

Natural Stone Disclaimer

Natural stone countertops, while aesthetically pleasing, come with a set of particularities that should be consider:

- **Porosity:** Natural stones still require sealing to prevent it from absorbing liquids. It can stain, especially with substances like wine, oil, or coffee. Regular maintenance, including annual or biennial sealing, is necessary to keep the stone in good condition.
- **Potential for Etching:** Natural stone is susceptible to etching (chemical erosion) it can be affected by acidic substances like lemon juice or vinegar if not sealed properly or if the sealant wears off. This can lead to dull spots or marks on the surface.
- **Not Scratch-Proof:** Despite being very hard, natural stone is not completely immune to scratches, especially from sharp objects or abrasive cleaning materials. It's advisable to use cutting boards and avoid dragging heavy or sharp items across the surface.
- **Heat Resistance with Caution:** While natural stone is heat-resistant, it's not advisable to place extremely hot items directly on it without a trivet or mat. Over time, thermal shock could potentially cause minor damage or affect the sealant.
- **UV Resistance but with Limitations:** While most natural stone is UV resistant and won't fade under normal sunlight exposure, prolonged or intense UV light can still subtly affect its appearance over many years, particularly in outdoor applications.
- **Natural Variations:** Each piece of natural stone is unique, and while we select high-quality slabs, natural fissures or inherent weaknesses can exist in the stone.

Understanding these particularities alongside the benefits will help in making an informed decision about whether quartzite is the right material for your home's countertops.

Remember, maintenance practices like sealing and cautious use can mitigate many of these issues.

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