

MFS Stone Specialists Ltd

Arenastone Care & Maintenance

Arenastone quartz is a tough, non-porous, chemically resistant high-performance material that elevates residential kitchen aesthetics with the natural beauty of quartz.

Cleaning Arenastone quartz worktops takes no time at all thanks to the stain-resistance of this remarkable material.

How to Clean Arenastone Quartz Worktops

Just Use Water and a Paper Towel or Steam - For routine cleaning, simply wipe down your countertop with a damp microfibre cloth or paper towel. A domestic Steam Cleaner will also work wonders.

Pulito Spray Cleaner from MFS can also be used daily to maintain your worktops.

Clean Up Spills Right Away Before They Can Dry - Even though surfaces resist to permanent staining when exposed to liquids, such as wine, vinegar, tea, lemon juice and soda or fruits and vegetables, you'll want to wipe up food and liquid spills as soon as possible.

The tannin in some products will not wipe off with a damp cloth if allowed to dry out on the surface. For stubborn or dried spills, use a nonabrasive cleaning pad with Nano Cleaner from MFS.

Cutting Boards and Trivets - Arenastone quartz surfaces are heat and scratch resistant, but NOT heat and scratch proof.

Placing hot objects taken straight from the stove or oven (frying pans, pots, etc.) on to the Arenastone surfaces, can make irreversibly damaged marks. Therefore, it is recommended to use mats or trivets on the quartz surface when you need to place hot objects on it. Built in integrated hobs, dishwashers, etc generate heat, so the surface should be protected by ensuring there is sufficient separation for ventilation so that heat can be dissipated.

Can I cut directly on Arenastone quartz surfaces or use sharp utensils?

Arenastone is made from 93% natural quartz, one of the hardest and most beautiful minerals in the world. Nevertheless, to ensure its integrity and beauty we advise NO cutting directly on the surface. Always use a chopping board when working with knives or sharp tools.

Concreto & Matt Finishes - Like all unpolished materials it can be prone to visible stains and marking, and will need to be maintained more regularly, we recommend sealing the material with a suitable penetrating sealer, ie **LITHOFIN STAIN STOP**.

For stubborn or dried spills, use Nano cleaner on a damp microfibre cloth allowing a longer contact time with a drop of water and in large circular motion then rinse well with hot water and dry the whole worktop will need to be cleaned not just the marked area.

WHAT NOT TO USE

Do not use washing - up liquids that are concentrated or diluted on your Arenastone worktops as this creates a build-up on the surface which over time will become dull and lifeless. If this has happened remove all traces with Pulito and Nano cleaner from MFS.

No Sealant is required on polished slabs - Because it is non-porous, Arenastone quartz surface does not require sealants. Arenastone keeps its lustrous gloss and ultra-smooth surface without polishing or applying sealant.

Do Not Use Bleach & Avoid High-PH Cleaners - Casual exposure to alkaline solutions, such as diluted bleach, will not damage quartz surfaces. Highly alkaline (high pH) cleaners, such as oven cleaners and concentrated bleach, are not recommended and can damage your worktops.

Removing Cooking Grease - When grease from cooking is an issue, use Steam or Pulito with a hot damp cloth, to help loosen and remove the grease from the surface.

Permanent Markers - Keep permanent markers and inks away from your countertops. Should these agents come into contact with the surface, clean first as outlined above. If the stain persists, moisten a cloth with Nano Cleaner or a comparable product, and rub it into the stain. Rinse thoroughly with warm water to remove any cleaner residue.

Keep Solvents and Powerful Chemicals off the Counter - Avoid exposing Arenastone quartz surfaces to strong chemicals and solvents; especially paint removers or furniture strippers containing trichloroethene or methylene chloride. Keep nail polish remover, bleach, bluing, permanent markers or inks, and oil soaps away from your Arenastone quartz countertops.

Heat Damage Prevention - To maintain the beauty of Arenastone quartz surfaces, do not place hot pans or roasting pans directly onto the surface. We recommend the use of trivets and hot pads.

Dealing with More Difficult Spills and Materials - Materials that harden as they dry (such as gum, food, grease, nail polish or paint) are especially tenacious. Remove these by gently scraping away the excess with a plastic putty knife.

Backed by a 10-Year Limited Residential Warranty - In the unlikely event that you do experience any problems due to a manufacturer's defect, you can rest assured that Arenastone backs its brand quartz surface with a ten-year limited residential warranty.

Do not use ARENASTONE quartz in outside locations or in places subject to intense solar radiation, or in places where the material may be exposed to UV rays.

CERTIFICATIONS

Arenastone Quartz - carries a GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certificate, which means that our products contribute to a healthier indoor atmosphere, giving off no volatile emissions, and a GREENGUARD Children's & School certificate that guarantees the safety of the product in schools and other buildings where children spend substantial periods of time.

They furthermore help to obtain LEED certification for sustainable buildings.



Clean air with our surfaces - Arenastone engineered surfaces meet the world's most rigorous and comprehensive standards by GREENGUARD Gold Indoor Air Quality program for the release of low emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in indoor environments (formerly GREENGUARD Children & Schools).



Sustainable buildings using our surfaces. As a member of the Green Building Council, Arenastone promotes the LEED international building rating system (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), for sustainable building construction. This rating system is based on credits assigned to a project with specific and strict criteria. Because of its recycled content and technical features, Arenastone surfaces can contribute to the LEED certification of sustainable buildings for the following criteria: construction waste management, recycled content materials, regional materials, minimum energetic performance, low emission materials, and innovation in design.



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