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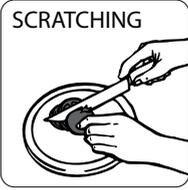
Worktop Care & Maintenance Sheet for



HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR WORK SURFACE.

The following is a Care & Maintenance guide only. The information presents the most effective ways of fitting and caring for your worktop. This sheet must be read by the fitter and then left with the end consumer, as the warranty is only valid if guidelines as described are followed.

THINGS TO DO AND THINGS TO AVOID

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 <p>HEAT</p>	To prevent damage from hot objects, use heat resistant mats on the surface of the worktop. Always use ashtrays for cigarettes.	Never place objects from the oven or hob directly onto the laminate surface since this may lead to blistering. Care should also be taken with hot irons and cigarettes.
 <p>SCRATCHING</p>	Always use a chopping board for preparing food.	Some crockery items, kitchen utensils and other objects sliding across your worktops will produce fine scratches in the laminate. Try to avoid sliding rough based objects across the surface. Never cut foodstuffs directly on the laminate surface.
 <p>MOISTURE</p>	Wipe spilt liquids away from joints and cut-outs immediately. Ensure that all inset appliances are properly sealed with a suitable waterproof silicone sealant.	Moisture will not harm the laminate surface itself but it is advisable to wipe away any spillages as soon as possible. The critical areas are around joints and cut-outs.

CLEANING:

General cleaning of the surface requires only a damp cloth & a mild detergent or non abrasive cleaner diluted in warm water. Some strong chemicals, dyes and fruit juices may harm your TopShape work surface.

In the event of spillage always wipe up, rinse & dry the area thoroughly. Do not leave liquids lying on the surface. They may seep through a joint and affect the core board.

Note: Prolonged contact with some PVC aprons may promote premature wear of the work surface. Abrasive scouring powders, creams and even polishes should all be avoided.

WEAR RESISTANCE:

TopShape worktops provide a hard wearing surface. However, the surface will be damaged by scratching of sharp knives or other sharp utensils. It is recommended that a cutting board or protective mat be used when using such implements.

CAUTION HEAVY: Please use the appropriate safety clothing and lifting equipment. Protective gloves must be worn whilst handling worktops.

LIFETIME WARRANTY:

TopShape worktops have a lifetime warranty against manufacturing defects. The manufacturer undertakes to make good by repair and/or replacement (at its own discretion) any worktop shown to have failed by any reason of defects in design, materials or workmanship. This warranty is subject to fair wear and tear and providing that the installation, care and maintenance instructions have been followed and that the product has been properly used for its intended purpose. This undertaking is in addition to the consumers' statutory rights and does not affect those rights in any way. This warranty covers domestic installations only. No claims for replacement costs will be entertained if the worktop is not fully inspected before fitting.



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Worktop Fitting & Installation for

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Thank you for choosing this TopShape work surface.

These guidelines are intended to help you achieve the best possible results from your laminate worktop. Please ensure that you are completely satisfied with the product by checking for damage or defects prior to fitting. The manufacturers cannot accept responsibility for the final fitting of your worktop. The colour surface should be checked for compatibility before fitting takes place. We will not accept any claims for refitting costs resulting from mis-match of colour or surface finish flaws.

- Laminate face
- Laminate face on underside
- Square edged on 4 sides in matching polypropylene edging.
- Chipboard core.



CUTTING:

As a general rule, best results are achieved when the worktop is cut 5mm oversize, using either a portable power saw (decorative side face down) or with a hand saw (decorative side face up). For power saws, jig saws and circular saws which cut with an upward angle, cut from the underside, always check measurements prior to cutting. In regard to cut outs for appliances and sinks, ensure that appliances and sinks are inset into the work surface and are overlapped by at least 15mm.

To prevent stress cracking ensure that all corners are cut with a minimum radius of 6mm. If you are using a hand saw then cut on the laminate side, you can mark with a soft pencil on the laminate face. Apply pressure on the downward stroke to avoid chipping, holding the saw almost vertically to the top.

The worktop should always be supported during all cutting, drilling or sawing. All tools used should be sharp and safety goggles & gloves should be used.

JOINTING & CUTOUTS:

While the surface laminate is impervious to water, the core material and adhesive may become affected by moisture. It is therefore, essential that all cutouts, joints and exposed areas are sealed correctly, with a silicone sealant or a contact adhesive. Failure to properly seal the vulnerable area shall lead to moisture ingress to the core and no claims for damages may be upheld if proper sealing is not in place.

With TopShape please remove all edging prior to joining worktops together and seal as above. When jointing the work surface and making sink cutouts, the edges, all exposed areas and cutouts must be sealed with silicone.

TILES:

When tiling above a worktop a space of at least 3mm should be left between the surface of the worktop and the bottom row of tiles for easy removal of the top.

UPSTANDS:

Once cut to size, the upstands can then be fixed. The upstand must be fixed to the wall which your worktop backs on to. Fix the upstand with wall panel adhesive, following the adhesive manufacturer's instructions to ensure a good bond. They can then be sealed using silicone sealer. Seal the area where the upstand meets the worktop and where the upstand meets the wall. Please note when fitting upstands behind a gas hob, the upstand must be no less than 50mm away from the flame.

EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST:

SAFETY EQUIPMENT, YOU WILL NEED ...
Dust mask, safety goggles & gloves.

CUTTING TO SIZE, YOU WILL NEED ...
Measuring tape, pencil, portable power saw (if available), straight edge, two G clamps and a fine toothed hand saw. A portable hand router can also be used to produce a cleaner cut edge.

CUTTING INTERNAL APERTURES, YOU WILL NEED ... 25mm paint brush, PVA adhesive, junior hacksaw, electric iron, trimming machine (if available), hand plane and 250mm smooth file.

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