

# Care of your Quartz

Quartz composites are much harder than granite, and when formed with pigments and resins into slabs, which it produces a hardwearing, non-porous material. This material is lighter than granite, and retains the physical and mechanical characteristics of natural stone. Engineered stone is suitable for kitchens, bathrooms and comes in a variety of colours.

## **Daily Cleaning**

For daily cleaning it is sufficient to wipe the surface with a damp cloth and dry it with a clean cloth (we recommend a microfibre cloth). If you feel it is necessary you can clean the surface with a common neutral, **non-citrus/non-abrasive/non-bleach** detergent.

## Treating particularly resistant spots

In the presence of calcareous spots or stubborn marks that have dried on the surface, you can remove the solid part with a plastic spatula. If there is still some residue on the surface, you can remove it by scrubbing it with a circular movement with a sponge (i.e. Scotch Brite non scratch or similar) and a slightly abrasive liquid (i.e. CIF cream or similar) or common detergents, making sure to dilute with warm water. Rinse with plenty of hot water and dry the surface.

### Heat

Quartz surfaces are manufactured to resist high temperatures that could be reached during the normal use of a kitchen top, however, we do not recommend that the top should be in contact with direct or intense concentrated heat. Protect the top with a hot pan pad/trivet and do not put burning pans or electrical appliances that could become very hot or white hot directly onto the surface.

#### **Scratches**

In order to maintain the surface gloss overtime, we advise against cutting or chopping directly on the countertop surface. Please use a chopping board. Take extra care if you have chosen a dark coloured surface.

### Other precautions

Contact with harsh chemical products is never advisable. If you have accidentally spilled chemical substances on the surface (e.g. products to clean metals, ovens or brushes, paint removers, acids, solvents, acetone based products or alkaline based products etc) remove the spill immediately, rinse with warm water and drive with a clean cloth.

Your worktop is manufactured to resist knocks, however avoid banging the top and do not sit or stand on the work surface.