



Care and Maintenance

Diversified Casework uses the highest quality woods when building our laboratory furniture. Therefore when caring for our casework, treat it as you would any fine furniture. The following are guidelines to help you keep your science labs looking beautiful.

- **After Installation** - The cabinets should be wiped clean with a damp soft cloth. Follow this immediately with another clean soft cloth. Remember to always wipe in the direction of the grain of the wood.
- **Daily Maintenance** - On a regular schedule the cabinets should be washed with a clean cloth dampened with a solution of mild soap and water. As earlier, rinse with a clean damp cloth and then dry with a dry clean cloth. This will help maintain the beauty of the cabinets and avoid dirty build-up. The soap and water combination will also remove most oils and grease spills. Permanent marker can be removed using acetone. Use caution when using acetone and be sure to rinse with a clean damp cloth and then dry with a clean cloth.
- **Excessive moisture** - This can be very harmful to wood furniture. It is important to wipe up and dry any spills as quickly as possible. Areas that are especially susceptible are baseboard and sink areas.

- Humidity – Excess humidity can result in warpage and possible damage to the finish of your cabinets. Also, a lack of sufficient humidity during the winter heating season may cause problems such as splitting and cracking. It is important to control the humidity in your laboratory all year long. Humidity levels should be maintained between 17% and 70% per AWS Edition 1. Wood can absorb moisture and swell or dry out depending on the humidity levels.
- Durcon Epoxy Resin Maintenance - Durcon products will not stain or etch when exposed to most chemicals. Periodic cleaning with detergents (not scouring powder) is recommended for epoxy resin surfaces. Products containing citrus oils or mineral oils should be lightly applied periodically. Waxes or other coatings should not be used. Scratches should not be sanded or filled. Permanent markers may be used to reduce the coloring of scratches.