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Corian® Solid Surface - a product of the Corian® Design business, a division of DuPont company - was created for a lifetime of easy care. Follow the simple guidelines listed here to help keep your Corian® Solid Surface looking beautiful.

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For everyday cleaning, use soapy water or widely available surface cleaners. Remove excess detergent with a soft cloth, rinse the surface with warm water then wipe with a dry soft cloth. If necessary use a microfibre cloth and rub the surface with an ammonia based cleaner, then rinse with water. This procedure will remove most dirt and residue from installations made with Corian® Solid Surface and from Corian® sinks and basins.

Always clean using a circular motion, from the front to the back, then side to side, overlapping the circles until the entire area has been cleaned. Do not use abrasive or mild abrasive cleaners on high gloss or dark surfaces. Be aware that limescale can build up if water is left to dry on the surface. To prevent this, it is important to wipe the surface completely dry with a microfibre cloth after spills and cleaning. Some colours of Corian® Solid Surface may require more frequent cleaning to maintain a uniform finish.

Like all materials, Corian® Solid Surface will develop slight abrasion marks in normal daily use. Dark, heavily pigmented colours will show scratches, dust and ordinary wear and tear more readily than lighter, textured colours and will require more attention than lighter colours.

Over time, even with proper care, your installation will acquire a patina, changing the appearance of the finish. The look of the original finish can be restored by a Corian® Quality Network Industrial Partner or by a Corian® Quality Network Service Centre.

Contact the store from which you purchased the installation made with Corian® Solid Surface for a quote.

## SPECIAL CARE FOR STUBBORN STAINS

Residues from stubborn stains may require heavier cleaning. Follow the recommendations below to effectively clean these specific stains from installations made with Corian® Solid Surface or Corian® sinks and basins.

**Vinegar, coffee, tea, lemon juice, vegetable juice, dyes, ketchup, lily pollen, saffron, light scratches, cigarette burns, shoe polish, ink, marker pen, iodine, mildew, mercurochrome, blood, red wine, perfume:**

Use a damp microfibre cloth and a mild abrasive cleaning product (except on high gloss or dark surfaces).

**Grease, fat and oil residues:** use a microfibre cloth and rub over the stain with some diluted bleach. Rinse several times with warm water and dry with a soft cloth.

Bleach can discolour worksurfaces made with Corian® Solid Surface and Corian® sinks and basins if not removed completely by rinsing with water.

**Hard water scale, soap, minerals:** use a microfibre cloth and rub over the stain with a standard household limescale remover or vinegar and leave for 2-4 minutes.

Using a second clean microfibre cloth, rinse the area thoroughly with water.

**Nail varnish spills:** use a microfibre cloth and rub over the stain with a non-acetone based nail varnish remover. Rinse several times with warm water and dry with a soft cloth. If the stain is still visible, repeat the operation, this time using very fine-grain sanding paper. If the stain is still visible, repeat the operation. If the stain persists, contact the Corian® Design Warranty Centre.

## How to prevent permanent damage

Be sure to follow these guidelines to help prevent permanent damage to Corian® Solid Surface installations and Corian® sinks and basins.

Avoid getting strong chemicals - e.g. paint removers, oven cleaners, acid drain cleaners, acetone based nail varnish removers etc. - on your surface. If a spill does occur, promptly flush the surface with water to fully rinse off the chemical.

Do not clean using aggressive chemical agents such as acetone, oven cleaners, thinners, strong acids (muriatic acid, etc.) or strong bases (caustic soda etc.), or industrial detergents or paint solvents. If a spill does occur, promptly flush the surface with water to fully rinse off the chemical.

Do not use metal scrapers, iron brushes or other domestic metal tools to remove stains, paints, plaster or other

substances. In the case of severe damage, please contact the Corian® Design Warranty Centre, which will put you in touch with a Corian® Quality Network Industrial Partner or Corian® Quality Network Service Centre for professional re-sanding or repairing of your installation. A Corian® Quality Network Service Centre is certified by the Corian® Design business to carry out expert repair and finishing work. It can also handle installation work and offer maintenance contracts to commercial customers to maintain installations made with Corian® Solid Surface in prime condition.

## KITCHEN APPLICATIONS

### Special care for sinks

Remove all the fat and oil residues resulting from food preparation from the sink, using a detergent or surface cleaner. If necessary, use a mild abrasive cleaning pad or sponge in combination with a mild abrasive product. Use a spray with  $\frac{3}{4}$  of liquid household bleach and  $\frac{1}{4}$  water to spray the sink and leave a few hours or overnight. The exposure time should be limited to 16 hours. Make sure to rinse or clean with a damp cloth. You should have a beautifully clean sink, with very little effort.

### Preventing heat and other damage

It is important to minimise direct heat exposure to protect the installation made with Corian® Solid Surface. Always use a heat protection pad, trivet (with rubber feet) or protective sink mat for hot cookware, or leave cookware to cool on the hob first. Never put hot pans, particularly cast iron pans, directly onto a worksurface made with Corian® Solid Surface or a Corian® sink or bowl. Always use the correct size pan on the hob and place it centrally on the ring. An overhanging pan can scorch the surrounding surface. As with most sinks, pouring boiling liquids directly into a Corian® sink without running cold water at the same time may damage the material. If you have an instant boiling water tap, a container should always be used to collect the water as boiling water from this type of tap may cause surface damage in and around the sink. Do not cut directly on a worksurface made with Corian® Solid Surface. Use a chopping board.

## BATHROOM APPLICATIONS

### Daily maintenance of wash basins, shower trays and bathtubs

Simply clean the surface with soapy water or any common detergent in order to remove most of the stains and dirt that may be deposited. Gel or creamy detergents are particularly recommended, together with a mild abrasive cleaning pad or sponge, ensuring that you rinse the treated area properly. By doing this, the original matt finish will be maintained. Some substances such as ink, cosmetics and

dyes may release colour onto the surface after extended contact with the surface. All of these can easily be removed by following the special instructions for stubborn stains.

### ATTENTION

Shower trays and bathtubs cannot be used autonomously by people with reduced motor skills, or with sensory and/or cognitive impairments (including children).

For your personal safety, use them at a maximum water temperature of 40 degrees C.

Avoid using them in the vicinity or while using electrical appliances. Pay special attention when using shower trays and bathtubs alone or after taking medicines.

### Guaranteed Quality

With proper care, your Corian® Solid Surface installation will stay looking like new. Installations made with Corian® Solid Surface carry a Limited Installed Warranty when fabrication and installation are carried out by a Corian® Quality Network Industrial Partner. If you decide to sell your home, your warranty is transferable to the new owners.

For complete details, go to our website ([www.corian.com](http://www.corian.com)) to review the warranty guidelines applicable for your product.

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