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## **CARE & PRECAUTIONS**

- Do not store countertops in damp area. High moisture and temperature fluctuations may cause particleboard to bow or swell.
- Inspect countertop prior to installation. No claims for damage will be accepted after installation.
- Remove all staples from underside or countertop.
- Carefully follow mitre assembly instructions; always use water resistance wood glue when assembling joints.
- Install countertops level.
- Always generously caulk sinks and backsplash (moisture causes particleboard substrate to swell and <u>is</u> not covered under warranty).
- For added precaution apply polyurethane or varnish to build up on underside of countertop near sink and dishwasher area.
- Use warm soapy water to remove stickers. If difficult to remove, use Acetone and carefully peel off.

## LAMINATE CARE & CLEANING

## DO:

- Use warm soapy water, mild spray cleaner for daily cleaning; soft sponges or clothes.
- Keep seams and joints free from "standing" moisture. Excessive moisture may cause particleboard substrate to swell.
- Keep laminate surface free from harsh chemicals (acidic or alkaline based cleaners, drain cleaners, bleach, rust removers, metal cleaners, tub & tile cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, hair dyes/rinses).
- More difficult stains should be cleaned with a 50/50 mix of bleach and water.

## DO NOTE:

- <u>Do not</u> use a laminate surface as a cutting board.
- <u>Do not</u> expose laminate to excessive heat; including, but not limited to hot pots and pans directly from the stove or oven. Always use a trivet.
- <u>Do not</u> use SOS or harsh scrub pads on laminate surface.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners; including, but not limited to Soft Scrub, Comet, Ajax, etc.