#### **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT IS-VET FURNITURE**

Steel-structured IS-VET furniture is emission-free and durable. The furniture's long life-cycle and recyclability also make the system environmentally friendly. IS-VET steel furniture supports the creation of a safe and healthy learning environment.

The textured paint we use also provides additional benefits for the end user by increasing the surface's wear resistance and preventing it from becoming scratched. The surface is attractive, vivid, and feels pleasant to the touch. The textured paint also provides good coverage, meaning that less paint is required overall, further increasing the sustainability of the product.

IS-VET shelving solutions are flexible and can be easily adapted. The steel-structured frame allows for the height of the shelf to be adjusted in 25mm increments, so space can be optimised for storing teaching equipment for different subjects.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CLEANING FURNITURE**

- Reserve sufficient time for cleaning. Make sure that the lighting is good.
- Prepare all of the cleaning agents and supplies before you begin cleaning.
- Use protective gloves while cleaning to protect your hands and to prevent the spread of infection.
- Use ordinary multipurpose cleaning agents for regular cleaning and follow the quantity instructions on the packaging to avoid overuse, which may damage surfaces or leave residue.
- Use soft cloths, such as microfibre cloths, to wipe down the furniture. Abrasive cleaning supplies may damage surfaces and should not be used.
- When cleaning, always move: 1. from top to bottom and 2. from cleanest to dirtiest.

#### **HOW TO KEEP SURFACES CLEAN**

- If chemicals are spilt on a worksurface, they must be wiped immediately, and the surface carefully washed. Please refer to separate cleaning instructions (e.g. 59827 Labclean cleaning solution).
- If rust spots appear on a worksurface, this is due to rust in an external substance on the surface, not rust in the worksurface itself. Such spots can be removed like other stains by cleaning the surface using e.g. 20% nitric acid and by scrubbing enough to remove the stain, if necessary.
- Clean chemical residue from the outer surface of containers.
- Close chemical containers immediately after use.
- The chemical cupboard has continual negative pressure (suction continuously on, doors closed).
- The fume cupboard is not used to store chemicals.
- Different chemicals are kept separate from each other.
- The use of a base (e.g. 59828 Laboratory paper) is recommended when working with different chemicals on laminated surfaces (and on stainless steel and acid-resistant steel).

### **CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FURNITURE MATERIALS**

#### **HOW TO CLEAN POWDER-COATED METAL**

Clean stains with a cloth dipped in soapy water and then dry the surface with a soft cleaning cloth. Stains can be removed using a mild detergent and soft cloth. Stubborn stains can be carefully removed using denatured spirit.

Do not use scouring powder, steel wool, or equivalent products which are abrasive on the surface. Powder-coated metal is a durable material, but it may oxidise or become scratched or worn. Scratches which penetrate the surface of the paint should be avoided, as they may allow the metal to rust. Exercise caution with hot, hard, or sharp objects, as they may damage the surface.

#### **HOW TO CLEAN LAMINATE SURFACES**

Wipe down the surface with a cleaning cloth dipped in soapy water. After cleaning, dry the surface with a soft cloth. Stains can be removed using a mild detergent and soft cloth. Stubborn stains can be carefully removed from surfaces other than edge profiles using acetone. Do not use scouring powder, steel wool, or equivalent products which are abrasive on the surface. Dry the surface after cleaning.

Laminate is a durable material but susceptible to water damage. Protect flowerpots, plates, coffee cups, and other items that may splash liquid into the surface. Clean all stains and liquids as quickly as possible and wipe the surface dry after cleaning. Exercise caution with hot, hard, or sharp objects, as they may damage the surface.

## **HOW TO CLEAN PAINTED MDF**

Clean the surface with a cleaning cloth dipped in soapy water. After cleaning, dry the surface with a dry cloth. Remove stains using a mild detergent and a soft cleaning cloth. Do not use scouring powder, steel wool, or equivalent products which are abrasive on the surface. Clean all stains and liquids as quickly as possible and wipe the surface dry after cleaning.

Exercise caution with hot, hard, or sharp objects, as they may damage the surface. Avoid attaching stickers or tape to the surface, as they may cause paint to detach from the surface when removed.

# **HOW TO CLEAN POLYCARBONATE (sliding doors and fume hood sides)**

Clean the surfaces with warm, soapy water or using a synthetic detergent. Only use soft cleaning cloths to avoid scratching the sheeting. Clean all stains and liquids as quickly as possible and wipe the surface dry after cleaning. Organic solvents such as turpentine and paint thinner may damage the surface of the sheeting.