



How to Fix “Staingate” on Apple MacBook Displays

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INTRODUCTION

This guide will show you how to fix the “Staingate” issue on Apple MacBook displays. Staingate happens when the anti-reflective coating on certain models of MacBook displays begins to delaminate and wear off, causing a stain-like appearance that is noticeable when the screen is off, on a low brightness setting, or when sunlight is hitting the screen. Staingate is a very widespread issue, and many people unfortunately end up replacing the display or even the entire MacBook because of it. This guide will fix the Staingate issue and make the display look brand new.

TOOLS:

[Microfiber Cleaning Cloths](#) (1)

[Nitrile Gloves 100 Box](#) (1)

[Listerine or White Vinegar](#) (1)

[Macbook Screen Protector](#) (1)

Step 1 — How to Fix “Staingate” on Apple MacBook Displays



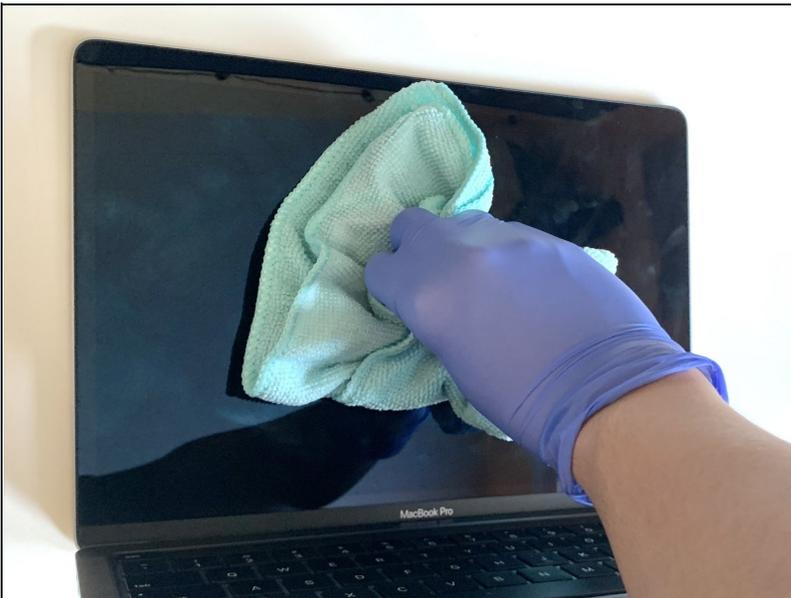
- Dampen a [microfiber cloth](#) with water.
- Use the cloth to clean the screen of dust and debris.

Step 2



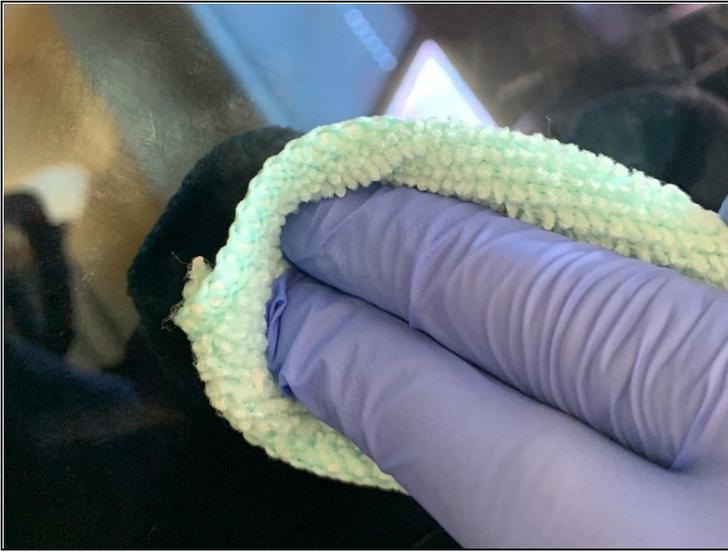
- Put on latex gloves.
- Dampen a separate microfiber cloth with Listerine or white vinegar.

Step 3



- Wipe the screen with the damp vinegar/Listerine cloth in a circular motion.
- ⚠️ Make sure you have gloves on during this step as the anti-reflective coating on the MacBook screen releases chemicals that could be absorbed through the skin.

Step 4



- You may have to wipe the screen a second time as some stains can be stubborn.
- Apply more Listerine or white vinegar onto the cloth as needed.

⚠ Remember to keep your gloves on.

Step 5



- Dampen the first microfiber cloth with water again.
 - Wipe the screen free of debris with the cloth.
- ① You can remove your gloves at this step.

Step 6



- Install the new screen protector on your MacBook screen to minimize glare and to get some of the anti-reflectiveness back.

Staingate should not occur again as long as you install a reputable screen protector afterwards.