



**NATURAL STONE
QUARTZ
PORCELAIN**

Care & Maintenance Guide

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NATURAL STONE

GRANITE

Every color imaginable. Every slab is different, like a fingerprint, unique works of art, durable and everlasting.

MARBLE

Found all over the world - But the four most popular countries where it's found are: Italy, Spain, India, and China. Marble is a metamorphic rock that contains calcite or dolomite. Natural Marble contains other minerals too: Including quartz, graphite, pyrite and iron oxides. The combination of minerals give marble the various types and unique colors of veining that are often associated with marble.

QUARTZITE

100% natural stone. A pure product of nature. Quartz is the main mineral in all quartzites, and some types of quartzite contain smaller amounts of other minerals that give the stone character and depth. Quartzite typically has random and unique streaks of various colors that make most slabs one-of-a-kind. Popular quartzites include: Taj Mahal, Fusion, and Bianco Superiore.



ENGINEERED

QUARTZ

Made with crushed quartz and aggregates, combined with about five to seven percent resin. Typically monochromatic color consistency and very durable surface. Some popular quartz manufacturer's are Caesarstone, Hanstone and Envi Quartz Surfaces. Visual depth and a variety of color options.

PORCELAIN

Minimal maintenance surface that offers "life-like" marble looks and numerous designs. Durable enough for interior or exterior applications. Extremely non-porous, etch-resistant, stain-resistant, heat-resistant and un-affected by U.V. Rays - So it can easily be used for exterior applications. Available in different finishes and is lightweight.





To get the longest life and preserve the beauty of your natural stone, follow these simple steps:

CARING FOR YOUR MARBLE

SEALING: Every 3-5 years using Sealer from Duca. This will take about 15 minutes to apply.

DEEP CLEANING & POLISHING: Duca professional cleaner or any marble specific pro cleaner or any marble specific product.

COASTERS: Use coasters or mats under all glasses, especially those containing alcohol, coffee, or citrus juices. (Acids' are marble's enemy)

TRIVETS: The use of trivets or mats is highly recommended for all marble surfaces as it will scratch/etch relatively easily.

SPILLS: Blot the spill with a paper towel immediately. Don't wipe the area, as it will spread the spill. Flush the area with water and mild soap and rinse several times. Dry the area thoroughly with a soft cloth. Repeat if necessary.



DO'S AND DONT'S

- Do clean surfaces with a mild detergent or marble specific cleaner.
- Do thoroughly rinse and dry the surface after washing.
- Do clean up spills immediately.
- Don't use vinegar, lemon juice, or other cleaners containing acids on marble, limestone, travertine, or onyx surfaces.
- Don't use cleaners that contain acid such as bathroom cleaners, grout cleaners, and tub and tile cleaners.

CARING FOR YOUR QUARTZ AND PORCELAIN COUNTERTOPS

We recommend that you refer to your Quartz or Porcelain manufacturer's guidelines located on their website.

www.caesarstoneus.com

www.hanstonequartz.com

www.envisurfaces.com

www.atlasplan.com

www.cosentino.com

www.neolith.com/en/

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Your granite, marble and quartz countertop is already backed by a 1 year limited warranty, which covers the fabrication and installation from the time it is originally installed. It is non-transferable.

Your warranty does not cover countertops that have been subjected to chemical or physical abuse or countertops that have been moved from their original installed location, and they do not cover the natural characteristics of the stone, which include, but are not limited to, color variations, water or surface marks. Lastly, these warranties do not cover damage to your countertop caused by items out of anyone's control, such as house settling, fires, tornados or other acts of nature.

CARING FOR YOUR GRANITE & QUARTZITE

SEALING: Every 8-10 years using Sealer from Duca. This will take about 15 minutes to apply.

DEEP CLEANING & POLISHING: Duca professional cleaner or any granite specific product once a week or as needed.

COASTERS: The use of coasters is recommended under most glasses. Especially those containing alcohol, coffee, or citrus juices.

TRIVETS: While many stones can withstand heat and are scratch resistant, the use of trivets or mats is recommended.

SPILLS: Wipe up in a timely manner. Pay special attention to spills involving acidic liquids like coffee, wine, or citrus juices.

DO'S AND DONT'S

- Don't use cleaners that contain acid such as bathroom cleaners, grout cleaners, and tub and tile cleaners.
- Don't use abrasive cleaners.
- Do wipe up spills immediately.
- Do thoroughly rinse and dry the surface after washing.
- Do clean surfaces with mild detergent or stone soap.
- Don't mix bleach and ammonia.