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Care and Maintenance

Everyday Cleaning

Because all Talostone® MinQ® Zero 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® MinQ® Zero bench tops. Just be sure to rinse thoroughly after with clean water before drying off with a soft, clean microfibre cloth using round, circular motions. Gentle sprays may also be used but we recommend rinsing thoroughly afterwards to avoid product buildup on your Talostone® MinQ® Zero bench tops.

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® MinQ® Zero surfaces as these could damage the surface finish and/or reduce the surface shine.

Please do not leave soapy water sitting on your Talostone® MinQ® Zero surfaces as caustic soda and other ingredients used in various soaps and dish washing liquids may erode the surface finish and damage the stone over time. Place protective mats under washed dishes and drying racks, rinse sink and tap surround with clean water after every use and dry area thoroughly using a soft clean cloth.

Deep Cleaning

We recommend thoroughly cleaning your Talostone® MinQ® Zero 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® MinQ® Zero surface. Clean your bench top using small, circular motions whilst applying firm pressure before rinsing thoroughly with clean water and dry using circular movements with a clean, soft microfibre cloth.

Alternatively, you can also us our Talostone® Cream Cleanser** for a deep clean. Simply follow above procedures but use less pressure to prevent damaging the surface.

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, following the above mentioned procedures. Please apply the cleaning cream to the cloth rather than directly onto the surface. Stains or marks that have been left for some time may not be removed completely after just one clean. In these instances, please deep clean the area daily until all marks disappear completely.

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Matte and Leather honed finishes

Matte and Leather Honed surfaces traditionally require more daily maintenance than polished finishes. Due to the difference in texture on Matte or Leather Honed finishes, stains and other signs of daily living will show more easily on these surfaces.

As the surface reflection on the Matte and Leather Honed finishes are also significantly different in relation to shine, glossy substances such as water marks, finger prints and cleaning 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® MinQ® Zero bench top when reflected by light. Most marks or stains can be removed easily using non-abrasive cleaning products mentioned above.

Heat Tolerance

Talostone® MinQ® Zero Mineral Surfaces contains natural quartz which allows the surface to tolerate brief exposures to moderately warm temperatures. However, as with all stone surfaces, any sudden or rapid temperature change can cause thermal shock, discolouration or other damage so we strongly advise against hot pots, pans or plates being placed directly onto the surface.

Scratch Resilience

Because all Talostone® MinQ® Zero Mineral surfaces are engineered, they are highly scratch resistant and durable. However, the surface is not indestructible and any stone can be damaged by metal or other sharp objects. We strongly recommend the use of a cutting board to avoid damage to your Talostone® MinQ® Zero surface.

Cleaning Agents to Avoid

All Talostone® MinQ® Zero surfaces are engineered to the highest chemical resistance levels available but strong chemicals or solvents may still permanently damage the slab. We do not recommend the use of any strong caustic chemical cleaners. If your Talostone® MinQ® Zero surface is accidentally exposed to such chemicals, rinse the area immediately with clean water to neutralise the effect. Even when a spill has been wiped away, residual chemicals may remain on the surface if the area has not been thoroughly rinsed, further damaging the stone surface.

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Sink and Tap Surrounds

Talostone® MinQ® Zero products, as well as previous versions thereof, are highly durable, non-porous material, designed to withstand normal everyday use. However, like most surfaces, it is not completely immune to changes in appearance or surface texture when exposed to certain chemicals, substances or conditions.

Areas immediately surrounding sinks and tapware are particularly susceptible due to frequent contact with water, cleaning products, dishwashing liquids and other household substances. Although mild detergents are generally suitable for everyday cleaning, their chemical compositions can vary considerably between brands. Some products may contain ingredients that, when left in prolonged contact with the surface, can potentially affect the resin components or surface finish of stone, resulting in dullness, discolouration or changes in texture.

Prolonged moisture can also contribute indirectly to these effects, particularly when combined with cleaning residues, mineral deposits or substances transferred from surrounding materials. Wet sponges, tea towels, cleaning cloths and rubber-backed drying mats can trap moisture against the stone, creating conditions where chemicals, fabric dyes, rubber additives or other residues remain in contact with the surface for extended periods, potentially causing irreversible damage to your Talostone® bench tops.

Similarly, areas immediately surrounding tapware may be exposed to mineral deposits from water, cleaning product residues or, in some circumstances, corrosion products from metal fittings. These substances can accumulate around the base of taps, potentially contributing to staining, discolouration or changes in surface appearance.

It is also important to distinguish between surface deposits and actual changes to the stone's finish. Mineral build-up, product residue or transferred materials may create a rough, dull or uneven appearance without necessarily causing permanent damage. Conversely, exposure to incompatible chemicals or abrasive cleaning methods may result in genuine changes to the surface texture that cannot be removed or reversed.

To help maintain the original appearance and finish of your Talostone® bench tops, we recommend regularly rinsing away cleaning residues, wiping down areas surrounding sinks and taps, and avoiding prolonged contact with wet cloths, drying mats or household chemicals. Any cleaning products used should be suitable for stone and applied in accordance with the manufacturer's care and maintenance recommendations.

**For more information, further assistance or advise on the best detergents for your selected stone, please contact Talostone® on 02 8783-0600 or at info@talostone.com.au.*

***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 out website. www.talostone.com.au*