

# Caring for Your Pool Rails and Ladders

## *Stainless Steel Pool Rails and Ladders*

Stainless steels are iron-based alloys that contain chromium, which combines with oxygen to form an invisible protective film on the surface; however it is not entirely stainless. With proper care, your stainless steel pool rails and ladders will provide years of service.

1. Regularly inspect and thoroughly clean mounting hardware, replacing when needed. Corrosion is common in crevices, weld points, under gaskets, and bolt heads, where small amounts of liquid can collect and become stagnant.
2. Routine cleaning is the only way to maintain the protective film on your stainless steel pool rails and ladders and prevent rust. Rust and corrosion occur when contaminants become trapped and embedded in the protective film.
3. Use warm water, a gentle soap or detergent and a soft cloth to briskly rub along the polish lines of the steel. Always be sure to thoroughly rinse after cleaning.
4. So-called "stainless steel cleaners" may scratch the surface and contain bleach, which can dull the surface

For stubborn spots: Allen Polish, Arcal 20, Bon Ami®, Cameo Stainless Steel Cleaner, Copper-Brite, Highlite, Lac-O-New, Liquid Nu Steel, Lumin Cleaner, O'Cedar Cream Polish, Penny-Brite, Revere Ware Cleaner®, Sta-Clean, Stainless Shine and Twinkle.

For extra-stubborn spots (these may scratch the surface): 3M® Stainless Steel Cleaner and Polish, Ajax®, Allchem, Concentrated Cleaner, Comet®, Goddard's Stainless Steel Care, Old Dutch, Soft Scrub®, Zud Restoro.

## Powder Coated Pool Rails & Ladders

Follow the above procedures for inspecting and maintaining stainless steel pool rails and ladders that are powder coated. For stubborn spots, you may use Formula 409.

## SealedSteel Pool Rails & Ladders

Follow the above procedures for inspecting and maintaining SealedSteel rails and ladders. To clean, you may use alcohol or other common household cleaners such as Formula 409, Lysol® or Pine-Sol®.