SOLID MARBLE CARE GUIDE



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Solid Marble Tops are the ultimate statement piece for venues looking to exude luxuriousness and class. Made from real Carrara Marble, a popular choice for table tops due to its durability, elegance, and classic beauty.

Often used in both modern and traditional interior design styles and known for its white or grey background with darker veins running through it.

STAINS & MARKS

There are three types of marking that may occur on Solid Marble:

Scratching

Compared to wood, stone is a much harder material to scratch but this can occur. Generally the worst items to cause this are items with unglazed bottoms and sharp edges.

Staining

This usually occurs when tea or coffee pots are put directly on a top. Placemats can be used as a solution to this. When a pot pours badly, the liquid runs down the spout and collects at the bottom of the pot. When this is then placed on the stone, the brown liquid is trapped under the hot pot. The law of physics states that liquids are driven away from heat, therefore they will overcome the sealant and light staining will occur.

Etching

This is a reaction between the acid in liquids we consume such as colas, wine, citrus juices, vinegarbased sauces and calcium, which is the main mineral content within marble and limestone. The acid matters the polish level of the material which can be seen as rings from wine glasses, bottles etc.

CLEANING SOLID MARBLE

There are three methods for cleaning Solid Marble:

Hot soapy water Effective and easy to use.

Biocide Cleaners

These are great at killing bacteria but may leave a smeary finish.

White Spirit

A very good release agent and will remove stubborn marks

PROTECTING SOLID MARBLE

All of our Solid Marble tops have been sealed prior to dispatch:

Sealants

We use a product called StoneCHEM[©] Safeguard to seal our marble table tops, however there are many alternative sealants online that can also be used. Just ensure that it is a sealant specifically designed for use with solid marble.

Sealants work by clogging the pores of the stone. This helps to prevent the marble from absorbing liquids and help stop colours getting into the stone by extending the period of time to clean up a spillage. It is NOT a surface coating and will not prevent etching.

Depending on how often they are cleaned we recommend applying a thin layer of sealant every 6 to 12 months

Speak to us about purchasing StoneCHEM Safeguard sealant

CARING FOR SOLID MARBLE

Taking just a few precautions like routine sealing with your marble will mitigate, and sometimes eliminate any problems whatsoever.

- Wipe anything that spills on marble as soon as possible to avoid the chance of staining or etching.
- Use coasters under glasses or bottles.
- Use mats or trivets to place hot items on marble.
- Follow a daily and periodic cleaning routine.
- Use clean cloths each time. Ensure your cloths are soft.
- · Change cleaning water frequently during cleaning.
- Always rinse using clean, warm water.
- · Always follow the directions on your cleaner and avoid mixing chemicals unless specified.
- Abrasives can cause scratches.
- Avoid using chemical cleaners, acids like vinegar and lime juice, grout cleaners, tub or tile cleaners on marble. They will etch or dull the stone.



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