



316 STAINLESS STEEL

CARE AND MAINTENANCE DO'S & DON'TS



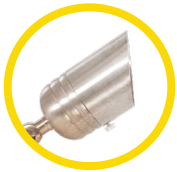
WHAT IS 316 STAINLESS STEEL?

Grade 316 stainless steel is a member of the 300 series of stainless steels that contain an alloy of iron, chromium, and nickel. Because of the chromium in the mix, stainless steel is highly resistant to corrosion (rust), and with care can maintain its finish for years to come.

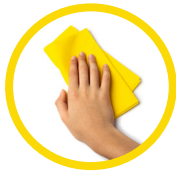
Some of the quickest paths to corrosion in the material are abrasions or scratches, mineral deposits, chlorides, or salts. However, with a little care, you can prevent this and maintain the maximum lifespan of your fixtures. Stainless steel is easy to clean; clean water or a mild soap is usually all that's needed.

It really boils down to "don't damage the surface" and "clean with soap and water and CLR for rust." It's almost that simple. However, it's important to know Grade 316 stainless steel is not bulletproof when it comes to rust. There will be some minimal care/maintenance to maintain their shine.

DO'S



Regularly inspect your fixtures, noting any discoloration or stains.



Surface clean with soft cloths or plastic scouring pads.



Utilize non-chlorinated soaps to remove build up.



Utilize a removal agent (CLR for example) to remove the corrosion.



After cleansing, a stainless steel polish can help renew the long-term protection.



Fully rinse any cleaning agents with warm water.

DONT'S



DO NOT use wire brushes or scrapers.



DO NOT use abrasive cleaning agents with chlorides or salts.

These can compromise the surface, allowing corrosion to take hold more easily.