



# Care & Maintenance (Consumer)

## Solid Surfaces: -

## Worktops & Panels

Thank you for choosing this Minerelle consumer care kit, which is a leading brand in the UK of solid surface components. Please read through these simple instructions in order to look after your worktop.

General daily care in preserving the beauty and functionality of Solid Surfaces is as simple as wiping with a warm damp cloth.

- Dulling due to general wear & tear can be avoided by cleaning with Minerelle Finishing spray as required. We recommend the daily use of Minerelle Finishing spray for the first 7 days after the installation.
- Always remove spills from potential staining agents or ingredients as soon as they occur.
- For cleaning more stubborn marks always start by trying the gentlest methods first. **(Avoid using abrasive or harsh chemicals such as concentrated, thick bleach).**
- Do not use the work surface as a cutting board as this will scratch the surface.
- Always use a cutting board or a "worktop saver" which can be obtained through your retailer.
- Minor cuts and scratches can be lightly sanded and re-polished. For full instructions on finishing please refer to the Installation and Fabrication Instructions
- Deep scratches or impact damage can be repaired using a Repair Kit. Contact your retailer for advice.
- Never place hot pans, dishes or heat producing appliances directly onto the worktop surface. Always use trivets to avoid marking or damaging the surface.
- Do not place heat generating appliances like coffee percolators directly over a jointed area. It is advisable to highlight where the installer has placed the joints so you'd know where NOT to place heat generating appliances or utensils.
- When cooking, be careful not to overhang pans from the hob as the intense heat can damage the surrounding surfaces.

### **How to use the Grey 3M Scotch Brite® sponge.**

This product has an abrasive nature and it is suitable for removing slight marks, stubborn stains and uneven sheen. The degree of abrasion will also depend on the amount of pressure you apply during rubbing down. Submerge the sponge in warm soapy water before rubbing down the surface. The soap and water will act as a lubricant and prevent generating dust.

- The rubbing down should be carried out with a modest pressure of your palm on the entire sponge. Try not to apply localised pressure on the sponge.
- When the marks have been removed spread the area of rubbing to blend in the surface texture with the rest of the top.
- For future use of the Grey 3M ScotchBrite® sponge, please rinse under clean water and leave to dry. To prolong its life, it is recommended that you do not wring the pad. Apply pressure from both sides instead to squeeze any excess water
- Once you have finished rubbing down with the pad, remove surface residue with a damp cloth.
- Wait until the surface is dry.
- Spray a moderate amount of Minerelle Finishing Spray and wipe over evenly with a clean cloth. Do not proceed with finishing spray until the surface is clean and dry from the rubbing down.
- Buff the surface again with a dry polishing cloth until an even finish is produced.
- When installed, Solid Surface worktops and panels will have an overall satin finish. Over time and use, Solid Surfaces acquire a smoother more pleasing appearance and the cleaning properties appear to improve with use.
- **Dark colours will require more care and maintenance..**

For general information on Solid Surface aftercare please contact your retailer or visit our website on [www.minerelle.co.uk](http://www.minerelle.co.uk)  
For reordering individual items as Minerelle Finishing Spray or Grey ScotchBrite® sponge visit our website on [www.minerelle.co.uk](http://www.minerelle.co.uk).

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