



# Formica® Laminate

THE ORIGINAL HIGH PRESSURE LAMINATE by FORMICA GROUP

**5272-58** Geo Folkstone *(countertop / countertop edge is not included)*  
*(cubierta / la nariz de la cubierta no esta incluida)*

**5272-58** Grès Géo *(comptoir / le profile du comptoir n'est pas)*

**Woodgrains** Formica Corporation unveils a portfolio of Woodgrains with remarkable surface realism from natural and relaxed straight-grains to exotic species and elegant planked looks. Making their debut are Oiled Walnut and Craft Oak, exotic Espresso Pear and Chestnut Woodline, modern engineered wood looks all beautifully detailed and virtually care free.

#### IMITACIONES DE MADERA

Formica Corporation presenta un catálogo de imitaciones de madera con superficies de extraordinario realismo, desde los veteados rectos naturales e informales hasta representaciones de especies exóticas y apariencias de tablonas elegantes. Haciendo su debut están el Nogal aceitado y el Roble elaborado, el exótico Pera espresso y la línea Castaño, una apariencia moderna de madera procesada - todo exquisitamente detallado y de mantenimiento práctico.

#### POIRIER ESPRESSO

Formica Corporation dévoile une nouvelle gamme de grains de bois avec une surface remarquable de réalisme, des droits fils naturels et décontractés aux espèces exotiques, en passant par l'apparence élégante des planches. Les modèles Noyer huilé et Chêne artisanal, ainsi que les exotiques Poirier espresso et Lisière de marronnier font leur débuts; ils arborent les remarquables particularités d'un bois d'ingénierie contemporain et n'ont pratiquement besoin d'aucun entretien.



**7182-58**  
Dune Wood  
Bois d'épave



**86992-58**  
Hard Rock Maple  
Érable Hard Rock



**756-58**  
Natural Maple  
Érable Naturel



**7012-58**  
Amber Maple  
Érable Ambré



**7481-58**  
Natural Birch  
Bouleau Naturel



**6925-NT**  
Maple Woodline  
Lisière d'Érable



**6930-NT**  
Natural Cane  
Canne Naturelle



**204-58**  
Butcherblock Maple  
Érable Billot



**7747-58**  
Pencil Wood  
Bois d'Artiste



**7152-58**  
Northern Oak  
Chêne du Nord



**346-58**  
Natural Oak  
Chêne Naturel



**118-58**  
Finnish Oak  
Chêne Finlandais



**5885-58**  
Craft Oak  
Chêne Artisanal



**5887-NT**  
Millennium Oak  
Chêne Millénaire



**6206-43**  
Planked Deluxe Pear  
Lattes Deluxe de Poirier



**6931-NT**  
Latte Walnut  
Noix Latté



**9260-58**  
Blonde Maple  
Érable Bois Clair



**7737-58**  
Natural Cherry  
Cérisier Naturel



**7288-58**  
Ginger Root Maple  
Érable Gingembre



**7011-43**  
African Limba  
Limba Africain



**9257-58**  
Glow Maple  
Érable Luisant



**7738-58**  
Cognac Maple  
Érable Cognac



**5481-43**  
Oiled Olivewood  
Olivier Huilé



**6207-43**  
Planked Boutique Pear  
Lattes Boutique de Poirier



**3699-58**  
Rattan Cane  
Rotin



**9011-NT**  
Zebrano  
Zébrano



**1150-43**  
Vosges Pear  
Poirier des Vosges



**7284-58**  
Figured Annigre  
Annigre Madré



**744-58**  
Lacewood  
Padova



**7285-58**  
Violin Figured Annigre  
Annigre Madré Violon



**758-58**  
Blossom Cherrywood  
Cérisier Veiné



**9256-58**  
Auburn Maple  
Érable Auburn



**6210-43**  
Couture Wood  
Bois Couture



**5486-NT**  
Classic Walnut  
Noyer Classique



**5487-NT**  
Oiled Walnut  
Noyer Huilé



**6932-NT**  
Machiato Walnut  
Noix Macchiato



**7484-58**  
Cherry Birch  
Bouleau Merisier



**6208-43**  
Glamour Cherry  
Cérisier Glamour



**5904-43**  
Wild Cherry  
Cérisier Sauvage



**7759-43**  
Select Cherry  
Cérisier Sélect



**5883-58**  
Pecan Woodline  
Lisière de Pacanier



**6926-NT**  
Smoky Walnut Woodline  
Lisière de Noyer Fumé



**5488-NT**  
Smoky Brown Pear  
Poirier Brun Fumé



**5886-43**  
Sorrel Cherry  
Cérisier Roux



**7739-58**  
Cocoa Maple  
Érable Cacao



**7008-43**  
Acajou Mahogany  
Acajou



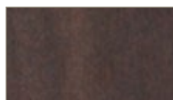
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Acajou Victorien



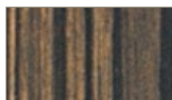
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Elegant Rosewood  
Bois de Rose Éléant



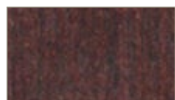
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Chestnut Woodline  
Lisière de Marronnier



**5489-NT**  
Espresso Pear  
Poirier Espresso



**9012-NT**  
Ebony  
Ébène



**6927-NT**  
Wenge Woodline  
Lisière de Wengé



**6209-43**  
Prestige Walnut  
Noyer Prestige

**Solid Colors** Solid versatility. Formica® Laminate offers a vast array of colors that range from vibrant optimistic hues that energize a room to soft, hazy colors and beguiling neutrals in fresh shades of gray, green and brown that work with almost everything. Realize your design vision with pure color that whispers or pops.

#### COLORES SÓLIDOS

Versatilidad uniforme. Los laminados Formica® vienen en una vasta gama de colores que van desde los matices vibrantes y optimistas que energizan un espacio hasta los colores suaves y brumosos y los encantadores neutros en tonos frescos de gris, verde y marrón que combinan con casi todo. Haga realidad la visión de su diseño con un color puro que susurre o resalte.

#### COULEURS UNIES

La polyvalence unie des couleurs unies. Le stratifié Formica® offre un large éventail de couleurs, des joyeuses teintes éclatantes qui ravivent une pièce aux couleurs douces et discrètes, en passant par les neutres séduisants dans des tons frais de gris, de vert et de marrón qui s'accordent pratiquement avec tous les décors. Concrétisez vos idées avec des couleurs pures, éclatantes ou tout en douceur.



The colors in the 2010 collection were developed with a 'Color Box' concept where Solid Colors coordinate with Patterns and together harmonize with Woodgrains. Patterns and Solid Colors that have the same color names are Color Box Coordinates and bring new depth to the High Pressure Laminate (HPL) offering.

Los colores de la colección 2010 fueron desarrollados bajo el concepto "Color Box" donde los colores sólidos coordinan con aquellos diseños de la colección Patterns y juntos logran una armonía con las maderas. Los diseños Patterns y Sólidos que tienen el mismo nombre pertenecen al concepto Color Box Coordinates y aportan una mayor profundidad a la oferta de Laminados de Alta Presión (HPL)

Les couleurs de la collection 2010 ont été développées avec un concept de 'Boîtes de Couleurs' afin d'agencer les couleurs unies (Solids) avec les motifs (Patterns) qui ensemble, s'harmonisent bien avec les grains de bois (Woodgrains). Les motifs et couleurs unies qui portent le même nom représentent des Boîtes de Couleurs qui s'agencent et qui apportent une nouvelle dimension à l'offre de stratifié haute pression (SHP).

**Patterns** Inspired and inspiring. Patterns are changing the look of today's interiors. The new Warp and Weft echo the rhythms of woven textiles and graphic Dogbone evokes sculptural organic shapes. Our pattern selection also includes classic stone looks, now more realistic than ever.

**DISEÑOS**

Inspirados e inspiradores. La colección Patterns está cambiando el estilo actual del diseño de interiores. Los nuevos Warp y Weft reproducen los ritmos de los tejidos textiles y la gráfica Dogbone evoca las formas orgánicas esculturales. Nuestro surtido de diseños también incluye apariencias clásicas de piedra, ahora más realistas que nunca.

**MOTIFS**

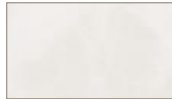
Inspirée et inspirant. Les motifs changent le style des intérieurs d'aujourd'hui. Les nouveaux motifs Warp et Weft font écho aux rythmes des tissus façonnés, tandis que Dogbone de sangle évoque les formes organiques sculpturales. Notre sélection de motifs comprend également les apparences de pierres classiques, qui sont plus près que jamais de la réalité.



**5875-58**  
Neutral Weft  
Trame Neutre



**300-58**  
Sail White Oxide  
Oxyde Blanc Voile



**827-90**  
White Onyx  
Onyx Blanc



**663-58**  
Antique White Papercraft  
P. K. Blanc Antique



**303-58**  
Antique White Oxide  
Oxyde Blanc Antique



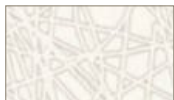
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Spa Minéral



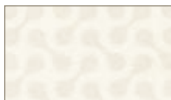
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Lime Stone  
Pierre Calcaire



**7735-58**  
Portico Marble  
Marbre Portico



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Blanc Gé



**5281-58**  
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Blanc Dogbone



**253-58**  
Multifleck  
Multifleck



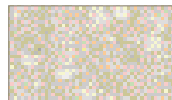
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Envision Carrara



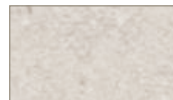
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Flax Gauze  
Gaze Lin



**7697-58**  
Bisque Ceramic  
Céramique Bisque



**6218-58**  
Crème Quarstone  
Pierre Quartz Crème



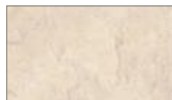
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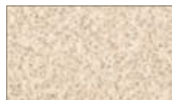
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Santa Cecilia Light  
Santa Cecilia Léger



**726-58**  
Almond Papyrus  
Papyrus Amande



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Natural Canvas  
Canevas Naturel



**506-58**  
Beige Grafix  
Grafix Beige



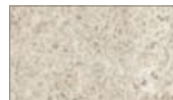
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Wheat Strand  
Brin de Blé



**6203-58**  
Plaster Rust  
Plâtre Rouillé



**3453-58**  
Parquet Latte  
Parquet Latté



**7267-58**  
Concrete Stone  
Pierre Mortier



**3452-58**  
Santa Cecilia Gold  
Santa Cecilia Doré



**6201-58**  
Sandcrete  
Béton de Sable



**3526-58**  
Travertine  
Travertin



**3517-58**  
Sand Crystal  
Crystall de Sable



**7709-58**  
Jute Gauze  
Gaze Jute



**6215-58**  
Tangle Wheat  
Mailles de Blé



**3456-58**  
Mocha Travertine  
Travertin Moka



**7736-58**  
Tuscan Marble  
Marbre Tuscan



**6223-58**  
Venetian Gold Granite  
Granite Doré Vénitien



**7265-58**  
Sand Stone  
Pierre Grès



**3445-58**  
Mineral Ochre  
Ocre Minéral



**6922-58**  
Metal Sun  
Soleil Métallique



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MDF Solidz  
Solidz MDF



**3696-58**  
Shoji Screen  
Trame Shoji



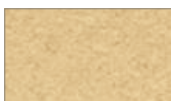
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Terre Métallique



**3687-58**  
Autumn Indian Slate  
Ardoise d'Automne



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Straw Terra  
Terra Paille



**7813-58**  
Cardboard Solidz  
Solidz Carton



**7701-58**  
Gilded Glaze  
Glacis Doré



**5879-58**  
Café Weft  
Trame Café



**7334-58**  
Frosted Leaves  
Feuilles Givrées



**7698-58**  
Ashen Ceramic  
Céramique Pâle



**3508-58**  
Tatami Mat  
Tatami Mat



**5880-58**  
Earthen Warp  
Terre Voilé



**NEW 6226-58**  
Ivory Kashmire  
**NOUVEAU** Kashmire ivoire



**NEW 6227-58**  
Amber Kashmire  
**NOUVEAU** Kashmire ambre



**3446-58**  
Mineral Sepia  
Sépia Minéral



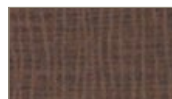
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Parquet Café  
Parquet Café



**7704-58**  
Burnished Glaze  
Glacis Lisse



**3689-58**  
Himalayan Slate  
Ardoise Himalayen



**5881-58**  
Chocolate Warp  
Chocolat Voilé



**6306-58**  
Wenge Strand  
Brin de Wengé



**NEW 3496-58**  
Belmonte Granite  
**NOUVEAU** Granit Belmonte



**3523-58**  
Giallo Granite  
Granite Giallo



**6205-58**  
Bronze Rust  
Bronze Rouillé



**3515-58**  
Cocoa Leather  
Cuir de Cacao



**6219-58**  
Walnut Quarstone  
Pierre Quartz Noyer



**6217-58**  
Tangle Smoke  
Mailles de Fumée



**507-58**  
Folkstone Grafix  
Grafix Grès



**1816-58**  
Fogdust  
Poussière de Brume



**503-58**  
Stone Grafix  
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Geo Citadel  
Citadelle Géo



**7213-58**  
Earth Wash  
Aquarelle Terre



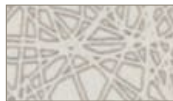
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Charcoal  
Boomerang  
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Noir Envision  
Envision Noir



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Folkstone Celesta  
Grès Celesta



**5272-58**  
Geo Folkstone  
Grès Géo



**3518-58**  
Flint Crystal  
Crystall de Silex



**5882-58**  
Citadel Warp  
Citadelle Voilé



**1782-58**  
Stardust  
Poussière Astrale



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**689-58**  
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**299-58**  
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Oxyde Ebène



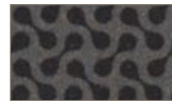
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American Rose  
Granite  
Granite Rosé  
Américain



**3522-58**  
Perlato Granite  
Granite Perlato



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Storm Solidz  
Solidz Tempête



**5283-58**  
Dogbone Storm  
Tempête Dogbone



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Pierre Quartz Fumée



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Graphite Grafix  
Grafix Graphite



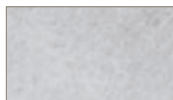
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Ardoise Basalte



**271-90**  
Blackstone  
Jais



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Tundra Terra  
Terra Tundra



**7740-58**  
Buffed Aluminum  
Aluminium Poli



**5876-58**  
Fossil Weft  
Trame Fossile



**5274-58**  
Geo Fossil  
Fossile Géo



**3502-58**  
Breeze Solidz  
Solidz Brise



**7694-58**  
Sky Terra  
Terra Ciel



**7268-58**  
Denim Canvas  
Canevas Denim



**7263-58**  
Indigo Terra  
Terra Indigo



**6214-58**  
Seagrass Strand  
Brin d'Herbe Marin



**6216-58**  
Tangle Seaweed  
Mailles d'Herbe Marin



**5877-58**  
Seed Weft  
Trame Semence



**3510-58**  
Grass  
Gazon



**3697-58**  
Beluga  
Béluga



**3695-58**  
Painted Screen  
Trame Peinte



**7014-58**  
Colorado Slate  
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**7018-58**  
Navy Grafix  
Grafix Marin



**3698-58**  
Beluga Beige  
Béluga Beige



**5878-58**  
Possum Warp  
Opossum Voilé



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Solidz Nature



**3688-58**  
Madras Indian  
Slate  
Ardoise de Madras



**3447-58**  
Mineral Olivine  
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**3691-58**  
Baltic Granite  
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**7733-58**  
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**7266-58**  
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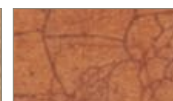
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Terre Cuite



**7703-58**  
Fired Glaze  
Glacis Cuit



**7216-58**  
Sienna Terra  
Terre de Sienne



**3449-58**  
Mineral Umber  
Ombre Minéral



**3455-58**  
Parquet Noche  
Parquet Noche



**7226-58**  
Crayon  
Crayon



**7732-58**  
Butterum Granite  
Granit Butterum



**7734-58**  
Jamocha Granite  
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**6204-58**  
Iron Rust  
Fer Rouillé



**3917-58**  
Rosso Granite  
Granite Rosso



**3448-58**  
Mineral Sienna  
Sienna Minéral



**3692-58**  
Labrador Granite  
Granite Labrador



**3450-58**  
Mineral Jet  
Jais Minéral



**6222-58**  
Brazilian Brown  
Granite  
Granite Brun Brésilien



**NEW 3494-58**  
Mineral Pebble  
**NOUVEAU** Caillou  
minéral



**NEW 3495-58**  
Mineral Terra  
**NOUVEAU** Terre  
minérale



**NEW 6272-58**  
Kerala Granite  
**NOUVEAU** Granit  
Kerala



**NEW 6280-58**  
Midnight Stone  
**NOUVEAU** Pierre de  
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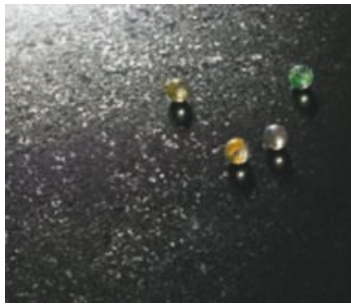
**More Finishes / More Choices** Texture is an appealing way to give color and pattern more personality. Formica® Laminates offer an array of finishes attuned to today's design trends from the sheen of Gloss to the contemporary energy of Sculpted™.

**MÁS ACABADOS / MÁS OPCIONES**

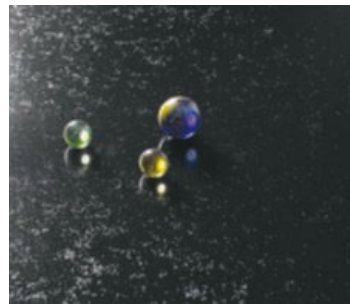
La textura es una forma atractiva de brindarle más personalidad al color y al diseño. Los laminados de Formica® ofrecen una gama de acabados que se adaptan a las tendencias de diseño de hoy en día desde el lustre de Brillante hasta la energía contemporánea de Sculpted™.

**PLUS DE FINI ET PLUS DE CHOIX**

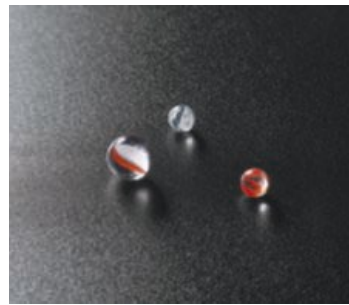
La texture est une façon attrayante de donner plus de personnalité à la couleur et aux motifs. Les stratifiés de Formica® offrent tout un éventail de finis qui s'harmonisent avec les tendances actuelles en matière de design, du chatoyement Lustré à l'énergie contemporaine de Sculpted™.



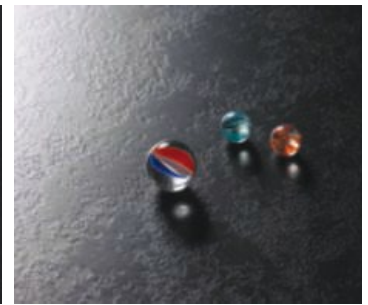
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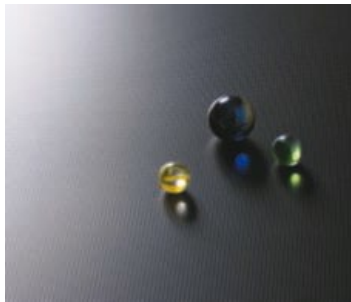
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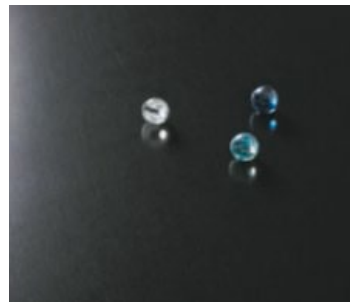
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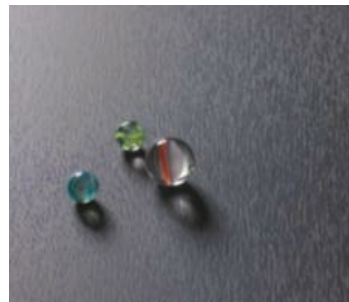
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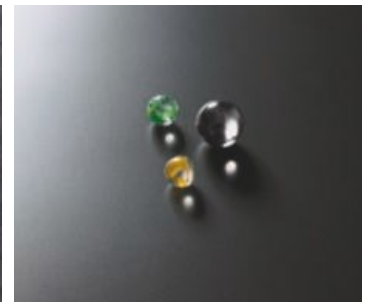
**-MC MicroDot™**



**-43 Artisan™**



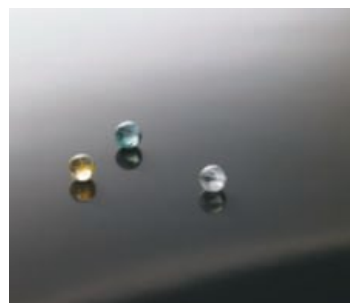
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## FORMICA® LAMINATE BY FORMICA GROUP / AVOIDING LAMINATE DAMAGE TECHNICAL BRIEF



Typical damage that can occur to laminate when exposed to harsh chemicals.

- **AVOIDANCE OF ABRASIVE CLEANERS/MATERIALS**
- **RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE FOR TREATING STAINS**
- **AVOIDANCE OF HARSH CHEMICAL CLEANERS**
- **AVOIDANCE OF HARSH CHEMICAL STAINS**

### AVOIDANCE OF HARSH CHEMICAL CLEANERS

If in doubt about the suitability of a particular cleaner, detergent, or other substance, consult with its manufacturer to make sure it is recommended for use on decorative laminate surfaces.

DO NOT use cleaners nor compounds containing strong acids or strong bases on laminate surfaces. These may mar, etch, corrode and/or permanently discolor or damage laminate surfaces.

#### EXAMPLES OF HARSH CLEANERS AND COMPOUNDS TO AVOID ARE:

- toilet bowl cleaners
- drain cleaners
- tub and tile cleaners
- oven cleaners
- rust removers
- metal cleaners
- cleaners containing sodium hypochlorite
- coffee pot cleaners
- ceramic cook top cleaners
- chlorine bleach
- lime/scale removers

Never allow bottles, rags, etc., contaminated with these harsh chemical compounds to contact laminate services. Accidental spills or splatters from these compounds should be wiped off immediately, and the area rinsed thoroughly with water.

### AVOIDANCE OF HARSH CHEMICAL STAINING AGENTS

Many common staining agents have no effect on laminate. Stains from the following materials and liquids, however, are more stubborn or even permanent and may not disappear.

#### EXAMPLES OF THESE ARE:

- hair dyes and rinses
- laundry bluing
- pharmaceuticals (tannic acid, mercurochrome, silver nitrate, povidoneiodine, dermatological tar compounds and peroxide)

#### OTHER EXAMPLES OF STUBBORN OR PERMANENT STAINS ARE:

- wood stains
- indelible inks
- marking pens
- cash registered ink
- newsprint
- food pricing label ink

### AVOIDANCE OF ABRASIVE CLEANERS/MATERIALS

DO NOT use abrasive cleaners, powders, scouring pads, steel wool, sandpaper, etc. to clean laminate surfaces. These can damage the surface finish and make it susceptible to staining. Ceramic or other abrasive objects, due to their inherent hardness, can cause scratching and premature wearing of laminate surfaces. Use placemats, doilies, or trivets to protect horizontal surfaces from exposure.

### RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES FOR TREATING STAINS

- Damage caused by abrasion or scratches is irreversible, but can sometimes be masked by applying lemon oil or self stripping waxes, such as Pledge® or Plexus™.
- Harsh chemicals can lighten the color of laminate permanently, but the damage can sometimes be masked by applying lemon oil or self stripping waxes, such as Pledge® or Plexus®.
- Harsh staining agents may be permanent, but the visual effect can usually be lessened by applying a mild household cleaner, or by using a small amount of baking soda and water and then wiping up. DO NOT scrub the area with baking soda as it is slightly abrasive.
- Paints, glues, and other adhesive materials can be removed with solvents like denatured alcohol, paint thinner, lacquer thinner, or acetone (fingernail polish remover). CAUTION: Some solvents are extremely flammable; follow all warnings on the solvent container.

*Note: For additional information on the proper techniques for cleaning and maintaining laminate surfaces, consult Formica Corporation's brochure (Form 01-007A), titled "Caring for Formica® Brand Laminate and Color-Core® Brand Surfacing Material."*

# FORMICA® LAMINATE AND COLORCORE2™ BY FORMICA GROUP USE AND CARE GUIDE / WARRANTY



## USE AND CARE GUIDELINES

Formica® Laminate and ColorCore2™ by Formica Group are designed for beauty and durability. Like any surfacing materials they can be damaged by abuse and carelessness. When used as recommended with proper use and care, the end result is years of satisfaction.

## PROTECTING THE SURFACE

Before selecting the surface material, consider the type of use it will receive, as well as its texture, color, and reflective values. A rough-textured surface has different advantages, depending upon use, than a smooth-textured surface. For example, high-gloss finish laminates are not recommended for use in heavy-duty applications such as countertops. Dark colors tend to enhance scratches, marring and fingerprints.

## SCRATCH AND IMPACT PROTECTION

Formica Brand Laminate and ColorCore2 surfacing material are resistant to scratches and impacts under normal use conditions.

### Use cutting boards, chopping blocks, or other protective surfaces.

- Do not chop, slice, pound, or hammer on any laminate surface.
- Knives or other sharp utensils may slice or scratch the surface.
- Heavy blows from a hammer or meat tenderizer may crack or gouge the surface.

### Use place mats, doilies, and trivets on laminate surfaces when necessary.

- Ceramics and abrasive objects can cause scratching and premature wear – do not slide these items across surface.

### Follow recommendations for cleaning – do not use abrasive cleaners, steel wool, sandpaper, or Scotch-Brite® scouring pads (see Cleaning section inside).

## HOT OBJECTS

Cookware still hot from the stove, oven or microwave, as well as electric skillets, waffle irons, curling irons and hot rollers, should not be placed directly on laminate surfaces. Prolonged exposure to temperatures of 140°F (60°C) or higher may cause the laminate to separate from the core material. Use a trivet, insulated hot pad or other protective device beneath all hot cookware, heat generating appliances, or other heated objects.

- Formica Brand Laminate and ColorCore2 surfacing material can withstand heat up to 275°F (135°C) for short periods of time.

### Avoid ironing or placing a hot iron on laminate surfaces. Do not place lighted cigarettes directly on laminate surfaces.

## ORDINARY CLEANING

Formica Brand Laminate and ColorCore2 surfacing material are very easy to clean.

- In most cases, you only need to use a clean, damp, non-abrasive cotton cloth and a mild liquid detergent or household cleaner.
- Rinse with clean water, using a clean, non-abrasive cotton cloth.
- Do not flood the laminate, especially near seams, since water can penetrate and cause the substrate to swell.
- Dry the surface with a soft, clean, non-abrasive cotton cloth.

For specific types of surfaces, use the following care guidelines.

## MATTE AND SPARKLE FINISH LAMINATES

Especially hard-to-clean areas may require special attention. Use a nylon bristled hand or vegetable brush, along with a mild liquid detergent-and-water solution or household cleaner. Clean the soiled area using a rotating motion. Rinse and dry the surface as indicated above.

## SCULPTURE AND DIMENSIONAL FINISH LAMINATES

These surfaces may require special attention to clean the depressed areas. Use a nylon-bristled hand or vegetable brush, along with a mild liquid detergent-and-water solution or household cleaner. Clean the soiled area, using a rotating motion. Rinse and dry the surface as indicated above.

## HIGH GLOSS FINISH LAMINATES

If residual streaks and smears remain after normal cleaning, use a mild glass cleaner and then dry with a clean, non-abrasive cotton cloth. Avoid exterior glass cleaner.

## ABRASIVES

Abrasive pads, scouring powders or cleaners may permanently dull and scratch the laminate surface making it susceptible to staining.

Ceramics, including unglazed materials and other abrasive objects, can cause scratching and premature wear – do not slide these items across surface.

## CHEMICAL DAMAGE

Never use cleaners containing acid, alkali, or sodium hypochlorite. These cleaners will mar, etch, corrode, and permanently discolor the laminate surface. Also, make sure that bottles, rags, and other materials contaminated with these cleaners never contact the laminate surface. Accidental spills or splatters from these compounds should be wiped off immediately, and the area rinsed thoroughly with water.



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## EXAMPLES OF CLEANERS CONTAINING ACID, ALKALI, OR SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

ceramic cooktop cleaners	oven cleaners
chlorine bleach	rust removers
coffeepot cleaners	some countertop cleaners
drain cleaners	some disinfectants
lime scale removers	toilet bowl cleaners
metal cleaners	tub and tile cleaners

## SPECIAL CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

### RESIDUAL GLUE

Sometimes new decorative laminate has a streaky appearance caused by contact adhesive used during fabrication. Clean with a non-abrasive cotton cloth and an adhesive solvent such as Formica® Brand Non-flammable Contact Adhesive Solvent. Use solvent sparingly, as excessive amounts may delaminate edges. Read and follow all warnings and instructions on the labels of all solvent products.

### PAINT AND VARNISH

Remove most oil-base paints, varnishes and lacquers from decorative laminate surfaces with a suitable solvent. Read and follow all warnings and instructions on the labels of all solvent products, and remember that most solvents are extremely flammable. Use solvent sparingly, as excessive amounts may delaminate edges. Remove most water-based paints with an ammoniated household cleaner. For stubborn paint spots, gently use a plastic, non-metallic, non-abrasive pad. Never use steel wool or other abrasive scouring pads.

### STAINS

To remove or minimize stains, use full strength Fantastik® All Purpose Cleaner, Formula 409®, Pine-Sol® (original formulation) or other mild household cleaner on the affected area, and allow it to draw out the stain. Blot with a clean, damp, non-abrasive cotton cloth, and then rinse with clean water. When a recommended cleaner changes its formulation, the change may be harmful to the laminate surface. Formica Corporation cannot be held responsible for these changes. Solvents such as denatured alcohol can also be used. Follow all directions and warnings on the solvent label because many are extremely flammable.

### STUBBORN OR "FUGITIVE" STAINS THAT MAY DISAPPEAR ON THEIR OWN, AFTER A SHORT TIME OR AFTER REPEATED CLEANINGS, INCLUDE:

coffee and tea stains	food stains
fingerprints	glass rings
food dyes	water marks

### STAINS WHICH ARE STUBBORN OR EVEN PERMANENT, AND MAY NOT DISAPPEAR, INCLUDE:

cash register inks	lemon juice
food pricing ink	marking pen inks
indelible inks	newsprint
label inks	wood stains

## SOME MATERIALS AND LIQUIDS, SUCH AS DYES AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, WILL PERMANENTLY STAIN LAMINATE. EXAMPLES INCLUDE:

dermatological	povidone-iodine
hair dyes and rinses	Red-2B dye
laundry bluing	silver nitrate
Mercurochrome®	tannic acid
peroxides	tar compounds

These stains may be reduced by applying a paste of baking soda and water on the area to pull out the stain. The paste will be slightly abrasive, so do not rub. Wipe up the paste with a clean, damp, non-abrasive cotton cloth, and then rinse clean with water.

Periodic application of a self-cleaning wax can help minimize future staining.

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