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## STAINLESS STEEL MAINTENANCE

SITE FURNISHINGS | BICYCLE RACKS | BICYCLE LOCKERS | BOLLARDS

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### The following are guidelines for general maintenance and protection of stainless steel:

All stainless steel products are the industry standard grade 304 stainless steel and have a #4 brushed finish.

Note: While extremely resistant to flash rusting and corrosion, Type 304 stainless steel is not impervious to flash rusting and corrosion. Optional Type 316 stainless steel is available as an option at additional cost and is more resistant to rusting and corrosion. Please note that in areas of harsh winters where salt-sprays/ road-brines are common, the following maintenance will be imperative to maintain and further prevent surface rust and corrosion. This is also true for environments subject to saline from surrounding bodies of water including marine, beach, and bay area proximity.

- Clean frequently with either a cleaner specifically marketed as a specialty stainless steel cleaner (e.g. *Bar Keepers Friend*)
- Remove any flash rust spots as soon as possible using a *Scotchbrite* pad and Oxaway to prevent pitting of the stainless steel.
- Periodically clean the stainless steel by using a powdered cleanser, such as *Borax* or *Bar Keepers Friend*, and water. Apply using a *Scotchbrite* pad. To do this, dampen the *Scotchbrite* pad with water and, using moderate pressure, rub the stainless steel with the powder cleanser going with the existing grain of the stainless steel. Thoroughly rinse the stainless steel with clean water and dry it with a clean cloth.
- For added protection, apply a paste automotive wax to the stainless steel following the directions on the product's packaging. This will provide added protection to the stainless steel for as long as six months. A silicone spray will also achieve a similar result and may be easier to apply.

NOTE: NEVER USE STEEL WOOL, SANDPAPER, MINERAL ACIDS, BLEACHES OR CHLORINE CLEANSERS.