



ANCIENT & EVOLVED SOLID SURFACES

## **ACRYLIC CARE AND MAINTENANCE**

Marbello acrylic is a homogenous and solid, mineral-filled acrylic polymer material that is non-porous, hence it is commercial grade anti-bacterial rating. Unlike stone, it does not require the application of a sealant to maintain protection. General, day-to-day maintenance is easy and does not require expensive, specialist products. Just follow these simple guidelines to help you keep your acrylic benchtop looking good.

**IN ORDER TO KEEP YOUR BENCHTOPS LOOKING GOOD, RINSE THEM THOROUGHLY AND WIPE COMPLETELY DRY AFTER CLEANING.**

Acrylic surfaces can be maintained effortlessly by wiping with warm soapy water. Use the same concentration as you would for standard dishwashing. Buff with a dry towel to avoid smearing. Ammonia based cleansers can be used sparingly to achieve a glossier finish or to restore shine if desired.

Experience has shown that a film builds up on the surface if water is left to dry on the benchtop. This film will dull the look of it, making the finish appear blotchy and uneven. **To prevent this from happening, it is very important to wipe the benchtop completely dry after spills and cleaning.**

### **MARBELLO ADVICE**

In most cases, Marbello acrylic can easily be repaired, however, follow these guidelines to prevent any permanent damage:

#### **Preventing water marks and stains:**

Rinse the surface of your benchtop and wipe completely dry after every cleaning. Make sure that you clean up any spills before they dry.

#### **Heat Damage:**

Even though Marbello acrylic has excellent heat-resisting properties compared with other benchtop types, placing hot pans or pots directly on your benchtop can damage the surface. Always use a hot pad or trivet with rubber feet to protect your Marbello benchtop.

#### **Removing cuts and scratches:**

Acrylic can scratch, so always use a chopping board to protect the surface of your top. In case of minor scratches, just a little bit of Jif (white bottle, not the yellow one, as it contains acid) or a similar abrasive liquid cleanser on a damp cloth can be used to buff out any blemishes. Use only a small concentration and circular motions, otherwise you will make the surface of the benchtop look duller. In case of a deeper gauge, re-sanding may be required – contact Marbello for advice.

#### **Other damage:**

Avoid exposing Marbello acrylic to strong chemicals, such as paint removers, nail polish remover or oven cleaners. Surfaces exposed to these chemicals should promptly be flushed with water. Contact with these chemicals over a longer period of time will cause spots and may require extensive re-sanding to remove.