

NATURAL STONE – CARE & MAINTAINENCE



PROTECTING YOUR STONE – DAILY CARE

- **Coasters** – Where possible – use coasters under all glasses specially the ones containing citrus or alcohol.
- **Avoid heat / Direct Contact with Hot products** – While Stone can withstand heat but it is recommended to use trivets / Heat Proof Mats under pots and pans. A pot direct off the stove top can cause the bench to crack due to thermal shock.
- **Spills** – Blot the spill with paper towel / lint free cloth immediately – do not wipe as it may spread the spill. Flush the area with warm soapy water & rinse several times and dry thoroughly with a soft cloth.
- **Air Fryers** – Air Fryers are not recommended directly over the benchtop due to heat from the product. Use a trivet under the appliance.
- **Weight on benchtop** – Under no circumstances, anyone shall climb up or sit on the natural stone benchtop. This may result in a crack / breakage of the benchtop. This also applies to anything heavy sitting permanently on bench (example Aquarium)
- **Cleaning** – Do Not use sandpaper or any cleaners that contain grit / abrasives to clean natural stone surface. We recommend cleaning surface with clean, soft cloth and fresh warm water.
- **Cutting Boards** – Use an anti slip mat under the chopping board & do not use cutting knives directly onto the benchtop.

KEEP THESE AWAY

While it is possible to remove stains on clean natural stone products using certain tools and cleaning products, there is no guarantee that these methods will work effectively. We recommend extra care if any of the below comes in contact with your natural stone benchtops

- Oil based Stains such as Grease, tar, Oil, Cosmetics
- Organic Stains such as Coffee, tea, fruit, tobacco, urine, bird droppings etc.
- Inorganic Metal Stains such as wrought iron, rust, copper & bronze utensils
- Paint & Ink Stains

Many of the above mentioned stains can be avoided by sealing the potentially porous stone benches. Use of a sealer will either provide enough time to remove the spill before any permanent staining can occur or minimise the extent of damage.

Please see the section below for further information on how to seal your stone benchtops

SEALER

Your Petra Global Natural Stone comes in sealed from the factory when we install it , we strongly recommend to seal you natural stone benchtop once every 8 – 12 months. A sealer is a solution applied to the surface of natural stone to protect it from staining.

We recommend using Impregnator / Penetrating sealers as they are the most effective type of liquid sealer, used to protect natural marble, limestone, travertine, onyx and granite benchtops, bartops, table and vanities from staining.

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Before sealing always:

- Read the manufacturer's Instructions.
- The day prior to the stone benchtop being sealed, the stone shall be properly cleaned to remove grease, oil, dirt and contaminants. If the stains are deep, the benchtop may require polishing or honing.
- The day after cleaning, restoration or repair, two thick coats of penetrating sealer shall be applied to the stone benchtop, with 10 minutes in between applications. Before the first coat of sealer dries completely the second coat shall be applied.
- Once the sealer has settled into the stone, the residue shall be buffed off with a towel.
- The stone benchtop can be used immediately; however water must not touch the sealed stone surface for at least 6 hours for a water based sealer or 12 hours for a solvent based sealer.