



Instructions for Cleaning Cloudy Mirrors:

Cloudy mirrors with smudges and streaks can be a nightmare. Sometimes, no matter the quality of commercial cleaners used, the cloudiness and streaks just won't go away. Instead of coming off, the smudges and streaks end up in different locations, and the mirrors still looking smeared and dirty. Some coastal areas are even worse for having what may seem to be permanent cloudy streaks and smudge residue that build up over a period of time. Also, whatever is used to clean the wood often ends up on mirrors as well and doesn't come off with ordinary glass cleaners. It may be as simple as using a homemade cleaning remedy for cleaning, and keeping your mirror clean. If you're struggling with a particular mirror, or mirrors that look cloudy and have streaks and smudges that won't budge, try these easy ways to clean cloudy mirrors. Once they're clean and free from cloudy marks and smudges they'll be easier to keep clean in the future. Give these easy cleaning methods a try!

Precautionary Statement:

A mirror can appear stained and cloudy if the backing is damaged. No amount of cleaning products available can solve the problem. If the following cleaning products won't get rid of cloudiness, stains, or streaks, consider having the mirror replaced - if they're worth saving. Otherwise, contact your dealer or factory representative for further instructions.

Vinegar and Newspaper:

Cloudy mirrors are sometimes cloudy because they're coated with cleaning products such as furniture polish or another oily substance. Read the label on the back of your favorite commercial glass cleaner. Regular commercial glass cleaner is extremely watered down. It's strong enough to get rid of light smudges, water spots, and ordinary smears, but it's not strong enough to cut through oil-based residue. Instead of using commercial cleaners that contains mostly water, try ordinary white vinegar. Pour white vinegar in a spray bottle, and spray it on cloudy mirrors while being careful not to get it on wood surfaces. Immediately wipe the mirrors with waded up newspaper. Surprisingly, newsprint does a better job than ordinary paper towels. The cloudy film should wipe right off!

Shaving Cream:

Ordinary inexpensive shaving cream, not the gel type, works wonders to clean cloudy mirrors. Simply squirt the appropriate amount of shaving cream on a clean lint-free paper towel and wipe the mirror briskly while avoiding any wood surrounding the mirror. If the back of the mirror isn't permanently damaged, the cloudy film should come right off. In addition, if the mirror is in a bathroom, the shaving cream will keep it from fogging up. Using shaving cream will not only clean cloudy spots from mirrors, but it will keep it clean and clear no matter how hot the bathroom becomes. Give it a try!

When these remedies don't work: Residue and other sprayed on wood cleaners are most often the nemice, for cloudy or smudges in your mirror glass, but when simple cleaning doesn't work, you may have bad silver in the glass itself. Local repair or mirror replacement is the only solution for a bad silver mirror. Recommendations for bad silver claims must be submitted through authorized dealers. However, before submitting a bad silver claim, it is most important to know that an attempt was made to clean the mirror glass by a professional, or using our simple recommendations before submitting a customer service request for local repair, or glass replacement. This is especially true when the mirror was on display at the dealer's store, or has been in use for a while with the opportunity of residue build up exposure and other sprayed on wood cleaners.