

# DURAT

## MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS FOR DURAT COUNTERTOPS

### Using a new countertop for the first time

After the worksite phase, countertops are cleaned with a soap-based detergent solution, which is then rinsed off with water. It is advisable to wipe dark or brightly coloured surfaces with a light furniture polish (e.g. Åström Liquid Polisher).

A very thin layer of polish is applied to the surface of the countertop and then washed with a soap solution. The polishing process gives the colour more depth.

### Daily / weekly cleaning and maintenance

Liquid dishwashing soap or a similar mild soap solution is the best choice for daily cleaning. Dried water may leave scaly deposits or other stains on the surface and must be wiped off with, for example, a microfibre cloth.

A polishing window cleaner can be used to add shine to the surface. Universal detergent for institutional use with a pH of 7–9 is suitable for Durat surfaces: for example, Suma Rapid by Johnson.

Stains caused by dried water and lime scale become more visible on dark and bright colours and even small wear and scratches are easily visible. Furniture polish (e.g. Åström Liquid Polisher) is the best for brightening the surfaces. Apply very thin layer of polish to the surface of the countertop and then wash with a soap solution. This gives a protective film to the surface and deepens the colour.

For cleaning ingrained stains (e.g. coffee or beetroot), we recommend using a magic eraser. CIF scouring cream can also be used. If the stain cannot be entirely removed, use a liquid dishwasher detergent. If necessary, it can be left to work on the surface overnight. Because the surface does not absorb anything, in principle, stains can always be removed.

Durat surfaces withstand most types of detergents. By testing according to the instructions

above, you can determine what the best cleaning agent will be, such as for institutional cleaning.

NOTE. Highly concentrated cleaning agents intended for hard porcelain surfaces are not recommended for cleaning Durat countertops. However, Durat surfaces will not be irreparably damaged, even by hard cleaning. They can always be restored to their original shine or smoothness.

NOTE. Durat surfaces CANNOT withstand acetone or similar solvents.

### Scratches

Scratches can be removed by sanding the surface of the Durat top. Less visible streaks can be removed by light manual sanding. For sanding, we recommend using a Mirka Abralon pad with a P1000 grit. When sanding larger scratches, start with a P360 grit.

Before sanding, clean the surface of the countertop. Spray water on both the surface to be sanded and the sanding disc. Use a swirling motion when sanding, but do not apply a lot of force. The water on the surface will start to foam slightly. After sanding, dry the surface with a microfibre cloth. If the scratch is not completely removed, repeat the process.

Deeper damage can be repaired by power sanding. Start by using a disc with a P180 grit, gradually working up to higher grits. After sanding, wipe dark or brightly coloured surfaces with furniture polish (e.g. Åström Liquid Polisher or similar). Apply very thin layer of polish to the surface of the countertop and then wash with a soap solution. This gives the countertop a protective film and deepens the colour.