



Porcelain Enamel Chalkboard **Cleaning Instructions**

All chalkboards are somewhat difficult to erase when new and require some "Breaking in". This can be accelerated by daily washing with clear cool water, for about one week. A three or four feet wide section should be washed at one time. The section should be immediately rubbed dry with a lint free cloth. Be sure to dry the chalkboard immediately so that chalk dust will not dry on the surface, producing a smeary condition. Repeat until entire surface of the board has been washed and rubbed dry. Do not wash the entire surface at one time as the portions washed first will dry and leave a dry film on the board surface. Surface can be cleaned with mild soap and water followed by a clear water rinse.

After washing "Break in" the chalkboard by holding a stick of chalk flat on the board and cover the entire surface. Then erase evenly and your porcelain enamel on steel chalkboard is ready to use.

Note: We recommend weekly washings but then only if necessary. Remember clean erasers are essential to clean chalkboards. It is important to see that erasers are cleaned frequently.

Chalk: We strongly recommend white chalk on the chalkboard surface as opposed to yellow or other colored chalks. For special purposes colored chalk can be used, but the added pigments in this chalk make it more difficult to erase. A high grade chalk (95% chalk with a 5% binder) will give better results than a 50% chalk content, or chalks made of plaster or gypsum. Inferior "chalk" or low content chalk may permanently mark the chalkboard.