

Corian® Care and Maintenance

Corian® was created for a lifetime of easy care. Just follow the simple guidelines listed here to help keep your Corian surfaces looking as fresh as the day they were installed. Your care and maintenance kit will provide you with the tips and tools to help you enjoy your new Corian® top for years to come.

Routine Care

Typically three countertop finishes are used: matte/satin, semi-gloss and high gloss*. Most countertops are finished with a matte/satin finish. All sinks have a matte finish. However, routine cleaning may raise the gloss level of the countertop over time. Soapy water, ammonia based cleaners (not window cleaners) or commercially available solid surface cleaners will remove most dirt and residue from all types of finishes. Stubborn residue will require a little stronger cleaner.

**Contact your local Corian™ sales expert if you are unsure of your finish.*

With over 100 colors and varying hues, some colors may appear to require more frequent cleaning to maintain their beauty. Darker colors tend to show fine scratches more easily and will require more attention than lighter colors.

Countertops

Cleaning All Finishes

Most Dirt and Residue- Use soapy water, ammonia based cleaner, (not window cleaners) rinse and wipe dry.

Preventing hard water marks- Wipe countertop dry after spills or cleaning.

Removing hard water marks- Use an over-the-counter cleaner formulated for removing hard water marks.

Difficult Residue- Spray residue with Deep Cleaner for Dupont Corian® from Stone Care International. Follow instructions on cleaner bottle. Wash area with soapy water, Rinse area with clean water and wipe dry. If residue persists, repeat process. If residue still persists, follow directions for removing scratches.

Disinfecting- Occasionally wipe surface with diluted household bleach. (1 part water/1part bleach). Rinse top thoroughly with water and wipe dry.

Sinks and Lavatories

Cleaning- Follow procedures above or use Soft Scrub®** and a green Scotch-Brite®* pad to remove residue. Rub a green Scotch-Brite®* pad over the entire sink to blend in finish. NOTE: Do not use Scotch-Brite® on countertop surface.

Disinfecting- Occasionally fill your sink ¼ full with diluted household bleach(1 part water/ 1 part bleach). Let stand for 15 minutes, then wash the sides and bottom as solution drains. Rinse sink with water.

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Caution

- *Do Not* get bleach solution in eyes or on bare skin.
Always follow the manufacturer's safety precautions.
- Over-the-counter cleaners, such as, Clean Encounters® may be used for routine cleaning in place of soap and water.
- To enhance the gloss level on semi-gloss and high-gloss finishes, use a countertop polish such as Countertop Magic®1, Hope's Countertop Polish®2 or Enhance Countertop Polish®3

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2 Hope's Countertop Polish is a registered trademark of The Hope Co.

3 Enhance Countertop Polish is a registered trademark of Eastern Marble Co.

Preventing Heat Damage

Corian® is an excellent material for heat resistance. As with all countertop material, it is important to minimize direct heat exposure to protect your surface and investment. Always use heat trivets or hot pads when placing hot objects on any surface. Allow cook-ware to cool before placing them into a Corian® sink.

Preventing Other Damage

In most cases Corian® can be repaired if accidentally damaged. However be sure to follow the guidelines here to prevent any permanent damage to Corian®.

- Avoid Exposing Corian® to strong chemicals, such as paint removers, oven cleaners, etc. If contact occurs, quickly flush the surface with water.
- Do *not* cut directly on Corian® countertops.
- Boiling water alone will not damage your Corian® sink, however it's a good practice to run your faucet while pouring boiling water into your sink.
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Removing minor cuts and scratches*

Because the solid beauty of Corian® goes all the way through, Corian® surfaces are completely renewable. You can remove minor cuts and scratches yourself by following these instructions.

- Remove abrasive pads from care kit.
- First, wash the area to remove any film that may clog the pads. Start with the Green pad. (Pad color from roughest to smoothest is: White, Yellow, Green, Peach, Lilac, Blue, Gray.) Rub the scratch in a straight line to remove it. Periodically switch rubbing direction 90°. Be sure all of the scratch is removed. If this first step takes too long, try the yellow pad. To minimize dust during sanding, wet the surface. Rinse pad periodically to clean residue.
- Clean top with water. Inspect to see if scratch was removed. If scratch remains, repeat previous step. If scratch is gone, select next finer grit and repeat process. Rub over a larger area to blend in sanding.
- Continue process using successively finer grits until the area blends closely with the surrounding surface gloss. Wash area to remove all sanding dust and residue. Rinse with clean water and wipe dry.
- Rinse out all pads and air dry before putting them away.

An alternative is to contact your retailer who can arrange for professional refinishing. This service will be at your cost.

For large defects and repairs or for complete professional routine professional refurbishing service, contact your local Corian® sales expert.