

Fitting Tops and Upstands

Fitting the Worksurface to a cabinet

When fitting the surface to the required cabinet we recommend the use of a good quality clear silicone based adhesive. Ensure all surfaces are clean, dry and dust free before application. Position dabs of adhesive at regularly spaced intervals along the top rails of the cabinet. Carefully position the worksurface on the cabinet and apply even pressure to ensure the adhesive has spread sufficiently. It is recommended that the adhesive is left to cure for a minimum of 24 hours after application.

Fitting the Upstand

The same process as above should be used for bonding the upstand to the wall. When bonding the upstand to the surface, place a narrow bead of clear silicone adhesive along the edge to be applied to the top surface. Once it is firmly positioned carefully remove any excess adhesive from the front edge.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE SCREWS OR OTHER FIXINGS TO SECURE THE WORKSURFACE OR UPSTAND

Drilling

Eye protection and a dust mask should be worn when cutting or drilling.

When drilling holes for taps or fixings we recommend using a good quality tungsten carbide tipped hole-cutter. This should be selected to suit the diameter of hole required – check the tap/fitting manufacturer's installation guide. Once the hole has been cut you must ensure that the cut edges are chip free and sanded smooth before adding any fittings.

Handy Tips When tiling down to the worksurface leave a minimum of 3mm gap between the bottom row of tiles and the worksurface. This gap should be sealed with a silicone sealant.

Do not fill the gap with grout.

If scribing the worktop to the back wall use an electric planer with TCT blades.

Surface finish

Over a short period of time in use in the home, your worktops will develop a smoother finish and more lustrous appearance. In the first days after installation the dry finish of the surface may show finger marks more readily than it will do when it has achieved this 'patina'. Regular cleaning with warm soapy water is the usual.

It is possible to enhance the surface lustre by using Countertop Cleaner*; as with any treatment of this nature, the application has to be repeated in order to maintain the same finish across all areas of the bathroom.

Initial treatment and cleaning

First ensure that your worksurface is thoroughly cleaned with warm soapy water or Fairy Power Spray to remove any greasy residues. A mild abrasive cream cleaner such as Cif cream is also a good part of your regular maintenance regime.

Countertop Cleaner

Countertop Cleaner is designed to give lustre to solid surface worktops – this will be particularly noticeable on darker décors. It will also help to build up the natural patina of your surface and a protective layer that will repel dirt and liquids. Use daily when your worktops are first installed, after the first week this can then be reduced to a weekly application. Apply the cleaner using a micro-fibre cloth* and buff to leave a streak free finish. Countertop Cleaner will not remove scuffs or scratches but can mask the effect.

WHENEVER TRYING TO REMOVE MARKS OR SCRATCHES ALWAYS TRY THE LEAST SEVERE METHOD FIRST.

1. Everyday marks - Using a mild abrasive cleaner such as Cif cream, work in a circular motion; wipe away all residue and buff dry. Apply Countertop Cleaner if applicable.
2. Fine scuffs and scratches - Cover the affected area with a liberal amount of soapy water. Place the woven abrasive pad* onto the wet surface and, using a sanding block * or firm sponge to ensure even spread of pressure, rub over the affected area in a circular motion. A slight paste will be generated that aids the finishing process and helps to maintain the original level of surface finish. Repeat step 1. If marks are still evident, repeat the woven abrasive pad process or, in the case of deeper scratches, move on to step 3.

3. Removal of deeper scratches - Ensure that the surface is clean and dry before starting.
4. Soften the edge of the cut out with a P320 paper to eliminate any sharp edges. Place the sanding disc* onto the sanding block ensuring that it is located correctly and wrapped onto both sides of the block. Using small circular movements, work a small area around the affected part of the surface. A small amount of dust will be generated – this will need to be wiped off to check progress and before moving onto the next step. When the mark has been removed the repaired area will retain very fine sanding marks; these are removed by repeating step 2 and then step 1 to blend in the refurbished area. Each time you move back through the steps, work a slightly wider area so as to help this blend in.

Items marked with '**' are included as part of the Care Kit available from your retailer.

Please Note: Darker colours show scratches and marks more easily and should be treated with extra care and attention during and after installation.

WARRANTY - Your worktops have a 10 year warranty against manufacturing defects. In the unlikely event of there being any problems with this product, please refer in the first instance back to your retailer.

It is imperative that the installation and care and maintenance instructions are referred to both before and after installation, as misuse of the worksurface may affect the appearance of the product. This does not affect your statutory rights as a consumer.

Register online at www.minervawarranty.co.uk

The warranty applies to the first owner and first installation only and is not transferable.

CLEANING YOUR WORKSURFACE

THINGS TO DO

To prevent damage from hot objects, always use heat resistant mats or trivets on the surface of the worktop.

Wipe spilt liquids away.

Wipe immediately with damp cloth. Dried on residues can be removed with a mild abrasive domestic cleaner. Rub gently, rinse and wipe dry.

Cleaning with a sponge, water and mild detergent liquid is sufficient for normal maintenance.

THINGS TO AVOID

Do not place hot objects directly on the worktop. e.g. pans, steamers.

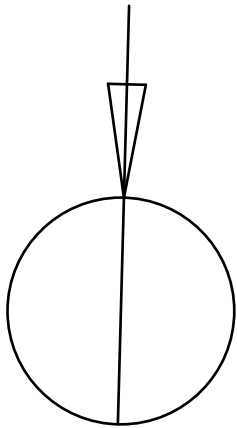
Avoid contact with aggressive chemical substances such as nail polish remover, chlorine, acetone, drain cleaner etc.

Do not use very abrasive cleaners and solvents as cleaning agents.

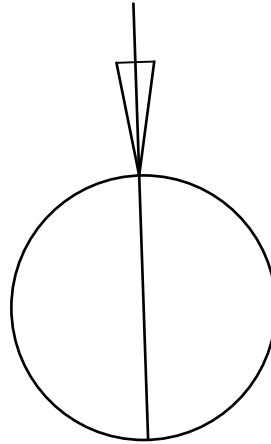
MARK AND STAIN REMOVAL

Stain/Mark	Damp cloth	Warm water and mild detergent	White spirit
Oil	•	•	
Water based paint		•	
Solvent based paint		•	•
Permanent Dyes			•
Shoe polish			•
Biro		•	
Lipstick		•	

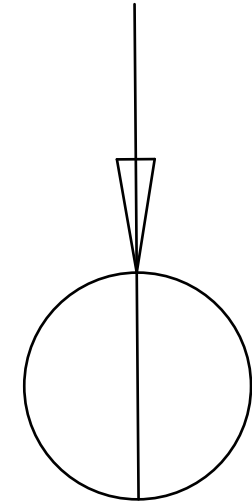
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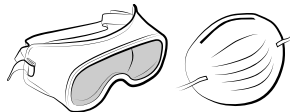
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