Axalta Industrial Wood Coatings and KCMA recommend that kitchen and bath cabinets be finished with coatings that exhibit excellent resistance to foods, beverages and household agents typically found in a kitchen or bathroom. From time to time, however, all cabinets will need regular cleaning and care. Caring for and preserving the natural beauty of wood cabinets can generally be accomplished through regular maintenance. Following a few simple care and maintenance guidelines should allow the beauty of your cabinets to be enjoyed for years to come.

**General Guidelines**

* If a spill occurs, clean up the area using a clean damp cloth or sponge, and dry the surface immediately. A spill left unattended could soak through the surface and cause damage.
* To remove food residue or grease, use any mild common dishwashing liquid and a damp sponge to wipe clean. Dry thoroughly. Avoid using cleansers that contain bleach, ammonia, or abrasives (vinegar, orange cleaners, etc). These cleaners may damage the cabinet’s finish.
* Do not use a dishcloth for cleaning. It could contain remnants of grease or harsh detergents. Avoid draping damp cloths or dishtowels over cabinet doors. Over time, this moisture could cause permanent damage. Also, do not use microfiber cloths as these can be abrasive to the finish.
* Avoid excess water and moisture that can damage any cabinet finish. Always remove spills promptly and dry completely. Areas near the sink, range, dishwasher, oven and baseboards are most susceptible. Keep these surfaces dry.
* Try to avoid direct sunlight. Cabinets, which are exposed to direct sunlight, could lighten or darken over time.
* Avoid smoke and grease, which can form a hard film over time, dulling the finish. Routine cleaning will help prevent long-term damage.
* Avoid extremes in temperature and moisture which can cause wood to expand and contract, eventually damaging the finish. Try to avoid exposing cabinets to very hot and cold environments