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## CLEANING PROCEDURES AUREA STONE

**Maintaining Aurea Stone is easy. Simply wash with a soft cotton cloth and warm water, and Neutral balance cleaner for Natural Stone.**

### **Daily (regular) cleaning**

For routine cleaning, simply wipe down your countertop with a damp cloth or paper towel and a Neutral balance cleaner for Natural Stone.

### **Sweeping off the dust and dirt with a dry mop**

Spray a clean and damp dust mop with an antistatic aerosol 6 or 7 times and leave it to stay overnight to dry prior to use. Mop the floor in the morning. Scotch-Brite (by 3M) Electrostatic Dusting Cloth and Sweeper, whether dry or damp, are also successful in picking up dust and dirt from quartz surfaces without leaving any lint.

### **Clean Up Spills Right Away — Before They Can Dry**

For stubborn or dried spills, use a nonabrasive cleaning pad such as a white 3M Scotch-Brite® scrub pad coupled with PH balance cleaner for natural Stone and also Soft Scrub, Bar Keepers Friend.

### **Removing stubborn stains and dried spills**

Any multi-purpose cleaner or detergent can be safely applied on these stains provided that water is used to cleanse the surface thoroughly off the detergent residues after treatment.

For extra-stubborn spills, use light-colored Scotch-Brite (3M) sponge to remove the dirt. Scrubbing done with the above mentioned cleaning products would not damage quartz surface. Surfaces should never let dry out without rinsing thoroughly any residual cleansers.

### **Removing spots**

To remove adhered materials like food, gum, nail polish and dried paint, first scrape away the excess with a spatula. If there are any gray metal marks left on the surface, one of the regular cleaning agents and light-colored Scotch-Brite (3M) sponge will remove it. Finally wash and rinse the surface properly.

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## Periodic cleaning

It is recommended that quartz surfaces subject to heavy traffic of use be treated (once in a month besides daily cleaning) with a heavy duty (an intensive) and neutral cleanser, which is stronger than a daily cleaning product. Such type of a periodic cleaning will provide mirror gloss effect. In the use of industrial cleaning machines, make sure that soft pads are used on the machines while strictly avoiding wax strippers.

Customers that use industrial-cleaning machines daily and periodically should always use appropriate types of pad and brush. In order for the dense dirtiness to resolve, professional cleaning products are applied by using a cleaning machine with plastic brush or soft pad. Following the application of the cleanser, rinse the surface thoroughly with water.

## Cleaning after application

All grout that might have been smeared onto the flooring or other substances that might have been spilled over the tiles during installation must be removed by the application team. Cleaning can be easily done with a piece of damp cloth or sponge. No substance should be allowed to dry out on the flooring that has been smeared or spilled during application. Following installation, Bendurol Forte by Henkel, D5 and R70 by Lever and similar cleansers can be used, however since such products may negatively affect the grouts (causing them to dissolve and making joints get apart), care must be taken to avoid contact with the grouts and the cleansers must be thoroughly rinsed off.

All cleansers should be prepared at recommended concentrations as described on product labels and surfaces should be rinsed with water after treatment.

## What Not to Use

If any of the substances mentioned below come into contact with your Aurea Stone quartz, rinse the exposed surface immediately and thoroughly with water.

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**No Wax or Polish Necessary** - Because it is nonporous, the Aurea Stone quartz does not require sealants or waxes.

**Do not use Bleach** - Avoid using cleaners that contain bleach. Always follow the cleaner manufacturer's use instructions and exercise proper care when handling and storing any cleaning products.

**Avoid High-pH Cleaners** - Highly alkaline (high pH) cleaners, such as oven cleaners and concentrated bleach, are not recommended.

**Removing Cooking Grease** - When grease from cooking is an issue, use Greased Lightning™, or a comparable degreasing product, to help loosen and remove the grease from the surface. Follow the cleaner manufacturer's instructions for use.

**Permanent Markers** - Keep permanent markers and inks away from your countertops. Should these materials come into contact with the surface, clean first as outlined above in the Everyday Cleaning section. If the stain persists, moisten a cloth with Goo Gone®, or a comparable product, and rub it into the stain. Rinse thoroughly with warm water to remove any cleaner residue.

**Keep Solvents and Powerful Chemicals Off the Counter** - Avoid exposing Aurea Stone quartz to strong chemicals and solvents, especially paint removers or furniture strippers containing trichlorethane or methylene chloride.

**Heat Damage Prevention** - Do not place hot skillets or roasting pans directly onto the surface. We recommend the use of trivets and hot pads.

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