

# THINGS TO KNOW / SOLID SURFACE

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## ABOUT

A man-made material, solid surfaces have been around for many years and can be used for both residential and commercial spaces. Its aesthetics, various color choices, and ability to create designs not possible in other materials make it a great countertop choice.

## FINISHES

- **POLISHED | HI-GLOSS | SEMI-GLOSS**  
A finish with a high shine.
- **HONED | MATTE**  
A finish with little or no shine.

## CARE

For day-to-day cleaning, clean surfaces with a soft cloth using a mild liquid soap and warm water or a Solid Surface cleaner to remove most residues. For stubborn stains, use a nonabrasive soft bristled brush and scrub lightly. To remove soap scum, use a non-acidic soap scum remover. Rinse and towel dry the surface to prevent spotting. To prevent staining, spills should be cleaned as soon as possible. Darker colors require more frequent cleaning as they show dirt, dust, and marks easier than lighter color patterns. Use hot pads, trivets, cutting boards, placemats, and coasters to protect your surface from discoloration, scratches, and staining. Heat generating appliances must be placed on a trivet or hot pad.

## SEAMS

Seams will be filled with a color-matching adhesive for a flat, smooth, and inconspicuous look. Seams will be more apparent on materials with a more dynamic movement or pattern. All seam location wants and needs are considered, but the final decision is at the discretion of the fabricator. Seam placements will be determined based on slab/sheet size, layout, installation requirements, and safety.

## BENEFITS

- **BACTERIA RESISTANT**  
Non-porous so it does not harbor bacteria.
- **SEAMLESS APPEARANCE**  
In consistent patterns, seams are nearly invisible.
- **SEAMLESS SINK**  
Integrated for a smooth, sleek appearance.
- **SEAMLESS SPLASH**  
A seamless, contoured backsplash.
- **RESTORABLE**  
Easy to resurface scratches from everyday use.
- **THERMAL FORMABILITY**  
Moldable to fit unique applications.
- **STAIN RESISTANT**  
Non-porous so stains are unlikely to penetrate the surface.
- **HEAT RESISTANT**  
Withstands moderate temperatures.

## SUPPORT

The maximum unsupported overhang for a 1 ½" Solid Surface product is 12", as long as 2/3 of the countertop is supported by a solid affixed structure (i.e. cabinets, walls, etc.). Additional support or brackets are required in other situations for safety concerns. Bracket supports should be placed 6" from each end, spaced up to 30" apart, and 3" – 6" from edge.

*Please refer to each manufacturer's website for more information.*

