normal soiling that requires a longer time to take effect**

Use clean warm water, clean rags or cloths, a soft sponge or a soft brush (e.g. a nylon brush). Usual cleaning agents without abrasive ingredients are suitable, also washing powder (especially heavy-duty detergent), soft soap or curd soap. Firstly, lather up with the cleaning agent solution, depending on the degree of soiling, allow to take effect, then rinse with pure water or glass cleaner. Rinse several times if necessary. Remove cleaning agent completely to avoid streaks. Wipe the surface dry with an absorbent microfibre cloth, clean rags or paper wipes, and change rags or paper wipes frequently.

### **2. Limescale residues, limescale edges (water marks), rust**

#### **2.1. Light, fresh soiling**

Use soft and clean paper wipes (dry or damp) or a sponge. If cleaning with a damp cloth, wipe dry afterwards.

#### **2.2. Normal soiling that requires a longer time to take effect**

Use clean warm water, clean rags or cloths, a soft sponge or a soft brush (e.g. a nylon brush). Usual cleaning agents without abrasive ingredients are suitable, also washing powder (especially heavy-duty detergent), soft soap or curd soap. Firstly, lather up with the cleaning agent solution, depending on the degree of soiling, allow to take effect, then rinse with pure water or glass cleaner. Rinse several times if necessary. Remove cleaning agent completely to avoid streaks. Wipe the surface dry with an absorbent microfibre cloth, clean rags or paper wipes, and change rags or paper wipes frequently.

### **3. Wax residues (candles, mould release agents for presses), wax crayon, lipstick, shoe polish, floor polish, wax polish**

#### **3.1. Light, fresh soiling**

Use soft and clean paper wipes (dry or damp) or a sponge. If cleaning with a damp cloth, wipe dry afterwards.

#### **3.2. Normal soiling that requires a longer time to take effect**

First remove paraffin or wax residues mechanically. Caution: Avoid scratches. It is recommended to use a plastic or wooden spatula. Iron off the remains with blotting paper. For subsequent cleaning, use clean warm water, clean rags or cloths, a soft sponge or a soft brush (e.g. a nylon brush). Usual cleaning agents without abrasive ingredients are suitable, also washing powder (especially heavy-duty detergent), soft soap or curd soap. Firstly, lather up with the cleaning agent solution, depending on the degree of soiling, allow to take effect, then rinse with pure water or glass cleaner. Rinse several times if necessary. Remove cleaning agent completely to avoid streaks. Wipe the surface dry with an absorbent microfibre cloth, clean rags or paper wipes, and change rags or paper wipes frequently.

### **4. Bacteriological soiling (soap residues, skin epithelium, bacteria, blood, urine, faeces)**

#### **4.1. Light, fresh soiling**

Use soft and clean paper wipes (dry or damp) or a sponge. If cleaning with a damp cloth, wipe dry afterwards. Additional treatment with disinfectant according to the relevant regulations.

#### **4.2. Normal soiling that requires a longer time to take effect**

Use clean warm water, clean rags or cloths, a soft sponge or a soft brush (e.g. a nylon brush). Usual cleaning agents without abrasive ingredients are suitable, also washing powder (especially heavy-duty detergent), soft soap or curd soap. Firstly, lather up with the cleaning agent solution, depending on the degree of soiling, allow to take effect, then rinse with pure water or glass cleaner. Rinse several times if necessary. Remove cleaning agent completely to avoid streaks. Wipe the surface dry with an absorbent microfibre cloth, clean rags or paper wipes, and change rags or paper wipes frequently. Additional treatment with disinfectant according to the relevant regulations.

### **5. Shading that occurs after treatment with solvents (streaks)**

#### **5.1. Light, fresh soiling**

Use soft and clean paper wipes (dry or damp) or a sponge. If cleaning with a damp cloth, wipe dry afterwards. Additional treatment with disinfectant according to the relevant regulations.

### **6. Water-soluble paints, stains, emulsion paints and adhesive dispersions (PVAC)**

#### **6.1. Light, fresh soiling**

Use soft and clean paper wipes (dry or damp) or a sponge. If cleaning with a damp cloth, wipe dry afterward.

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