

Natural Stone

Care & Maintenance

Stone Direct Solutions take great pride in supplying beautiful natural stone to their clients. Like many luxury products and particularly those that are natural, this will require some simple care and maintenance. The information in this guide will help you to understand what to expect and how to care for your stone bench top.

Staining and Scratching

As a natural product, different stones have different natural characteristics, both in look and physical properties. All natural stones have some degree of porosity, meaning they can be absorbent of liquids which can lead to stains. Some stones are more porous than others, dependent on their natural density.

The best preventative measure to avoid staining is to correctly seal your stone. We recommend you reseal your bench top every 3 to 4 months. Speak with your stonemason about their process for sealing natural stone.

It is important to note that sealing your stone does NOT stop it from staining; it simply buys you a window of opportunity to clean the spill before staining occurs. This timeframe will differ depending on your material, so be aware that it can take anywhere from 1-2 minutes for some liquids to penetrate stone.

By following these simple steps, stains on your new stone bench top should be entirely avoidable:

- *Thoroughly wipe up all spills immediately*
- *Do not chop directly on the stone - always use a chopping board to avoid scratching the surface*
- *Be vigilant about avoiding lemon juice, wine, vinegar and anything acidic contacting your stone*
- *Keep cosmetics and fragrances away from the stone surface*
- *Always place something heat resistant like a chopping board under hot pots and pans*

Specialised Sealing

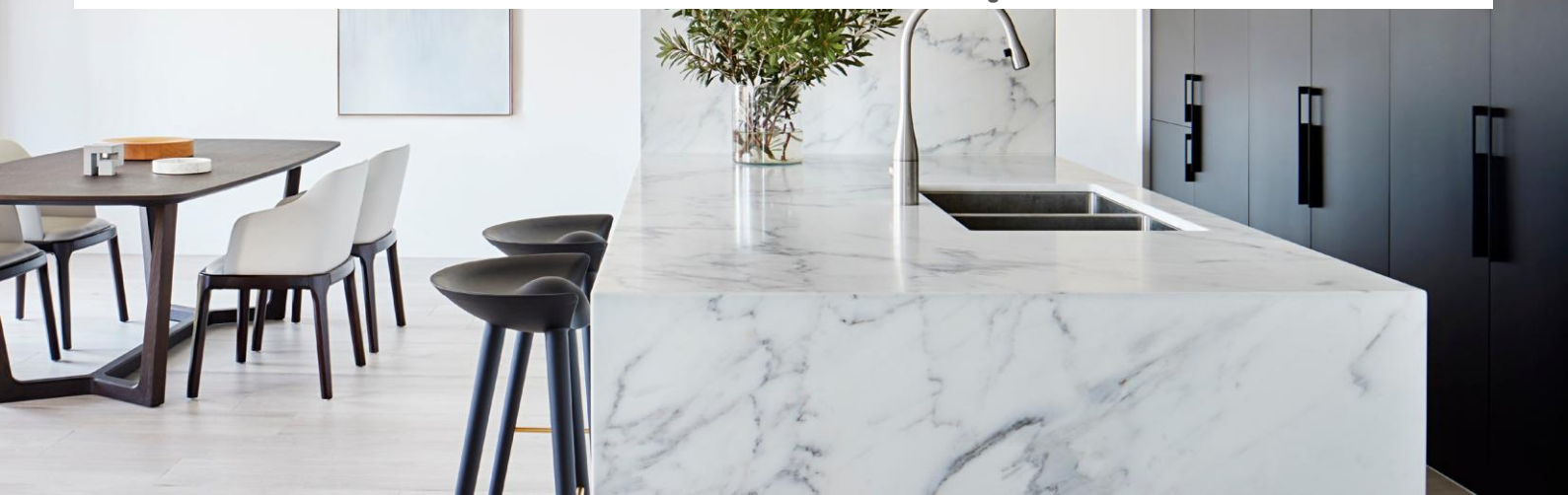
New innovative technologies are making care and maintenance of stone a thing of the past, allowing you to choose the stone you simply like the look of the most. One such product named Tuffskin is a polyester film that creates a physical yet practically invisible barrier between your stone and staining liquids and hot objects. Tuffskin is best used on smooth stones that are free of surface texture or natural holes.

For more information on Tuffskin or specialised sealing and maintenance of stone, MultiForm recommend you contact RockStar Sealing - the industry leader in sealing and maintenance to discuss the best options for your needs. Details are below:

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Chipping and breakages

Just like some stones are more absorbent than others, some stones are naturally stronger than others, due to their ecological makeup and density. By following some very simple guidelines, the strength of your stone should not be a concern.

- *Ensure your stone is always correctly supported by your cabinetry, which is best done by engaging a professional and reputable cabinet maker*
- *Do not put anything hot directly on your bench*
- *Do not stand on your bench*
- *Avoid applying excessive force or impact to your bench*

Under mount & flush mount sinks

Whilst undermount sinks are increasingly popular due to their sleek and modern look, this option can make your stone more prone to chipping around the rim due to accidents like banging pots or pans. It is simply something to be aware of, but can be repaired - how seamless the repair can be depends on the look and colour of the stone.

It is important to note that the lips of flush-mount sinks may not sit perfectly flush on your stone and are subject to a very small space in between. This is due to the variance in the shapes of the sinks and is unavoidable but is typically very negligible and almost undetectable.



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