

# Undermount or Topmount Sinks

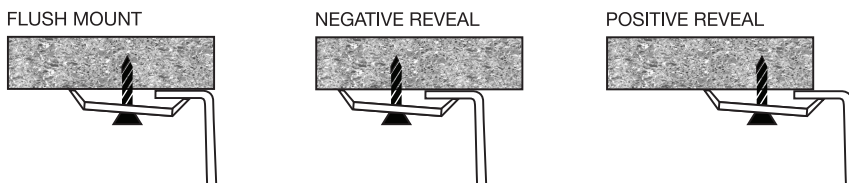


## The Installation of Sinks Which Can Be Undermounted or Topmounted

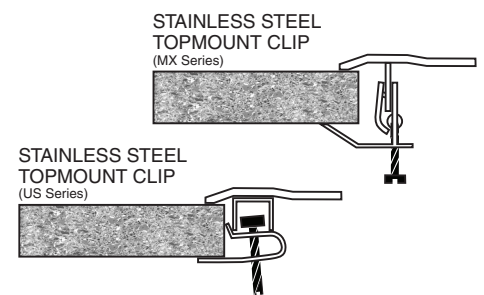
Some models constructed of stainless steel, copper and bronze have the option of being mounted either under or over the countertop. Their wide and tapered rims allow either type of installation.

The installation steps below apply to both mounting techniques with differences clearly noted where they occur. Mounting below the counter can be done in three different styles. Either style of mounting usually requires clips in addition to a silicone sealant. Clip styles can vary by mounting style and sink model, as noted in the diagrams below

### Undermount Techniques and Clip Style



### Topmount Clip Style Sampling



## The Steps

- Using the template provided, measure and cut the hole in the countertop.
- Determine the locations for the clip brackets around the perimeter of the sink. Pre-drill holes for the clips using appropriate methods for the countertop material.
- With denatured alcohol, clean the surfaces of the sink and countertop which will meet.
- Topmount: Apply a bead of silicone along the top perimeter edge of the counter opening.
- Undermount: Apply a bead of silicone along the perimeter edge of the opening on the underside of the counter.
- Topmount: Carefully align the sink over the countertop opening and lower into position, applying pressure to secure a seal of the silicone against the countertop.
- Undermount: Carefully align the sink under the countertop opening and raise into position, applying pressure to secure a seal of the silicone against the countertop.
- Re-check that the sink is evenly aligned with the countertop.
- Attach and tighten the clip brackets against the edge of the sink. Do not tighten one screw completely before others. Partially tighten one clip then the one across from it, and so on until all clips are fully tightened. This will safeguard against an uneven or insecure installation.
- Use a cloth with denatured alcohol along the perimeter of the sink and countertop to remove any excess sealant.