

■ *Algarve* ■
GRANITE

Caring
for your
worktops

QUALITY
WORKTOPS

GRANITE | MARBLE | QUARTZ | SILESTONE

Staining

While granite is highly stain resistant, substances such as oils, grease and products that contain these substances can stain or darken your granite if not wiped up. Some liquids high in acid or alkali can damage the surface finish of natural stones and quartz.

Please use the utmost care and wipe up any spills immediately. We hold a range of specially formulated stain remover products to take extra care of your stone and remove any unwanted stains professionally.

Do not clean with bleach.

Routine care

We recommend that you clean your granite worktops with either a mild soap (or a non-abrasive light neutral detergent (PH7)) and water or a cleaner specifically made for stone surfaces. To dry your granite, you can use a chamois leather or similar. Drainer groves can be cleaned using a wire wool.

Do not use glass cleaner to clean marble, travertine, slate, limestone or onyx under any circumstances.

Recommended Stain Removers

Lithofin OIL-EX



Lithofin OIL-EX is a ready-to-use, gel-like paste consisting of a mixture of solvents and highly absorbent solids. As an Oil-Stain Remover it removes stubborn grease and deep oil stains from

natural and engineered stone. Also for removal of silicone discolouration on peripheral zones.

Lithofin WEXA



Lithofin WEXA is a universally usable multi-purpose cleaning concentrate. A combination of alkaline cleaning components and mild solvents allow for a wide field of use. Lithofin WEXA can be

diluted with water and can therefore be optimally adjusted for all uses.

Recommended General Cleaners

Hanafinn Rejuvenata



Rejuvenata™ is a gentle daily cleaner for natural and engineered stone countertops. It contains an invisible sealer to enhance protection and make surfaces easier to clean.

Typical application: Rejuvenata™ is ideal for daily cleaning of natural stone, engineered stone, lacquered timber, stainless steel, laminate and polished concrete countertops.

Lithofin Easy-Clean



For regular cleaning of natural and artificial stone kitchen counters, table tops, vanity units, shower walls, etc. Removes dirt, oil and grease residues and provides streak-free cleaning. Special

unique additives support the effectiveness of the protective treatment.

Heat Resistance

Although natural stones are highly resistant to heat, we would always recommend avoiding direct contact with hot pans. Extreme heat can cause burn marks or marring on stones that have been treated with resin.

Composite and quartz stones are only heat resistant. We would always advise against placing hot pans directly on these surfaces.

Acids and Alcohol

Marble and limestone are susceptible to the aggressive action of acids and alcohol. Care should be taken to remove spillage of fruit juice, particularly lemon, also wine, vinegar, and beetroot etc. For example, the residue on the base of wine glasses will leave it's mark, nail varnish and any other solvent or oil based products will also stain if not wiped up immediately.

Materials not to be used on Granite:

Formic acid, Hydrofluoric acid, Nitric acid, Sulphuric acid, Phosphoric acid, and Hydrochloric

Scratching and Chipping

Under normal 'day to day' use granite and quartz should not scratch or chip. We would always recommend using a chopping board to protect the surface and your cutlery. Take care when placing heavy objects or tools on the surface, even the smallest amount of dirt or grit underneath may cause the worktop to scratch.

Stones are porous - Sealing

All stones, due to their granular construction, are porous to a greater or lesser extent and most granites fall into the latter category. To reduce the slight risk of granite absorbing liquids, the surface is treated with a proprietary sealer that penetrates the surface and fills the microscopic voids between the crystals. This process is done in the factory at the completion of manufacture and again when installed.

We recommend that you re-seal your granite every year, depending on the use and porosity of the stone. Marble, limestone and other natural stones will also have to be re-sealed every year, with the exception of quartz which is non-porous stone and does not require sealing.

Recommended Sealer

STAIN-PROOF Original™



STAIN-PROOF Original™ is an impregnating, invisible and breathable sealer that protects exposed natural stone, tiles, pavers, concrete and grout from damage caused by water, salts

and oil-based stains. Treated indoor and outdoor surfaces become easier to clean, maintain, and keep looking good for longer. STAIN-PROOF Original™ provides lasting protection for natural stone, concrete, terracotta tile, cast stone, paving, sandstone, limestone, brick and grout.

For a full range of recommended care and cleaning products, please visit our website or contact us.

WARNING

Products such as Oven Cleaner and Bleach will cause irreparable damage to your work surfaces.

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