

Maintenance and Care

For Granite & Quartzite Benchtops

MAINTENANCE AND CARE *FOR GRANITE & QUARTZITE BENCHTOPS*

Honed and Textured surface finishes, such as brushed, leathered and flamed offer a more contemporary appearance while still being extremely durable and resistant to scratching.

Where there is an interest in a highly polished surface for kitchen or vanity benchtops, polished granite & quartzite is considered one of the most suitable materials. This is due to the hardness and density of the stone. The polish is also extremely durable and resistant to scratching.

As each material has its individual characteristics the scratch resistance, durability and performance varies from one material to another.

SEALING

On completion of the benchtop installation we recommend sealing with **Aqua Seal Gold +**

This is a penetrating sealer and does not change the appearance of the material or leave a film on the surface.

If the granite or quartzite selected is deemed to be porous and vulnerable to staining, consider resealing every 12 months.

GENERAL PROTECTION

The question of porosity and stain resistance also varies. While many granite & quartzite materials are non-porous with high resistance to staining, particularly black and darker colours.

Others have higher rates of porosity, likelihood of absorption and therefore some risk of staining.

Often it is the white and lighter coloured granites & quartzites that are more porous however this discussion is really related more to structure than colour and some white granite materials are highly stain resistant.

Where there is absorption of liquids, some darkening of the material may occur. While often dark areas resulting from absorption may dry out, on going exposure to spillages may result in a darkening of the material. This may be avoided or minimised with regular applications of **Delta Pulsar Wax**.

During application the “Pulsar” tends to dry quickly leaving application marks. These are best removed and the surface polished with a fine grade steel wool. Some marbles e.g. black or high quality white will scratch with steel wool and a coarse fabric or polishing pad should be used instead (if in doubt contact one of our staff to discuss).

In the event that the **Delta Pulsar Wax** is used on a regular basis, resealing with a penetrating sealer is no longer required as the wax effectively seals the surface.

MAINTENANCE & CLEANING

Regular maintenance is recommended in the form of periodic washing with warm, clean potable water.

Everyday cleaning can be done with the **Sealers Plus Range** of spray & wipe type cleaners for a rinse & streak free solution to killing odours, bacteria and germs, plus disinfecting and sanitising.

- **Sealers Plus Refresh +** is a ready to use one-step spray, clean & shine bench top cleaner designed for regular maintenance.
- **Sealers Plus Clean N Gleam** is a daily ready to use one-step spray, clean & shine bench top cleaner that will prolong the existing polished finish. Ideal for domestic & commercial use.
- **Sealers Plus Aquaguard** is a new generation ready to use one step cleaner & re-sealer. Use on all sealed Stone, Tile, Grout and other water safe surfaces to clean surface and prolong the performance of the existing sealer. Helps to remove surface dirt, grease & grime plus inhibit growth of mould, mildew and odours. Boosts the performance and longevity of existing natural look penetrating sealers.

Note: Always test in an inconspicuous area to determine ease of use, colour stability and desired results. End user must determine suitability of product for their own use.

PRODUCTS

All sealing and cleaning products are available to purchase directly from Stone Tile Warehouse at 62 Westchester Road, Malaga (08) 6558 0511 or our Bernini showroom at 181 Hay Street, Subiaco (08) 9388 1178

- Sealer Plus **Aqua Seal Gold +**
- Sealer Plus **ReFresh +**
- Sealer Plus **Clean N Gleam**
- Sealer Plus **Aquaguard**
- Delta **Pulsar Wax**

For further assistance with cleaning, sealing and maintenance please do not hesitate to contact our showroom representatives.