

QUARTZFORMS



MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

MAINTENANCE:

QUARTZFORMS PRODUCTS ARE HIGHLY COMPACTED AND NON-POROUS SURFACE, THUS REQUIRING NO SPECIAL TREATMENT. QUARTZFORMS PRODUCTS DO NOT ABSORB LIQUIDS, SMELLS OR FOOD FATS. SINCE THEY ARE NOT POROUS, THEY DO NOT ALLOW THE PROLIFERATION OF BACTERIA, RESIST ACIDS, ARE EASY TO CLEAN AND HYGIENIC. QUARTZFORMS PRODUCTS ARE RESISTANT TO STAINS AND WEAR AND TEAR, SCORES, SCRATCHES AND LIGHT BANGS.

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS:

- Although the material is resistant to high temperatures, it should still be protected with potholders to avoid the direct contact of the saucepan or kitchenware surfaces when they have just come off the stove. Indeed, direct contact with overheated objects or flames might result in permanent marks due to the heating of the resin or cracks created by the thermal shock. The counter should never be used as an ironing board.
- Although resistant to scores and scratches, if its original appearance is to be preserved, the use of chopping boards is always to be advised.
- Furthermore, the work tops should never be overloaded with weights exceeding 50 kg (do not stand or sit on the counter) and make sure blunt objects do not fall on it (knives, bottles, saucepans, working tools, etc) which, owing to their shape, may cause cracks that are difficult if not impossible to repair.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CLEANING THE QUARTZFORMS

ADVICE FOR CLEANING POLISHED SURFACES

FOR EVERYDAY CLEANING USE A SOFT CLOTH MOISTENED WITH WATER AND NEUTRAL DETERGENT.

FOR PERSISTENT STAINS AGGRESSIVE ACID-BASED DETERGENTS SUCH AS VIAKAL, AIAX BAGNO, CIF, ETC. MAY ALSO BE USED.

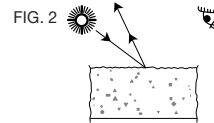
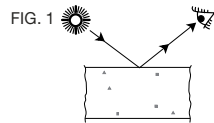
THANKS TO THE OUTSTANDING COMPACTNESS OF THE MATERIAL, THE ROUGH SIDE OF KITCHEN SPONGES MAY ALSO BE USED. AVOID CLEANING THE SURFACES WITH DENATURED ALCOHOL WHICH MIGHT LEAVE STREAKS THAT ARE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE WHEN IT DRIES.

AVOID CLEANING THE SURFACE WITH PRODUCTS CONTAINING BLEACH OR THOSE WITH A HIGH BASIC PH WHICH, IF APPLIED EXTENSIVELY, MIGHT CREATE WHITISH STREAKS. OTHER PRODUCTS THAT MIGHT HARM THE SURFACE ARE TRICOTILENE, INDUSTRIAL SOLVENTS, HYDROFLUORIC ACID, CAUSTIC SODA, AND VARNISH SOLVENTS.

ADVICE FOR CLEANING HONED BRUSHED SURFACES

THE SMOOTHING AND SANDBLASTING OF THE SURFACES TO OBTAIN BRUSHED, SURFACE IS DONE MECHANICALLY WITH THE APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT THAT CARRIES OUT THE MECHANICAL WORKING PROCESS NEEDED TO OBTAIN THE VARIOUS FINISHES BY REMOVING PART OF THE MATERIAL. THE RESULTING SURFACES THEREFORE HAVE KNURLS OR DEGREES OF UNEVENNESS THAT ARE EVIDENT TO VARYING DEGREES, SO THAT THE MATERIAL DOES NOT REFLECT THE LIGHT LIKE A POLISHED SURFACE, BUT IS OPAQUE AND ROUGH TO THE TOUCH.

IF ONE OBSERVES THE TWO FIGURES DESCRIBING A POLISHED AND A SMOOTH FINISH, ONE CAN SEE THAT THE POLISHED SURFACE COUNTER IS PERFECTLY RECTILINEAR WHILE THE ONE WITH THE OPAQUE SURFACE HAS AN IRREGULAR LINE. THIS IS WHY THE SURFACES FINISHED SO THEY HAVE A BRUSHED SURFACE MAY HAVE PROBLEMS REGARDING DIRTINESS. INDEED, THE DIRT PARTICLES ON THE POLISHED SURFACE ARE EASY TO REMOVE SINCE NO PHYSICAL OBSTACLE IS KEEPING THEM BACK, WHILE ON THE OTHER SURFACE THERE MAY BE DEPOSITS ON THE MICRO-KNURLS OR SMALL BUMPS THAT ARE MORE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE.



RESISTANCE TO USE OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTS

PRODUCT	EFFECT
Aiax bagno	no visible effect
Spic & span	no visible effect
Mastro lindo	no visible effect
Cif multiuse	no visible effect
Cif with bleach	no visible effect
Finish dishwasher liquid light streaks	light streaks
	no visible effect
Fornet	no visible effect
Drago pulisan	no visible effect
Smac brillacciaio	no visible effect
Baysan multiuso	no visible effect
Lyso-form kitchen Denatured alcohol	no visible effect
Viakal	no visible effect
Vetril	no visible effect
Vim liquid	no visible effect

RESISTANCE TO STAINS

PRODUCT	EFFECT
acetic acid (10% aqueous solution)	no visible effect
ammonia (10% solution)	no visible effect
red wine	no visible effect
citric acid(10% aqueous solution)	no visible effect
detergent solution	no visible effect
coffee (applied 80°)	no visible effect
chloramine t (2,5%aqueous solution)	no visible effect
black marker	mark
ethanol (48% aqueous solution)	no visible effect
etyl-butyl acetane (1:1)	no visible effect
olive oil	no visible effect
coca cola	no visible effect
sodium bicarbonate	no visible effect
sodium chloride (10% aqueous solution)	no visible effect
tea (applied at 80°)	no visible effect
condensed milk	no visible effect
light beer	no visible effect