

Out Damn Spot!

I recently received a question from a fellow Airstreamer asking how they can keep their fiberglass shower stall looking new in their Airstream. The fiber glass shower stalls and pans used in the Airstream product lines are manufactured by Ultra/Glass of Lakeville in Lakeville, Indiana. 574-784-8959

They provide the following instructions: "To clean your Ultra/Glass unit use warm water and one of the stronger liquid detergents. Do not use abrasive cleaners, they may scratch and dull the surface of the fiberglass.

Stubborn stains can be removed with solvents such as turpentine, paint thinner or acetone (*only use with adequate ventilation*). You can restore dulled areas by rubbing with automobile type liquid cleaner, and then coat with a light application of liquid wax."

Other suggestions:

Always wipe down (use chamois or squeegee) your shower after using, water drops that cling to shower walls dry, leaving mineral deposits. Every time you use the shower more drops will find their way to the mineral deposit and cling there. Every time you use your shower, the mineral deposits grow, attracting more drops, minerals, and scum. Abrasives tend to scratch and roughen up the Gel Coat on fiberglass, making the surface more attractive to mineral deposits and scum. Products like Ajax are not recommended for fiberglass.

I believe the key in keeping your shower fiberglass looking new is by sealing it with a wax (my wife uses Turtle Wax) or a product called Gel-Gloss before the first time you use your shower or after the shower has been thoroughly cleaned. This will leave a smooth and sealed surface that will help eliminate water spotting and staining. ** Avoid using wax on tub and shower floors because they will become slippery and possibly cause a fall.*

Remove water spots on the metal frames around shower doors and enclosures with lemon oil.

To keep shower door glass sparkling, try cleaning with a sponge dipped in white vinegar