

INITIAL USE

Pre-seasoning Process. Before using $B\bar{A}KALON^{\otimes}$ for the first time, the inside baking pan surfaces must be oiled and allowed to "season" in the oven for 5 to 10 minutes, at normal baking temperature. This seasoning process fills the "valleys" of the porous aluminum oxide surface with oil and insures that baked products will release easily. Pans must be re-seasoned after oil is removed by washing or baking.

DAILY USE

Lubricate pans before each use. Apply a baking pan lubricant to the baking areas of the pan prior to each use. Well-seasoned pans usually do not require as much lubrication as older pans.

DAILY CLEANING

Clean as you go. Wiping still-warm pans with a clean towel, or a towel that has pan lubricant on it, usually provides adequate cleaning. You must reseason BĀKALON® pans after any washing.

Wash with mild soap and water. BĀKALON® pans can be washed with pH-neutral products, but only if necessary. Many BĀKALON® users only wash them at the end of the day. Do not use acidic cleansers or alkaline detergents. Use of these chemicals will damage the BĀKALON® surface and can actually destroy the inner core of aluminum.

Reseasoning Process. BĀKALON® pans must be re-seasoned after every washing. Use the "Pre-seasoning Process" described above. Used pans require the addition of oil prior to panning the baked product. Use only enough oil to achieve the desired bake. (Note: many recipes include enough oil so that additional pan oil may not need to be used.)

PERIODIC CLEANING

Scrubbing the Outside of BĀKALON® Pans. At some point it may become necessary to scrub down the outside of the pan, even though the inside of the pan may still be smooth and clean. For this process, we recommend using a foodservice scrubbing pad. Because BĀKALON® pans have a very hard surface, the pan will not be damaged by scrubbing. Be sure to use a pH-neutral detergent, however, since the use of highly alkaline or highly acidic cleaning compounds will ruin the BĀKALON® surface.

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