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## Cleaning, Protecting and Maintenance of Engineered Stone

The ranges of engineered stone available today are tough and impervious requiring little to no maintenance. They are designed to withstand commercial and domestic situations in every day life. Engineered stone is just like any other stone and is not exempt from staining, surface damage and general wear and tear. Few engineered stones contain a composition of marble or limestone which can be easily effected by acidic, chlorine or alkaline based products.

### Initial cleaning of newly installed surfaces

During the laying and grouting of engineered stone floor tiles, grout residues will be left behind which will make the floor appear grey and colourless. Cleaning with MN Power-Clean will result in a clean surface with a defined texture. It is recommended that all if not most residues be removed from the surface when grouting. If the engineered stone has a marble or limestone composite, only use MN Power-Clean to remove grout residues.

### Used surfaces with deeply ingrained dirt

Incorrect or inadequate care will eventually give the most beautiful floor an unsightly appearance. Cleaning the surface with MN Power-Clean removes any dirt encrustations and restores the original appearance of the material. Depending on the degree of incrustations the product can be diluted. Brushing the surface will support and enhance the effectiveness of the cleaning agent.

### Non-typical types of dirt

Oily and greasy dirt as well as care product residues can easily be removed with MN Power-Clean. In extremely stubborn cases and on tar, wax, glazes, sealants etc use WAX OFF.

### Protection

Because of the denseness of resin based engineered stone, sealing with an impregnating sealer is generally not possible as there are no pours or capillaries for the impregnator to penetrate. Because of the smooth dense finish of engineered stone, topical sealers will not adhere to the surface.

For this reason we recommend using MN Polish-Cream on small areas, and MN Polish (liquid-wax) for large areas. These products provide a thin film to protect and enhance the surface appearance.

Note: All layer-forming products are only suitable for indoor use and will change the slip-resistance of the material.

## Maintenance

All floor surfaces should be wiped regularly or daily in commercial locations with MN Easy-Care. This product will clean and maintain the surface in one step. With continued use, surfaces become more beautiful and less sensitive. For kitchen bench tops, vanities, window sills, glass, stainless steel and other small areas MN Easy-Clean spray is a ready to use streak free hygienic cleaner.

Outdoors: Regularly use MN Easy-Care. Green stains left by plants and the like can be removed with MN Power-Clean.

With correct maintenance impregnating sealers will last for at least 10-15 years indoors and approximately 7-10 years outdoors. Maintenance products assist the lifetime of the sealers and the appearance of the stone surface. The use of incorrect cleaners will affect the longevity of the sealer and stones composition.

Important: Avoid using, resting or placing products on your engineered stone surfaces that may contain methylated spirits, bleaches, chlorine, acid, citric acid and corrosives. These types of products can cause permanent damage to the surface composition and will break down the sealer. Limit the use of wax or acrylate-based products as they promote a build up of layers.

Incompatible products reduce the longevity of sealed surfaces and will affect the surface composition.

This information should be considered to be informal and non-binding. The products must be used according to local conditions and materials. Instructions must be read carefully and followed closely, Technical Information sheets available. When no previous experience is available, or in case of doubt, tests the product in an inconspicuous area.

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