

Countertops

Granite, Marble, and Stone

Granite, marble, & stone are products of nature, quarried in mines around the world. Each piece is unique in color, shading and pattern variations which enhance the appeal of any natural product; however, you need to be aware that your countertop installed may vary considerably from the sample in our Design Studio. No two pieces of stone are alike.

Although sealed in the manufacturing plant upon installation your countertop will still have an absorption factor of 2-3%. Therefore, to maintain your countertop properly, **DO NOT:**

- 1. Spill oil without cleaning up immediately.**
- 2. Leave any acids, such as orange, grapefruit or tomato juice, etc. for long periods of time without cleaning it off of the surface because acid will etch and/or stain the finish**
- 3. Scratch the surface with diamond products or anything that's very abrasive.**

Many of the natural stone countertops available on the market are of a granular or speckled matrix. These colors are prone to having more open surface and will appear to have pin-like holes, small divots and sometimes dull spots which in no way affects the quality of the product but are simply inherent variations in the natural stone and characteristic of these types of materials.

The location of the seams necessary to complete the installation of the granite will be determined by the fabricator.

Quartz

Quartz is a product of mixed resin with pieces of quartz material. Unlike granite, quartz solid surface countertops do not require a sealer. Each piece of quartz is unique in color, shading and pattern variations. While quartz products are uniform in color, please be aware that the quartz countertop installed in your home may vary from the sample in our Design Studio. Also, be aware some quartz products can fade or change in color over time when exposed to the areas of direct sunlight.

Although your quartz products require no sealer you still need to take precautions and wipe up spills immediately. To maintain your quartz properly, **DO NOT:**

- 1. Spill oil without cleaning up immediately.**
- 2. Leave any acids, such as orange, grapefruit or tomato juice, etc. for long periods of time without cleaning it off of the surface because acid will etch and/or stain the finish.**
- 3. Scratch the surface with diamond products or anything that's very abrasive.**
- 4. Use any harsh chemicals to clean your quartz.**
- 5. Heat exposure from hot pans, plates, etc.**

The location of the seams necessary to complete the installation of the quartz will be determined by the fabricator.
