



## Maintenance Information for Copper Products

The copper used for your sink or range hood is pure virgin copper and has been treated with a clear lacquer sealant which provides extra protection to the patina and to the copper surface. It is important to remember that even the strongest lacquer or wax cannot take the place of responsible care and maintenance. Please review the maintenance information below on how to properly care for your copper product. **Caring for copper products is easy as they require very little maintenance.**

- For regular, simple cleaning, use mild NON-ACIDIC liquid detergent or soap and water and a very soft non-abrasive cotton cloth; **other cleaners are not necessary.** We recommend a PH-balanced liquid dishsoap such as Ivory but avoiding harsh detergents such as Dawn/Palmolive, etc. For occasional deeper disinfecting, a non-abrasive, non-corrosive cleaner may be used, such as diluted Simple Green.
- Keep your sink and drain clean and dry by wiping it down and removing all excess water each time it is used with a soft cloth.
- **DO NOT** use copper polish/cleaners, abrasive materials, acidic or abrasive cleaners (such as Comet/Soft Scrub) or harsh chemicals such as acetone – these will compromise the integrity of the lacquer finish and can ruin the surface of the sink.
- Hot pans taken directly from a stove or oven **SHOULD NOT** be placed in copper sinks until cooled.
- **SCRATCHES:** A surface scratch that penetrates the lacquer can cause the underlying copper to patina. A light application of KRYLON Clear Sealer can be used over a cleaned, dry sink to re-seal the scratched surface.
- **INSTALLATION:** Cuts made for copper products in countertops, cabinets, tiles, etc. should NOT be made until the copper product has been received and properly measured on-site. **Installation should be done with a silicone sealant and not with epoxy sealants and no Plumbers Putty should be used with drains. Installers must not use any tape adhered on the copper as it will damage the lacquer.**
- As all copper products are individually handcrafted and made to order, minor variations in patinas, textures, and dimensions of your copper product should be anticipated.