

Technical Leaflet 04 Solid Surface Material

Cleaning and Caring for Solid Surface Material (Juli 2006)

We congratulate you

for choosing of a product made from Solid Surface Material with that special beauty, and its outstanding durability for many years to come.

Solid Surface Material, manufactured based on most modern technology, was created in order to resist the hard requirements of the normal everyday use.

Despite high demand you will find this product owing up to its renewability, and it will maintain its good condition after many years of use.

In order to ensure this, we ask you to read and consider the following tips.

Although the Solid Surface Material is extremely durable and needs minimal care, it is nevertheless not indestructible. Therefore we have listed some recommendations, that will ensure the durable value of your product.

Daily Cleaning

Clean the surface simply with water, soap and a cloth. If the impurities cannot be removed, use a scrubbing milk and/or cleaning agents recommended by the manufacturer. Afterwards clean the surface well with water and polish it dry with a soft cloth.

Persistent Contamination

Persistent contamination and discolorations from coffee, tea, fruit juice, cigarettes as well as metal abrasion from pots and pans e. g. high grade steel, glass and ceramics, can be cleaned with a cleansing milk and/or cleaning agents recommended by the manufacturer. Excellent is also the use of liquid cleaners on a basis of Clorox. If cleaning with these materials do not work, use the rough side of a plastic cleaning sponge. Afterwards you can get the glossy surface back by using scrubbing milk, or the cleaners recommended by the manufacturer, by applying them in a circling motion with a soft cloth over the entire surface.

Impurity/Stains

The Solid Surface Material, a homogeneous, and non-porous material is resistant to most household chemicals. Although liquids cannot penetrate into the material, impurities or stains should be wiped off directly. This will avoid the fact that persistent pigments can settle on the surface. Avoid longer contact of the surface with aggressive substances e. g. solvents, color and lacquer removers, discharge cleaner, metal cleaner, toilet cleaner, oven cleaner, acetone (nail polish remover). Such products should be wiped off as soon as possible and rinsed with clear water.

Cleaning of Solid Surface Material Sinks

Sinks are especially exposed to a variety of staining substances during daily use. Therefore we recommend regular cleaning of the surface with abrasive scrubbing milk (or a cleaning agent recommended by the manufacturer) and a soft cloth. In case of formation of limestone due to hard water, a household lime remover can be used. Rinse the surface off well and clean it with a cleansing milk. For cleaning discolorations, special cleaning agents can be obtained from the manufacturer or a kitchen sink supply store. Baking powder is also a suitable cleaning agent.

Dark Decor

It is in the nature of the colors that with dark decor traces of normal usage appear faster. Therefore the care expenditure is higher and it is recommended that the surface will be cleaned regularly (once a month) with a water-rejecting liquid (high-grade steel care). By doing this you will maintain the original color brilliance.

Heat

Hot objects should never be put directly on to the surface. Always use a heat resistant base for protection.

Use only pots/pans which do not exceed the cook field on the stove.

Do not pour boiling liquids direct into the Solid Surface sink, without letting cold water run at the same time.

Cutting/carving marks

Sharp knives serve their purpose. Therefore they can leave marks on the mineral material surface. Please, always use a cutting board.

Damages

For deep scratches and other surface damages, which can not be removed with standard household cleaning products, please contact a representative or a Solid Surface fabricator to recondition or repair the surface. The Solid Surface manufacturer could also be consulted to recommend a Solid Surface technician in your area to do the repair.

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