

Cleaning & Maintenance

NeroX™ (AquateX™ Graphite Black) Tubs



PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

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

The 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.

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

Preface:

Aquatica AquateX™ dark colors and **especially the graphite 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 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.

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Recommended products:

- Soft cotton cloths of a "natural multi-purpose" type
- Microfiber cleaning cloths
- Dish washing liquid
- **Linseed oil** (triple boiled or similar used in woodworking or/and furniture industries like the one depicted overleaf. Food grade linseed oil can also be used, however; the results might not be as effective)

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All Aquatica graphite black bathtubs are finished with a 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 cleaner (not window cleaner) with soft cotton cloths of a “natural multi purpose” type or microfiber cleaning cloths or similar, rinse and wipe completely dry. Rub microfiber cleaning 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 sink 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 sink begins 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.

Step 1 – Washing the NeroX™ & AquateX™ 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.

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Step 2 – Periodical polishing (once every 3-6 mths) of NeroX™ & AquateX™ surface

Use linseed oil (triple boiled or similar used in woodworking or/and furniture industries like the one depicted at right).

Food grade linseed oil can also be used, however; the results might not be as effective) to brighten the surface color and get streak-free results through.

Due to its polymer-forming properties, linseed oil is a very strong natural impregnator with the following properties:

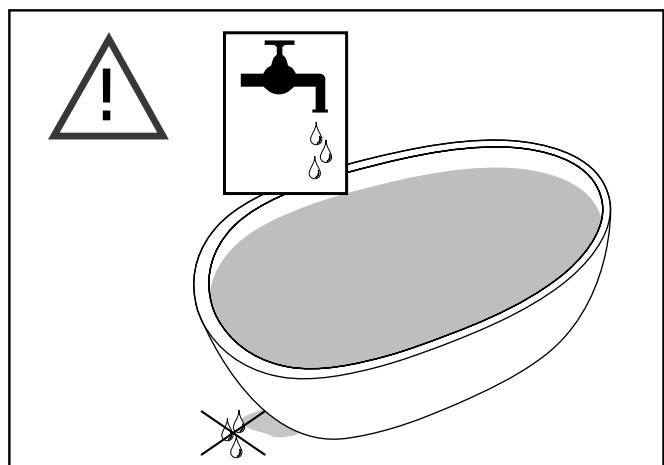
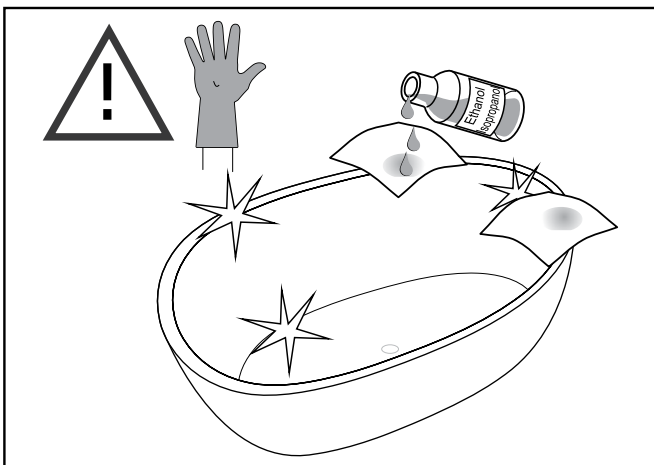
- Protection against fingerprints and stains
- Increases the shine and polish of the NeroX™.
- Brings out the natural beauty of the NeroX™.
- Puts a coating on the surface for extra protection.
- Removes all film from NeroX™.
- Premium quality natural polish – safe for humans and animals



Pour some linseed oil on a dry 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 polished.

IMPORTANT: Linseed oil acts as a solid surface impregnator and upon application, requires at least 48 hours to achieve the desired effect. While the first impression might be poor, the final effect is guaranteed.

Depending on the frequency, you use the bathtub; you might need to repeat the polishing procedure occasionally. The minimum recommended frequency is once every six months.



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