

## Care and Maintenance

### ***Everyday Cleaning***

Because all Talostone® Artsense® surfaces are high in density and low in porosity, normal cleaning with a damp cloth and mild detergent\* is all that is required to maintain your Talostone® Artsense® bench tops. Be sure to rinse thoroughly after cleaning with clean water before drying off with a soft, clean microfibre cloth using round, circular motions.

Whenever possible, we recommend wiping up any spills on your bench top surface with a soft cloth or kitchen paper while the spills are still damp. If further cleaning is needed, apply a spray of mild detergent and leave for 2-3 minutes before rinsing thoroughly and drying.

We do not recommend using abrasive cleaners or pads on Talostone® Artsense® surfaces as these could damage the surface finish and/or reduce the surface shine.

### ***Deep Cleaning***

We recommend thoroughly cleaning your Talostone® Artsense® surfaces on a regular basis to keep them looking as-new.

For a deep clean, we recommend using a soft cloth or non-abrasive sponge and a bar of regular soap. Wet the cloth and rub it on the surface of the soap before applying it to the Talostone® Artsense® surface. Clean your bench top using small, circular motions whilst applying firm pressure then rinsing thoroughly with clean water and dry using circular movements with a clean, soft microfibre cloth.

Alternatively, you can also use our Talostone® Cream Cleanser\*\* for a deep clean, simply follow above procedures.

### ***Stubborn or Hard Stains***

If a stain is unnoticed and accidentally left for an extended period of time, it may become dry and difficult to clean. We recommend spraying the area with warm soapy water and leaving it for 5 minutes. Once the dried residue becomes soft, it can be removed with a dry, soft cloth. If the stain proves to be stubborn, Talostone® Cream Cleanser\*\* and a damp cloth may be used. Please apply the cleaning cream to the cloth rather than directly onto the surface.

Stronger cleaners such as universal solvents like acetone, thinners, turpentine, diluted bleach or peroxide may also be used to target problem stains. If using any of these stronger cleaners, please ensure to follow manufacturer guidelines and use extreme caution to avoid incidents or accidents.

*\*Please reach out to our Head Office for advice on the best detergents for your selected stone.*

### ***Satin and Textured finishes***

As the surface texture on the Satin and Textured finishes are significantly different in relation to shine, glossy substances such as water marks, finger prints and product residue tend to be more visible on these surfaces.

Streaking is usually the result of water or cleaning products being left to dry on its own accord which, when dry, will show up as a different finish from the Talostone® Artsense® bench top when reflected by light.

Satin and Textured surfaces traditionally require more daily maintenance than polished finishes. With a Satin or Textured finish, there is more surface area so marks, stains and other signs of daily living will show more easily on these surfaces. Most marks or stains can be removed easily using non-abrasive cleaning products mentioned above.

### ***Heat Tolerance***

Talostone® Artsense® sintered stone can withstand exceptionally high temperatures. However, as with all stone surfaces, any sudden or rapid temperature change can cause thermal shock. Thermal shock may cause discolouration, cracks, chipping or other damage so we strongly advise against hot pots, pans or plates being placed directly onto the surface.

### ***Scratch Resilience***

Because all Talostone® Artsense® products are exceptionally strong and durable, they are highly scratch resistant and robust. However, the surface is not indestructible and any stone can be damaged by hard or other sharp objects. We strongly recommend the use of a cutting board to avoid damage to your Talostone® Artsense® surface.

### ***Cleaning Agents to Avoid***

All Talostone® Artsense® surfaces are manufactured to the highest chemical resistance levels available but strong chemicals or solvents may still permanently damage the slab. We strongly advise that you avoid any contact with strong chemicals such as Hydrofluoric Acid or Caustic Soda. If your Talostone® Artsense® surface is accidentally exposed to such chemicals, rinse the area immediately with clean water to neutralise the effect.

*\*\*A complimentary Talostone® Cleaning Kit, which includes our Cream Cleanser, will be sent directly to customers who complete the Talostone® online Warranty Registration Form. Further stock can also be purchased from our website. [www.talostone.com.au](http://www.talostone.com.au)*

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