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Taps, showers and metal finishes care guide

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Taps, showers and accessories. Chrome, PVD, gold, painted and brushed finishes.

A metal finish suffers most from two things: water left to dry on it, and the wrong cleaning product. Both are easy to avoid.

Everyday cleaning

- Wipe with a soft cloth and water, with neutral soap (pH 7) if needed. Rinse with clean water.
- **Dry.** Drops left on the surface leave limescale marks that are hard to remove later.
- Spray a cleaner onto the cloth, not onto the product, or it collects in joints and edges.
- Do not leave a wet cloth or sponge lying on the product.
- Rinse off shampoo, soap, shower gel, hair dye, perfume, aftershave, nail varnish and toilet cleaner at once. Their residue etches the finish.

What not to use

- Acidic products (hydrochloric, formic or acetic acid), chlorine, ammonia, acetone, alcohol, solvents and descalers.
- Scouring powders, scouring sponges, steel wool, wire brushes.
- Steam cleaners.

Gold, PVD and painted finishes

A damp soft cloth and water only. No soap, no cleaners, no rubbing: the coating is thin and wears. A microfibre cloth can wear a thin coating too, so use a soft cotton cloth.

Aerators and showers

- Clean limescale off silicone shower nozzles and aerators by rubbing them with a finger.

- An aerator without silicone nozzles: unscrew it carefully from the tap, rinse under running water, soak it for a few minutes in a 3% vinegar solution if needed, and rinse well.
- Use the shower regularly. Limescale builds up in a shower that is rarely used, and the spray becomes uneven.

Installation and water

- Install according to the manufacturer's installation instructions supplied in the box.
- A water filter ahead of the tap extends the life of the tap and its cartridge. Manufacturers recommend one.

Source: manufacturers' installation and care instructions.

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