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VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CARE AND PROTECTION OF STAINLESS STEEL SURFACES

Your Bar Fridge features Stainless Steel components, using 304 and/or 201, 430 or 418 grade Stainless Steels. All Stainless Steel grades require a level of care and protection to retain their appearance. Stainless Steel is not immune to corrosion and neither are they maintenance-free, contrary to popular public perception. Even the highest **marine grade 316 Stainless Steel can rust** without care, they **require frequent cleaning with fresh water** to avoid oxidation and other corrosive issues.

Modern tastes dictate that your Alfresco Bar Fridge or BBQ features Stainless Steel with a brushed finish. This brushed finish is attained by running Stainless Steel sheets through an abrasive process that removes the 'mirror finish' to leave it 'brushed'. Brushed finish Stainless Steel requires frequent cleaning and care, to maintain its quality of appearance. Without adequate care it is realistic to expect that it will show signs of corrosion in time, that is 100% guaranteed.

Stainless Steel is definitely not a maintenance-free material. Cleanliness and Stainless Steel are closely related.

After installation, **we recommend that owners apply a thin layer of Olive Oil with a clean rag, to all exposed Stainless Steel areas**. This should then be polished in and buffed off with another clean rag to a non-oily finish. This process will aid protection against dirt and other corrosive contaminants, by providing a temporary food-safe shield. The Olive Oil layer also makes later polishing and removal of fingerprints easier. This process should be repeated frequently every 3-4 months.

A lot of times rust that first appears is just ***'surface rust (tea straining)',*** this will simply wipe off with hot 'drinking/tap' water and very fine steel wool if needed. When you wipe clean dry with clean cloth and add olive oil coating.

You must take into account with your purchase that to look after stainless steel will have added costs and time needed to periodically maintain.

Look after your investment carefully and it will serve you well for many years to come.