

## **Cleaning and General Maintenance**

- Clean regularly the outside & inside (for receptacles) at least twice a year.
- Only use clear water, if necessary with a little neutral cleaning agent added (pH 7) and soft, non-abrasive rags, cloths or industrial cotton. Do not rub hard.\* \*Cardboard products can not be cleaned with liquids, only dry cleaning.
- Do not use steam or pressure cleaning devices.
- Immediately after each cleaning, rinse and dry all surfaces. \*Except for products made of cardboard.
- Oil the hinges, moving parts and lock (in case product incorporates them) at least once a year.

## **Specific cleaning of stainless steel metal parts**

Stainless steels are an alloy composed mainly of Iron, Carbon and Chromium. The Chromium, when reacting with the Oxygen, forms a passive layer that gives the material resistance to oxidation. Therefore it must be cleaned correctly and periodically so that the passive layer not disappear, which would turn the surface into "active", allowing oxidation.

- Stainless steel should always be cleaned in the polished direction. It is preferable to clean dry to avoid watermarks.
- Use, if necessary, clear water with a little neutral cleaning agent added (pH 7) and soft, non-abrasive rags, cloths or industrial cotton. Do not rub hard.
- Do not use cleaning products that contain chlorine, because it corrodes stainless steel.

## **Specific maintenance of treated wood surfaces**

To be followed when the colour loses brightness or has faded due to weathering and erosion:

- The wood should be dry.
- Before applying the primer, it is recommended to sand softly the wood in the direction of the grain to open up the pores and improve adhesion. P60 Sandpaper maximum.
- The wood should be free from dust, grease, residues and other substances.
- Apply with acrylic brush 1 or 2 coats of coloured or colorless penetrating water-based primer depending on the finishes wished. Must be let dried before apply the next coat.