



CARE & MAINTENANCE GUIDE



Introduction

Versital Solid Surface meets the demanding needs of today's surfacing applications. As a solid, nonporous surface, Versital can be maintained with minimum care to retain the original appearance. Because it can be repaired, Versital will still look and perform like a new installation. While other surfacing materials will often need to be replaced. With proper care the Versital surface in your application will stay looking like new.

A. Overview

This document provides a care and maintenance guidance for end-users and facilities management. More severe damage may require professional repair.

B. Routine Care Of A Versital Top

All Versital products have a protective gel coat finish. As such they have a high gloss finish. Warm soapy water, ammonia-based cleaners or commercially available solid surface cleaners will remove most dirt and residue from all types of finishes. Experience has shown that a film builds up on the surface if water is left to dry.

This film will dull the look of the counter-top making the finish appear blotchy and uneven. To prevent buildup of the film, it is very important to wipe the counter-top completely dry after spills and cleaning. Some Versital colours may require more frequent cleaning to maintain a uniform finish. Darker colours tend to require more attention than lighter colours. Over time, even with proper care, your counter-top will acquire a patina, changing the appearance of the finish.

A key to keeping your counter-tops looking good is to thoroughly rinse and wipe completely dry after cleaning.

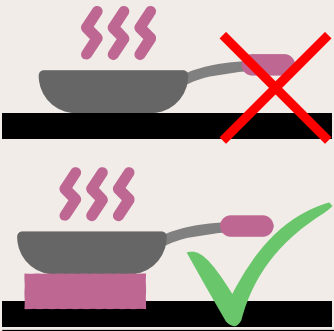



C. SteriTouch®

SteriTouch® is added to Versital as part of the gel coat, offering increased protection and will restrict the growth of microorganisms including bacteria and mould.

SteriTouch® additives are effective against a broad range of bacteria, including those responsible for illness, infection, odours, staining and material degradation.

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General Care

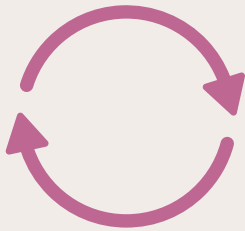
	<p><u>Hot objects:</u> Hot saucepans or pots straight out of the oven or from the hob should not be laid directly on the Versital surface. Always place a mat or board underneath hot objects such as crock-pots, electric frying pans, etc.</p>
	<p><u>Boiling Liquids:</u> If you pour boiling liquids into versital sinks or basins, you should also pour cold water at the same time.</p>
	<p><u>Strong acids:</u> (such as those found in drain, toilet bowl and oven cleaners) should be used cautiously around Versital. If any of these items come in contact with Versital wipe them up at once. Some of these items, when left on the surface may cause damage to the gel coat.</p>
	<p><u>Sharp objects:</u> Versital copes effortlessly with the wear and tear of everyday life, however pointed or sharp-edged objects can leave cuts or scratches on the Versital surface if not used carefully.</p>

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Day To Day



Versital is a completely homogeneous and non-porous material, so normal, everyday cleaning only requires a damp cloth and mild cleanser.



We recommend periodically cleaning the entire surface in a circular motion to maintain uniformity.



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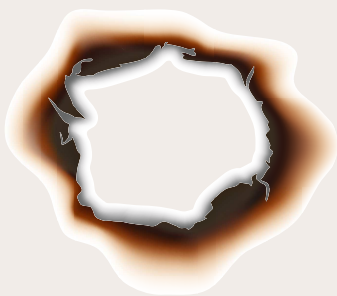
Cleaning Spills & Tougher Stains



Tougher Stains: Tougher stains, caused by food colouring, tea or fruit juice can easily be removed using a bleaching agent (do not leave in contact with the work surface for more than five minutes). Clean the surface with a domestic all-purpose cleaner and rinse with clean water. Nail varnish can easily be removed with nail varnish remover (acetone-free) or a mild abrasive.



Acid cleaning agents: A number of cleaning agents contain acids, such as methyl chloride or acetone. You should avoid using these on Versital surfaces. Should one of these products accidentally come into contact with the material, as a precautionary measure you should rinse the surface with soapy water to prevent any discolouring taking place.



Burn marks: Small burn marks or marks caused by nicotine can simply be removed using a mild abrasive such as G3 polishing compound. Polishing kits can be ordered from Versital directly.

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Removing Scratches



For removing superficial scratches, rub in a circular motion with a wet soft cloth and G3 compound, or similar buffing pad until the scratches are removed. Clean thoroughly with soap and water and let dry.



Deep scratches can be removed by carefully sanding lightly with wet and dry paper followed by G3 polishing compound in a circular motion to restore the finish. If any additional sheen is desired, after the surface is dry, apply a non-wax polish cleaner or other recommended surface dressing and wipe with a clean, dry cloth. Wipe dry using another clean cloth.



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Severe Damage



Should your Versital surface sustain a deep cut, crack or any other severe damage, we recommend the services of a professional shop fitter or solid surface specialist to repair your surface to look as good as the day it was installed.

Videos are available on our website for more indepth advice.




Quality & Environmental Awareness



Versital has a non-porous surface and is safe for food preparation. It is approved for commercial food service, where hygiene is essential.

Versital and its cured adhesive are also completely safe, free from formaldehyde and emissions-free.



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Cleaning Recommended Process

CLEANING PROCESS STAIN	WATER	UNIVERSAL CLEANING AGENT	ABRASIVE CLEANING AGENT
Water-based marker pen (black)	●		
Oil-based marker pen (black)	●	●	●
Coloured pen (red)	●	●	●
Cooking oil	●		
Coffee	●		
Tea	●		
Whisky	●		
Milk	●		
Juice	●		
Curry	●	●	
Margarine	●	●	
Lotion	●		
Ketchup	●		
10% Iodine tincture	●	●	●
Lipstick	●	●	
Cigarette burns	●		●
Colouring	●	●	●



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