



## Quartz Worktop Care & Maintenance Guide



**Quartz** is a durable, resilient, non-porous, naturally anti-bacterial surface that is maintenance free.

### **Minimal Maintenance**

Virtually easy to clean, Picasso's hard, non-porous surfaces require no sealing to renew the lustre and are simple to clean. In most cases, soap and water or a mild detergent or quality spray and wipe type cleaner such as Dettol Anti-Bacterial Surface Cleaner or Cillit Bang Power Cleaner is enough to keep your Picasso Quartz Stone slab looking like new with its enduring beauty and unmatched performance for years to come. If necessary, use a non-abrasive soft soap along with a non-scratch or delicate scrub pad. Afterwards, thoroughly rinse with clean water to remove residue.

### **Stubborn Stains or Dried Spills**

If needed, apply a non-abrasive household cleaners (a non-abrasive cleaner will not dull the surface shine) and rinse to remove residue. To remove adhered material such as food, gum, nail polish or even dried paint, first scrape away excess material with a plastic putty knife and then use a damp cloth to remove any marks or residual dirt. For extra-stubborn stains, a non-scratch Scotch-Brite® pad or similar is recommended along with a non-abrasive cleaner.

## Heat Tolerance

Quartz is more heat resistant than other stone surfaces including most granite, marble and limestone; and is not affected by temperatures lower than 150°C (300°F). However, like all stone material, quartz can be damaged by sudden and rapid temperature changes, especially near the edges. Therefore, we suggest that hot pots and pans never be directly placed on Picasso surface. We also recommend a hot pad or trivet be placed on the surface under cooking units such as electric frying pans, crock pots, or roaster ovens.

## Scratch Resistant

The Quartz Stone is a highly scratch resistant surface; however avoid abuse of the surface by refraining from using sharp objects such as sharp knives or screw drivers directly onto the surface.

## Cleaning Agents to Avoid

It's important to be aware that like any other surface, Picasso Quartz Stone can be permanently damaged if exposed to strong chemicals and solvents that can damage its physical properties. **Never Clean** your Picasso Quartz Stone surface with products that contain Trichlorethane or Methylene chloride, such as paint removers or strippers. Avoid the use of highly aggressive cleaning agents such as oven/grill cleaners and dishwasher polishing agents that have high alkaline/pH levels (pH 8.5 or higher). Products containing oils or powders may leave a residue and should be rinsed off thoroughly. Should your surface accidentally be exposed to any of these damaging products, rinse immediately with clean water to neutralize the effect.