

Manufactured Stone Countertop Care & Maintenance

Manufactured Stone Countertops can be just as appealing & durable as natural stone countertops, however their qualities may differ by material. Manufactured Stone Countertops include: Quartz, Dekton & Porcelain. Refer to our Manufactured Stone Countertop Care and Maintenance sheet to keep your manufactured stone countertops like new.

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CLEANING & BARKEEPERS FRIEND

FOR QUARTZ, DEKTON & PORCELAIN: “Bar Keepers Friend” is a PH neutral, nonabrasive cleaning product to keep your surfaces clean without affecting the finish. Prolonged use of any cleaner, including dish soap, can leave a dull film on a polished surface.

*We find that powdered cleaner works better than the liquid or spray versions.

NOTE: AVOID drain cleaners, paint strippers or products containing Hydrofluoric acid, Methylene chloride, Trichloroethylene or any product with a very high or very low PH. These types of chemicals may etch or discolor the surface of the your quartz countertop. ***INKS, PERMANENT MARKERS OR SPRAY PAINTS CAN PERMANENTLY STAIN QUARTZ.**

COUNTERTOP SEALER - No sealer is required for manufactured countertop surfaces.

HEAT RESISTANCE & DAMAGE

FOR QUARTZ ONLY - When Cooking **DO NOT** Place hot pot and pans or any heat generating device such as crock pots, deep fryers, or electric skillets directly on quartz surfaces. While most quartz products are scorch resistant and under normal conditions are not affected, we recommend to always use a trivet or hot pad on your quartz surface. Quartz is made with natural quartz & resin; subjecting it to heat can "overcook" the resin, resulting in yellowing or discoloration over time.

NOTE: Sudden or rapid change of temperature or sustained heating, especially near edges and cut outs, may create enough thermal expansion energy to cause your quartz countertop surfaces to crack or fissure.

DURABILITY

DO NOT sit or stand on any countertop material. While countertops can be made to last, they are not indestructible.

QUARTZ

Quartz is fairly dense and durable, but can still chip when subjected to plates dropping, heavy materials falling etc.

DEKTON

Dekton is created to last and is virtually indestructible. Compacted into a ultra solid surface, you can utilize this material in very high traffic areas of your home.

PORCELAIN

Porcelain countertops appear to be thin and fragile at a glance but are just as durable as a standard 3CM countertop and even allow for a 14 inch bracket-less overhang! Because porcelain is made from firing a combination of powdered china stone and kaolin clay at about 1450°C, this material ranks just as durable as Dekton if not more.

CLEANING YOUR MANUFACTURED STONE COUNTERTOPS

1. In a spray bottle, mix 5-6 drops of mild dish soap and rubbing alcohol with water to create a cleaning solution. Shake it and spray. NOTE: Make sure to shake before every use.
2. Before utilizing your cleaning solution, make sure your surface is free of food debris & stains. Wipe down your countertop surface with cleaning solution.
3. Dry and buff your manufactured countertop thoroughly with a microfiber cloth or soft terry cloth towel to avoid streaking.
4. Shine and disinfect with a water and isopropyl alcohol solution. Mix together a 50:50 solution of water and 91% isopropyl alcohol to periodically disinfect your manufactured countertops, remove soap residue, and restore shine. Spray onto the surface, allow to sit for 3-5 minutes, dry with a clean microfiber cloth.