



Granttech Limited Care Sheet

Please read this care sheet before the first use of your Granite, Marble & Quartz.



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Thank you for choosing Granttech to supply your new kitchen worktops. We have provided this Care Sheet to help you enjoy your Granite/Marble/Quartz to it's full extent. If you follow our recommendations, your worktops will prove their performance quality for many years to come.

Granite Care

1) Your worktops will have been sealed by our professional fitters after installation. The reason we seal the work tops is because Granite and Marble are porous materials, which means they are capable of soaking up spills etc.

Some Granites / Marbles are more porous than others, which means that you may find in the future, resealing your granite may be necessary.

We seal all the worktops with a product called 'Dry Treat'. This product is extremely effective once it has had time to cure. After the final application (done at the time of fitting), we ask that you do not use your worktops for at least 24 hours and from then on, all spills must be cleaned up immediately for the following 28 days allowing the 'Dry Treat' time to cure fully.

2) We do recommend that a specialised stone cleaner is used and that it is applied with a clean white and lint free cloth.

Please do not to use normal household cleaners as these often contain chemicals that are harmful to natural stone. The reason for this is that they usually penetrate inside the granite and strip away the sealer that has been put on to help protect your worktop from stains and spills.

3) Speaking of spills, once the 'Dry Treat' is fully cured, the granite should not soak up anything particularly quickly, but we do recommend that you clean away spills as quickly as you can, especially anything that is **ACIDIC, OIL BASED** or **STRONGLY COLOURED**, such as orange juice, vinegar, red wine or beetroot.

However where Marble is involved we recommend that you clean away all spills immediately for the life time of your worktops as marble in particular can be far more susceptible than granite and quartz to acid related damage.

NEVER use any products containing ammonia or acid, such as bathroom cleaners and avoid all grout cleaners or any cleaners that contain grit.

There are plenty of specialised cleaners available for use on your granite but the cleaner that we sell and recommend is 'Rejuvenata' by 'DryTreat' £11.65 inc VAT. This particular product works hand in hand with the 'Dry Treat' sealer in keeping your worktops in full working order.

Wipe with kitchen roll or similar until dry to achieve that smudge and smear free look once you have finished cleaning.

4) We do not recommend cutting with sharp knives directly on your work top, this is not likely to damage your worktop but it may blunt your best cooking knife. We recommend the use of a chopping board where possible.

5) Granite is a very strong and durable stone, but it is not indestructible. We also advise not to work on the very edge of your work top when cutting and try to avoid hitting or banging the edge with heavy objects as this can cause chips. However, it is usually possible to repair minor chips. Please do not throw the damaged material away, we may need them.

6) Do use trivets, mats or even just a tea towel under any extremely hot dishes, this is to prevent any heat damage and to help prevent scratching caused by heavy pans. Again, this is not particularly easily done, but it can happen.

We manufacture granite chopping boards which can be used for this purpose. If you have any queries that we have not answered on this care sheet, please feel free to call and ask for any advice you may need on **01244 549718**.

Lighter Shades of Granite

If you have chosen one of our lighter shades of granite or marble, we recommend that you seal your worktops on a more regular basis. This is due to the lighter coloured granites and marbles being slightly more porous, which means it has the potential to absorb moisture more easily if spills are left on for long periods of time. Lighter colours will generally show marks or stains more than the darker colours.

When purchasing any products to use on your granite / marble / quartz, please ensure that it is designed for use with the type of stone you have and always follow the manufacturers instructions. In if doubt, we sell a range of products including sealants that are perfect for use with your new worktops.

Honed Granite

Honed granite can be susceptible to ring marks left by hot cups and mugs, in particular ones made of bone china. We highly recommend the use of coasters to reduce the risk of leaving marks on your work surface. Honed granite does not have the highly polished finish of other granite, making it more prone to marking.

Recommended Products

As mentioned earlier in this leaflet, we highly recommend the use of 'Rejuvenata' by 'Dry Treat' as your specialised cleaning product. This everyday cleaner contains small amounts of the 'Dry Treat' product that we use to seal all of our worktops. 'Rejuvenata' works alongside the 'Dry Treat' sealer, topping up the sealing properties after each use.

Natural Stone, Natural Beauty

Please note: As granite is a product of nature there will be some variation from piece to piece. These variations can include veining, pitting and natural impurities which do not affect the quality of the stone, but aid in its uniqueness. Certain colours/types of granite may be more prone to these variations than others.

For any technical support please contact Granttech directly on: 01244 549 718.