

Facts About Natural Stone

Stone is a 100% natural product and every slab has its own unique qualities and characteristics. These range from variances in porosity to natural pitting, to areas of crystal deposits embedded within the stone. As well, each stone had its unique lines of motion and patterns.

Stone is a common term that classifies: marbles, granite, slate, limestone, and soapstone. Stone is a natural solid formation of one or many minerals. Quarries are located all around the world. As these quarries are mined deeper, the appearances of colours and patterns and the quality of the stone slab can change. It is therefore recommended that all customers first view their slab at a stone distributor to reduce any disappointment with the overall look of their counter surface.

Stone has the ability to reflect light differently and hence the same stone may appear different when viewed in many types of lighting and at different angles. Even slabs that have been chosen from a distributor will appear different in our home due to differences in light quality. The stone may also vary in colour of wave of motion from one side to another depending on the concentration of mineral and crystals embedded within the stone. Therefore it is not always possible with a natural product, when installed, to be book matched across a joint or corner seam.

Care Instructions

- “GranQuartz: 3-in-1 Spray Cleaner” is excellent for cleaning your stone counter.
- Do not use ammonia based cleaners, abrasive cleaners or thick cream cleaning solutions.
- Common strainers: red wine or mustard should not remain on the counter for any length of time.
- Common etchers: any acid based food or sauces (i.e. citrus and tomato) should not remain on the counter for any length of time.
- Refrain from cutting directly on the stone counter.
- Refrain from placing hot pots directly on the stone counter.

Most stone surfaces are porous and act like a sponge in the presence of moisture and fluids. Since most natural stones are by no means impervious to staining, a penetrating sealer should be applied for protection. Your stone counter will be thoroughly sealed with layers of an impregnating sealer. It will help to protect against water, oil, and other common stains. Resealing your top is a preventative option, especially with a high-use counter top, and will allow you to achieve maximum protection.

Occasionally, during the formation process of the stone, natural weak spots or fissures occur in the stone. The polishing process of the surface of the stone typically masks or hides these fissures from the eye. Through normal use and wear and tear, a fissure may open wider, becoming a large and obvious crack in the surface of the stone. Therefore, Sloan Stonedesign is not liable for cracks and fissures that appear after installation.