

## Care and Maintenance of The Piano Finish

Your piano is a magnificent instrument. It is also an exquisite example of the cabinetmaker's art, and deserves the care and respect you would accord any fine piece of furniture.

In normal circumstances, the exterior of the piano is easy to keep clean. I can supply you with a kit containing lint-free cloths as well as two specialty products I recommend for cleaning the exterior case and the keyboard.

The Cory Satin Sheen Piano Polish is a safe product to use for wiping away dust and finger marks. Please instruct anyone cleaning your piano to use only this product, as any household cleaners will damage the painstakingly hand-rubbed lacquer finish.

Always wipe with the grain, in a straight line, and never with a circular motion, as this will eventually cause the surface to lose its lustre. A piano should always be wiped in the direction in which it was originally polished. This direction will be obvious when you look at the surface carefully.

Do not use solvents of any kind to clean either the black or white keys. Use only the cleaning cloth supplied in the kit and the Cory Key-Brite polish. Be very careful that dampness does not seep between the keys or down into the keybed. Dampness in the keybed can cause swelling and hamper the free play of the keys.

Do not put pots, vases, pictures, drinks or objects of any kind on top of the piano. The finish can be damaged by any foreign objects placed upon it. Liberal application of common sense in the care of your piano's finish is the wise course, remembering that it is both a delicate instrument and a fine piece of furniture.

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