Care & Maintenance: Melamine

G.E.T. melamine products are not only known for their wide selection of sizes and colors, but by their inherent strength and break-resistance, which provides a longer commercial service life. Through minimal proper care & maintenance you can maintain the luster and appearance of your melamine products, saving you time and money. Please review and follow the product care instructions below and feel free to contact our customer service representatives with any questions.

### General Care

1. G.E.T. melamine products should be handled like any fine dinnerware.
2. G.E.T. melamine is commercial dishwasher safe.
3. Cleaning melamine products as soon as possible will help avoid destaining procedures and protein build-up.
4. Immediately remove any damaged or chipped melamine products from operational use.
5. To remove sticker residue, we recommend an oil-based lubricant such as WD-40 for best results. Goo-Gone or a liquid vegetable oil (Wesson) are also effective for residue removal.

### Dishwashing Care

1. Wash melamine products as soon as possible to avoid destaining procedures.
2. Have a qualified technician establish a maintenance schedule for your dishwashing system to ensure proper temperatures, chemical levels, and mineral content.
3. Only use sanitizers developed for commercial use.

**Recommended ECOLAB detergents:**
- Solid Power XL (high-temp)
- Apex Power Plus (high-temp)
- Apex Ultra (hard water, high-temp)
- Solid Ultra Kleene Plus (low-temp)

**Recommended ECOLAB rinse agents:**
- Rinse Dry (high-temp)
- Solid Brilliance (high-temp)
- Apex Rinse Aid (high-temp)
- Apex HD Rinse Aid (hard water, high-temp)
- Ultra Dry (low temp)

**Recommended ECOLAB sanitizers:**
- Eco San
- Ultra San

### Destaining Procedures

1. To prevent staining and to maintain luster, it is recommended to periodically presoak melamine products before dishwashing.
2. For staining, use an oxygen-releasing compound such as Dip-It XP (ECOLAB) or Oxy-Klene (AUTO-CHLOR)
3. Sponges or woven plastic pads are recommended for cleaning such as 3M's Scotch-Brite™ Power Sponge

### DON'T

1. Do not expose any melamine products to heat in excess of 200° F or direct flame.
2. To avoid cracking and blistering from heat, do not use melamine products in oven or microwaves.
3. Melamine is not recommended for use with heat lamps, conveyor belts, or plate warmers.
4. To avoid chipping and scratching, do not strike melamine products with or on any hard surface while attempting to remove excess food.
5. To avoid damage to the melamine, do not use nail polish remover or turpentine to remove sticker residue.

1. To prevent chipping and scratching, do not overload your dishwasher rack.
2. Do not use chlorine bleach or chlorine-based sanitizing solutions when caring for melamine products.