



Vessel Sinks

The General Care and Cleaning of Any Vessel-Style Sink

Vessel sinks are available in porcelain, glass, stone, bronze, copper, bamboo, and stainless steel. Although this is quite a varied assortment of materials, for general maintenance all can be regularly cleaned with a mild detergent, warm water and a soft cloth. Wiping down and drying any sink after each use is the best protection against hard water creating blemishes which may become difficult to eliminate. For a thorough cleaning after extended use, or to remove stubborn stains, each material requires its own deep cleaning solutions.

Bronze

PATINA

Bronze is a metal alloy composed primarily of copper and tin with traces of a few other metals. Each of our bronze sinks comes with a beautifully aged patina baked into it, but it will continue to oxidize as time passes creating an ever-changing antique appearance. Some routine care is required to protect this patina.

SANITIZATION

A bronze sink can be cleaned with a solution of any common mild detergent and water; then wiped dry with a soft cloth. Harsh chemical cleaners or abrasives should be avoided.

WATER SPOTS

Residual water can not only leave spots, but it can damage the patina finish of a bronze sink if left for long periods of time. If you have hard water, the bowl should be wiped down with a soft cloth after each use. A heavy solution of water softener and hot water can also be applied with a cloth and then dried to reduce spotting.

POLISHING AND WAXING

We do not recommend polishing a bronze patina sink. Using a polish, abrasives or vigorous scrubbing can strip off the hand-rubbed finish.

Alternatively, applying a thin coat of clear wax, such as Johnson's Clear Paste Wax[®], every one to three months can protect the sink against water spots while retaining its original luster. However, there is a trade-off to using wax, as it will temporarily retard the development of the natural patina.