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In order to clean any hard surface to a high standard it is essential that there is an effective match between product and surface. Using the wrong product on a surface can result in issues such as smears, residue or loss of shine.

Before starting cleaning identify what type of surface to be cleaned, when choosing a product read instructions carefully to ascertain its suitability the surfaces to be cleaned.

Wood

Is the wood real or artificial? For example some fake woods have plastic laminated surfaces.

Plastic

Some plastic materials are less resistant to cleaning products than others.

Glass

The texture and thickness of the glass can influence the equipment and force used. The surface may even be Perspex.

Metal

What type of metal is it, is it painted?

Common problems arise from using the wrong product or using too much product.


Widespread issues include...


- **Sticky Surfaces** - Using too much polish
- **White powder residues** - Chemical residue from using too much product
- **Smears** - The wrong product is being used or it is too strong a concentration.
- **Waxy deposits** - Using polish too often
- **Slippery floors** - Using too much polish
- **Loss of shine** - Using a too abrasive product
- **Ingrained Stains** - Not using the right product



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