

How to

CLEAN AND SEAL pipes and fittings

IMPORTANT

These pipes and fittings are made of **commercial grade industrial iron**.

What does that mean to you?

 During the manufacturing process, the steel is coated with oil to prevent rusting.



before you start your pipe décor project, please clean each piece using one of the recommended cleaning agents below.

Then seal each piece to prevent rust and corrosion.

Cleaning adhesive and grease:

We recommend using a combination of Goo Gone™ and Mineral Spirits - Goo Gone to remove adhesive stickers and Mineral Spirits to clean the pipes/fittings.

Sealing pipe to prevent rust:

For best results, we recommend using Minwax® Finishing Wax in a 3-step process.

PRODUCT	PROs	Cons
Acetone	Removes grease/adhesive fast & thoroughly; leaves no residue	Has a very strong odor; use only in a well ventilated room
Mineral Spirits	Removes grease, but not as quickly as Acetone	Has less odor than Acetone
Paint Thinner	Cleans well, usually contains Acetone	Is not as quick or thorough as Acetone; has a strong odor
Denatured alcohol	Evaporates quickly so surface dries faster	Is not as quick as Acetone; has a strong odor
Simple Green	Is non-toxic and biodegradable	Is not ideal for adhesive or grease removal
Goo Gone	Cleans grease residual adhesive; citrus scented	Does not dry quickly; leaves a slick layer that needs to be wiped off; harsh on skin

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Minwax Finishing wax	Maintains the industrial look of the pipe and fittings; non-glossy, dry finish.	Is a time-consuming 3-step process: wipe on, let dry, wipe off
Cutting board oil	Applies easily to the threads on pipe and fittings	Does not dry; leaves an oily residue
cutting board conditioner	Provides more protection because it is made from wax	Leaves a waxy residue
Spray on acrylic	Applies easily to the threads on pipe and fittings	Leaves a sheen that makes the pipe and fittings look like plastic
Spray On Paint	Seals pipe and fittings well; available in a variety of colors	Depending on your choice of color, it may take away the industrial look