



## Usage and Care

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To help ensure many years of beauty and service from your new laminated countertop please observe the following:

### Cleaning Procedures

- Using a soft cloth, wash the surface with mild dishwashing liquid and warm water.
- **DO NOT** use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads, as they will scratch the surface damaging both its beauty and its stain resistance.
- **DO NOT** use cleaners containing acid, alkali, or sodium hypochlorite. Examples of cleaners to avoid are oven, metal, drain and ceramic cook-top cleaners as well as coffeepot cleaners, chlorine bleach, rust and lime scale removers.
- **DO** use all-purpose cleaners such as Fantastic, Glass Plus, Lysol Brand Disinfectant Deodorizing Cleaner, Mr. Clean, Pine-Sol, Windex, or Baking soda paste mixed with water.

### Protecting the Surface

- Knives or other sharp utensils may cut or scratch the laminate surface, be sure to always use a cutting board when working with such items.
- Heavy blows from a hammer or meat tenderizer may crack or gouge the surface. A chopping block is recommended for these applications.
- Hot pans or activated electrical appliances should not be placed on laminated surfaces, always use protective insulating pads.
- Ensure that the range surface is above the deck of the countertop; this will protect your counter against heat deflection.

### Seam & Joint Care

- **DO NOT** allow water to stand on any joint. Water or steam may cause swelling of the joints. Water may seep into the joint which will result in swelling or de-lamination and is **not covered under warranty**.
- Do not leave any heat source (coffee pot, toaster, slow cooker, electric skillet, etc.), wet cloth, or frozen food left to thaw directly on seam.
- Ensure that the underside of the countertop around the dishwasher and the sink are sealed with silicone.

### Warranty is Void When

- A cutout has been made through a mitre or a butt joint.
- Abrasive or chemical cleaners have been used or have come in contact with the countertop.
- Proper installation procedures have not been followed.
- Joint is damaged or swollen due to water or heat.