

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE TIPS FOR TAPS AND FITTINGS

The daily use of taps and fittings in homes, shops and businesses means that over time they lose the appearance they had when they were installed. That is why at Imex Products we develop our products with the highest standards of quality, we are going to give you some tips for the cleaning and maintenance of taps and fittings.

- Frequency of cleaning

We tend to think that taps do not need specific care, but to extend their life and avoid deterioration of their appearance it is ideal to clean them daily or at least a couple of times a week. It is very important that after using the faucet, clean the remains with soap and water, as the residues can deteriorate the finish.

- Cleaning utensils.

For regular cleaning, use a soft cloth to wipe off water droplets. Do not use abrasive products or sponges that may scratch the surface and use a neutral pH.

We strongly recommend that you dry the water droplets thoroughly after using the tap. If left to dry in the tap, they can produce limescale which can penetrate and deteriorate the finish.

- Products to avoid.

The first thing to bear in mind are the products that we should NEVER use, as we will damage our taps and will not be able to return them to their original state, such as abrasive cleaners or any tool that scratches, scrapes or scratches the surface, chemical-based cleaners, bleach, polishes or waxes and any acid product, or homemade inventions such as homemade lemon spray or traditional vinegar.

It is very important NOT to use scouring pads or brushes as they scratch the surface.

- Products that should be used.

For the correct maintenance of the taps we can use specific cleaners that are not abrasive and always following the manufacturer's instructions, vinegar only if it is

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white, hot water and soap with neutral pH, a simple, effective and economical solution.

- General recommendations.

It is also advisable to ventilate the bathroom. This will help to avoid condensation, humidity and the accumulation of methane gases that fluctuate in the sewage system, to avoid the latter we should always keep the siphons filled with water.

Frequently dismantle the aerators or filters in which impurities accumulate in the pipes, as they obstruct the passage of water and considerably reduce the flow rate. The easiest thing to do is to remove them and immerse them in hot water with a little non-corrosive cleaner. This will dissolve the limescale build-up in just a few minutes, and the aerator will be put back in place.

If you live in a place where the water is also hard, to prevent limescale deposits from forming, you should always remove the remains of water by drying the surface with a soft cloth after each use.

Another thing to bear in mind is not to leave cleaning products to act for longer than necessary, always following the manufacturer's instructions.

- Coloured taps

Taps, like almost everything else in recent times, have also evolved, which is why we have a wide range of shapes and colours available, even with sensors. Although the most traditional finish continues to be chrome, we are increasingly finding taps in white or black and now the brushed gold finishes are very much in vogue, among others, so we must take special care not to use corrosive products and avoid rubbing the surfaces excessively and, of course, the most important thing is to dry them properly to finish.

Coloured taps require a more attentive maintenance than in the case of traditional chrome, a continuous cleaning is essential to avoid major problems, following the steps indicated above using lukewarm to cold water, a soft microfibre cloth and soap with neutral pH.

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- How to remove already encrusted limescale.

Our recommendation is to use vinegar for cleaning and with the help of a soaked cloth apply it to the affected area of the faucet. If the limescale stain persists, you can keep the cloth wrapped around the faucet for a longer period of time.

It is very important, and despite the fact that the chrome finish is more resistant, that we avoid products such as bleach, ammonia, sulfamán or caustic soda as the taps will suffer irreparable damage, we should also avoid the use of scouring pads or other tools that scratch the finish. We recommend the use of a soft cloth or microfibre.

- PVD (Physical Vapor Deposition) Coating Finishes

All of the above can also be applied to the new range of Imex Products taps and fittings with a PVD finish, with continuous maintenance and drying of the surfaces. The PVD finish provides additional protection against stains, greater resistance to abrasion and UV radiation, preventing discolouration or loss of shine over time.

That is why we emphasize that the best thing is a continuous maintenance and the use of water with neutral pH soap, in this simple way we will extend the life of our taps.

At Imex Products we are experts in the manufacture and marketing of bathroom and kitchen taps, always complying with the regulations and homologation of European standards, using the best raw materials on the market, such as top quality brass or steel s304 and s316, which have made us have great representation in the national and international territory.

At Imex Products we work to be at the forefront of design, constantly investing in R+D+I to introduce more sustainable and avant-garde technologies without losing our identity with our own design.