

Cleaning & Maintenance

SANDBLAST ETCHED AND/OR CARVED GLASS:

You will clean your Sans Soucie Art Glass as you would other regular glass, wiping gently, using light pressure and a good quality glass cleaner (such as "Windex"). Cleaning with a soft, white terrycloth towel is recommended. Paper towels are fine too, but can leave behind lint. <u>Never use any kind of abrasive (such as "Comet") or harsh chemicals (such as "Lime Away") on any of your Sans Soucie Art Glass.</u>

The most common maintenance problem on etched and carved glass are occasional small, <u>"darkened areas</u>" that may appear over time. <u>These are the result of OIL getting on the surface</u> from fingerprints or hands touching the glass or from other oily sources (such as hand lotions or <u>furniture oil</u>). These spots can be stubborn, but do come off. If these spots appear, first try cleaning with regular glass cleaner. If it remains, you will use pure acetone to clean and remove the oil spots. (Pure acetone can be purchased at a building supply store where paint is sold, OR at a beauty supply store.)

CLEANING STUBBORN OIL SPOTS WITH PURE ACETONE:

Using a clean, soft, white terrycloth towel, apply a small amount of acetone to the towel. Using light pressure, gently rub the oily spot on the glass. The acetone dries very quickly and as it does the spot will disappear, often after one application. If the spot remains, repeat the process, continuing to gently and quickly rub the area with the acetone moistened area of the towel. A SMALL amount of pressure may be needed. Once the spot disappears (you may see a faint, white area on the etched/carved glass), you will follow up by cleaning with regular glass cleaner. Using another fresh, clean white towel, spray the entire glass surface with glass window cleaner and then gently wipe/dry the surface as usual, using quick, large strokes. This will create a consistent, clean surface and any darkened areas will be gone.

PAINTED GLASS:

DO NOT apply acetone to glass areas where AIR BRUSHED COLOR has been applied!!

<u>DUSTING is usually the only kind of regular cleaning that will be needed for carved and painted areas</u>. If any area becomes soiled somehow, first clean the area using plain, warm water (again using a soft, white terry cloth towel). Wipe or rub <u>very gently</u>, being careful not to scratch or rub off any of the paint (this can happen with very aggressive rubbing). If the area has OIL, apply a small amount of regular glass cleaner to the towel, and lightly, gently wipe the area. You could also try a small amount of <u>mild</u> dish soap mixed with warm water. Remember to clean gently and never use any kind of cleaning chemicals, other than a small amount of glass cleaner or mild soap when needed.

LEADED & STAINED GLASS:

You will clean stained and leaded glass as you would normally clean other glass surfaces, using a good quality glass cleaner and a soft white, terrycloth towel, as described above, again staying away from harsh chemicals or abrasives.

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