

IMPORTANT – READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO USING YOUR NEW CHALKBOARD. ALL CHALKBOARDS CAN BE WRITTEN ON AND ERASED MORE EASILY AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN IN USE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. FOR BEST RESULTS, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO "BREAK IN" THE CHALKBOARD PRIOR TO WRITING ON IT AND TO USE ONLY QUALITY WHITE CHALK THAT CONTAINS AT LEAST 90% PURE CALCIUM CARBONATE. MOLDED AND COLORED CHALK OFTEN CONTAINS FOREIGN MATTER THAT CAN PERMANENTLY DAMAGE YOUR CHALKBOARD'S SURFACE.

"BREAKING IN" THE CHALKBOARD:

1. CHALK THE ENTIRE SURFACE, USING THE SIDE OF A PIECE OF PURE WHITE DUSTLESS CHALK. BE SURE TO SELECT ONLY WHITE CHALK THAT CONTAINS AT LEAST 90% PURE CALCIUM CARBONATE. AVOID CHALK WITH A GLAZED SURFACE.
2. WORK THE CHALK INTO THE SURFACE, USING AN ALL FELT ERASER.
3. REPEAT STEPS 1 AND 2.
4. CLEAN THE BOARD WITH A DRY CHAMOIS OR A SOFT LINT-FREE CLOTH.

CLEANING:

EXPERIENCE AND TESTING HAVE PROVEN THAT DRY CLEANING IS THE BEST AND EASIEST METHOD FOR CLEANING ALL TYPES OF CHALKBOARDS. SIMPLY ERASE THE ENTIRE SURFACE WITH A CLEAN FELT ERASER AND THEN WIPE WITH A SOFT, LINT-FREE CLOTH OR A DRY CHAMOIS.

WASHING:

TO REMOVE FOREIGN MATTER SUCH AS STAINS, HAIR OIL, FINGERPRINTS, CRAYON, PENCIL MARKS, ETC., IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO WASH THE BOARD WITH WATER. A MILD HOUSEHOLD CLEANER MAY BE USED ON STUBBORN STAINS. AVOID THE USE OF STRONG CLEANERS CONTAINING OIL, SODA, KEROSENE, OR HARSH ABRASIVES. BE SURE TO DRY THE CHALKBOARD IMMEDIATELY SO THAT CHALK DUST WILL NOT DRY ON THE SURFACE, PRODUCING A GRAY FILM OR A SMEARY CONDITION. WATER ITSELF WILL NOT HARM THE CHALKBOARD. HOWEVER, THE COMBINATION OF WATER AND CHALK RESIDUE ON THE SURFACE CAN CREATE PROBLEMS. WHEN THE CHALKBOARD IS WASHED, THE WATER COMBINES WITH CHALK BINDER PARTICLES TO FORM A SUBSTANCE THAT PRODUCES A WHITE FILM OR GLAZE ON THE SURFACE. THIS MAY RESULT IN A SLICK GLOSSY SURFACE UNFIT FOR WRITING. THIS CONDITION CAN DEVELOP ON ANY TYPE OF CHALKBOARD FROM ANY MANUFACTURER, AS IT IS THE RESULT OF THE COMBINATION OF CHALK BINDER PARTICLES AND WATER. IT IS NOT RELATED TO THE TYPE OF SURFACE. WHEN COMPLETELY DRY, THE CHALKBOARD MUST BE BROKEN IN AGAIN. FOLLOW THE "BREAK IN" INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE. BECAUSE SUFFICIENT THOROUGHNESS MAY NOT BE EXERCISED, AND BECAUSE IT IS TIME CONSUMING, WET CLEANING SHOULD BE PERFORMED ONLY WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. **FOR BEST RESULTS, DRY CLEAN THE CHALKBOARD.**

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