Removing Scratches

Although acrylic blocks are resistant to abrasions occasionally they can become scratched. Removing scratches is fairly easy when you follow these instructions.

IMPORTANT : Before attempting to clean or remove scratches, always make sure the block is cool to the touch. Clean the block to remove surface dust and dirt.

Very Light Scratches

Light scratches can be removed by using a standard acrylic polish, such as Novus® #2, or automotive polish. Observe the condition of the surface to be treated. The deeper the scratches, the greater the pressure required to remove them.

1. Apply the polish liberally to the block. Using a clean, soft cloth, polish with a firm back-and-forth motion at right angles to the scratch. Keep the cloth saturated at all times.

2. When the worst scratches have been polished out, reapply the polish uniformly in a circular motion to the entire surface using short, circular strokes and light pressure. Allow polish to dry to a light haze.

3. Using a clean portion of the cloth, buff the surface to a slippery glaze using firm, short strokes.

Medium Scratches

Removing heavy scratches requires an abrasive compound, such as Novus #3 or an automotive buffing compound.

1. Apply the polish or compound liberally. Using a clean, soft cloth, polish with a firm back-and-forth motion at right angles to the scratches. Keep the cloth saturated at all times.

2. Continue polishing until only fine scratches remain. Using a cloth, remove all remaining polish or compound.

3. Using a clean cloth, apply acrylic polish (such as Novus #2) in a circular motion uniformly to the entire surface. Polish using light pressure until the polish dries to a light haze.

4. Using a clean portion of the cloth, buff the surface clean.

Heavy Scratches

In cases where the block heavily scratched or gouged (such as from a knife), 600 wet 'n' dry sandpaper or medium fine steel wool will often remove the scratch.

1. Sand the scratch with a 600 wet 'n' dry sandpaper. Keep the paper wet at all times. Sand at right angles to the scratch.

2. Once the area around the scratch is close to even with the scratch, clean the entire surface.

3. Apply an abrasive compound, such as Novus #3 or an automotive buffing compound liberally. Using a clean, soft cloth, polish with a firm back-and-forth motion at right angles to the scratches. Keep the cloth saturated at all times.

4. Continue polishing until only fine scratches remain. Using cloth, remove all remaining polish or compound.

5. Using a clean cloth, apply acrylic polish (such as Novus #2) in a circular motion uniformly to the entire surface. Polish using light pressure until the polish dries to a light haze.

6. Using a clean portion of the cloth, buff the surface clean.

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