



Countertop Materials

What's The Difference?

Postformed Laminate:

Decorative laminate is designed to provide a durable surface that is easy to maintain for an economical investment. Postformed simply means the laminate is heated and wrapped around curved particleboard to produce a seamless front edge, countertop, and backsplash.

Easy to care for, a laminate countertop may be cleaned using just a soft, damp cloth and a mild detergent. Abrasive cleaners/powders should not be used as they may permanently dull and scratch the surface.

Although laminate is very durable, sharp objects can cause damage and laminate can be scratched. Always use a cutting board or counter saver when cutting or chopping food or other items.

Objects taken from a hot oven should never be placed directly on the laminate surface. An insulated pad or trivet should be placed between the hot object and the countertop.

With all the different colors, finishes, and edge treatments available your choices for a laminate countertop are practically endless.

1 year limited warranty.

Solid Surface:

100% acrylic these tops are tough and long lasting standing up to heavy use. With the color running all the way through solid surface tops marks and scratches can be removed easily to restore to its original appearance.

Flexible and versatile solid surface can be thermoformed, carved, molded, textured and routed in both horizontal and vertical applications. Sinks, backsplashes, and seams can be perfectly integrated to create the illusion of a single, solid surface. With a cove backsplash there are no cracks to collect dirt and moisture.

Nonporous and stain resistant, spills do not permeate the surface and does not promote the growth of mold and mildew. Cleaning is easy with a little soapy water, ammonia based cleaners (not window cleaners as they can leave a waxy build up that may dull the surface) or commercially available solid surface cleaners will remove most dirt and residue from all types of finishes. Is NSF / ANSI Standard 51 certified for food contact.

A key to keeping your solid surface countertops looking good is to thoroughly rinse and wipe completely dry after cleaning.

Solid surface countertops are heat resistant, but the use of trivets or heat pads is recommended.
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Quartz:

Pure, natural quartz is one of the hardest and most common minerals on Earth. Quartz tops are 93% quartz, a natural stone, and a small amount of pigment and resin. Through this recombining process, quartz tops become stronger, nonporous, nonabsorbent and maintenance free. Plus the process provides consistent and uniform color across the material. Product selections can easily be made by viewing samples rather than individual slabs.

Quartz tops resist scratches and are easy to clean. Just wash with warm water, and use a mild soap if desired. Quartz tops are stain resistant and never need sealing or reconditioning.

Seams are noticeable. 10 year limited warranty. Natural beauty made better.

Granite:

Granite, a natural beauty, offers style and sophistication. Granite is a natural rock available in a large variety of colors and patterns as it is harvested from all over the world.

As strong and durable as granite countertops are, they are not an impermeable material. Granite is porous and requires sealing regularly to prevent permanent discolorations and stains. A choice of edge treatment options are available. Sink choices include over or under mount.

Seams are noticeable. There is no warranty.

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