



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.

Porcelain

SANITIZATION

For a thorough cleaning of a porcelain sink, a mild chlorine-bleach cleaner such as Soft Scrub® can be used. Rinse immediately after use and dry. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions. Another option is to let the sink soak in a bleach solution (approximately one part bleach/three parts water) for thirty minutes to an hour; then drain, rinse well, and dry.

SCUFFING

For superficial scuff marks (gray lines in the surface), gently apply a paste of baking soda and water with a sponge or soft cloth. Rinse thoroughly and dry. A polishing cleanser will also remove stains without scratching. Be sure to follow manufacturer's instructions.

DAMAGE

Porcelain is very durable, but dropping heavy objects on it can chip the surface. Even the smallest chip will leave the area rough and susceptible to stains and germs. Be sure to keep the location clean and dry. For repairs consult your local plumber.

SHINE

Life can be brought back to a porcelain sink finish by pouring some vinegar straight from the bottle into the sink bowl. Using a nylon brush, scrub the surface with the vinegar, rinse thoroughly, and enjoy the revitalized like-new finish.