

Granite care and maintenance

Sealing / Staining

All natural materials are porous, some far less than others. Prior to leaving our factory all materials to be used for worktops are treated with one application of Lithofin Stainstop protective sealer. In order to achieve the best possible protection from staining etc, it is imperative you treat new work surfaces with additional coats of sealer (number of coats depend on porosity of material) prior to use. This is an easy process that should be repeated on an annual basis. When purchasing kitchen worktops we provide a care kit free of charge, for smaller items Stainstop can be purchased in 250ml, 500ml and 1ltr containers. The application of sealer, although effective, does not render the granite totally

impenetrable, merely increases the time to remove any substance that may potentially stain. We always recommend removing spillages such as red wine, olive oil, Indian food, ketchup, acidic fruits etc. immediately, especially with softer granites such as Kashmir White, Sivha Kashi, Giallo Veneziano etc. to avoid potential discoloration.

Heat resistance

Although granite is an igneous rock (formed by molten rock, being cooled and becoming solid) and extremely heat resistant, (if heated evenly and gradually), it can be susceptible to thermal shock. If a hot pot or pan is placed directly onto a cool granite work surface the sudden change in temperature could cause cracking. Therefore we always recommend using a trivet or pan stand.

Scratching and Chipping

Under normal conditions granite is extremely resistant to scratching and chipping, however dragging heavy objects that could have debris under should be avoided. Care should also be taken when lifting heavy items such as crueset in and out undermounted and butler sinks.

Routine Care

We recommend Lithofin MN Easyclean or Easycare, contained in our care kit, or available from our showroom, for general cleaning, although granite friendly products are now available in Sainsburys, Tesco etc. Only use cleaners specifically for natural stone or a mix of mild detergent and water. Limescale around taps and in drainer grooves can be removed with fine grade wire wool. To prevent Limescale build up always dry the granite after use.