Nothing compares to the rich, unique beauty of natural stone countertops. They add character and warmth to kitchens, bathrooms and other areas of the home. Each slab contains unique color variations, veins, fissures, surface marks and even blemishes. With all natural stone, the color and pattern is a product of what Mother Nature creates; even slabs cut from the same quarry will have slight variations. The granite for your project will always be one of a kind!

Strength and Durability _____

- The composition of natural stone is **INCONSISTENT** as the mineral content varies between slabs; slabs with a higher content of quartz are stronger; the color between slabs can also be inconsistent.
- Natural Stone countertops are durable, <u>HOWEVER</u> major impacts to the edges can result in chipping.
- Cutting directly on natural stone <u>IS NOT</u> recommended as it can scratch the surface and dull knives.

Low Maintenance _____

- The degree of maintenance depends on the composition of the natural stone; Cosentino[®] Sensa[®] natural stone is <u>LOWER</u> maintenance due to the patent pending sealer.
- Cleaning is as simple as wiping down with warm water, mild soap and a soft cloth; <u>NEVER</u> use abrasive cleaners on natural stone.

Stain Resistant & Hygienic

- Natural stone has a porous surface and is subject to staining if not maintained properly.
- Natural stone is <u>NOT</u> approved by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) because it absorbs moisture; bacteria, mildew and mold <u>CAN</u> grow on the surface if not properly sealed.

Heat Resistant _____

- Natural stone is heat resistant, <u>HOWEVER</u> hot pots/pans/lefse griddles/slow cookers should <u>NEVER</u> be placed directly the surface; the <u>USE OF TRIVETS OR HOT PADS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED</u> to maintain your surface.
- Natural stone <u>CAN</u> be damaged by sudden, rapid changes in temperature, especially near the edges.

PRICE	\$ \$ \$ \$
WARRANTY	0–15 Years
NON-POROUS	* *
EASY-TO-CLEAN	* *
HEAT RESISTANCE	$\star \star \star \star$
STAIN RESISTANCE	$\star \star \star$
SCRATCH RESISTANCE	$\star \star \star \star$
SEAMLESS APPEARANCE	* *
REPAIRABLE/RENEWABLE	$\star \star \star$
CONSISTENT COLOR/PATTERN	* *