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Zodiaq[®] Care & Maintenance

DuPont™ Zodiaq[®] quartz surfaces are very easy to maintain. The quartz used in Zodiaq[®] – coupled with high-performance, stain-resistant polymers - result in durable, nonporous, chemical-resistant surface. Zodiaq[®] is also heat- and scratch-resistant, but not heat- and scratch- proof. Therefore, the use of a cutting board is recommended when using a knife.

Of course, Zodiaq[®] keeps its lustrous gloss and ultra-smooth surface without polishing. Because Zodiaq[®] is nonporous, it does not require sealants or waxes.

Routine Care

With simple care, Zodiaq[®] will retain its radiant, lustrous appearance for many years. For routine cleaning, use a damp cloth or paper towel and, if necessary, a small amount of non-bleach, nonabrasive cleanser.

Even though Zodiaq[®] resists permanent staining when exposed to liquids (such as wine, vinegar, tea, lemon juice and soda) or fruits and vegetables, wipe up food and liquid spills as soon as possible.

For stubborn or dried spills, use a nonabrasive cleaning pad such as a white 3M Scotch-Brite* scrub pad coupled with Formula 409 Glass & Surface Cleaner** or a comparable cleaning product.

*Scotch-Brite is a registered trademark of the 3M Company

**Formula 409 Glass & Surface cleaner is a registered trademark of the Clorox Company

Preventing Heat and Other Damage

Zodiaq[®] can withstand exposure to normal cooking temperatures from pots, pans and dishes without being damaged. To maintain the beauty of Zodiaq[®], do not place hot skillets or roasting pans directly onto the surface. DuPont™ recommends the use of trivets and hot pads.

Removing Difficult Spills

Sometimes spills occur and dry on the countertop. For materials that harden as they dry (such as gum, food, grease, nail polish or paint), remove by gently scraping away the excess with a plastic putty knife.

Permanent markers and inks may adhere to the surface and should be avoided. Should these agents come into contact with the surface, clean first as outlined in Routine Care.

If the stain persists, moisten a cloth with Greased Lightning^{®**}, or a comparable product and rub it into the stain. Let the cleaning agent sit for 15 minutes and wipe the surface clean with a cotton cloth. Rinse thoroughly to remove any cleaner residue.

Avoid exposing Zodiaq[®] quartz surfaces to strong chemicals and solvents, especially paint removers or furniture strippers containing trichlorethane or methylene chloride. Keep nail polish remover, bleach, bluing, permanent markers or inks, and oil soaps away from Zodiaq[®]. Highly alkaline (high-pH) cleansers are not recommended when cleaning Zodiaq[®].

If any of the substances listed above come into Zodiaq[®], rinse the exposed surface immediately and thoroughly with water.

**Greased Lightning[®] is available through major department and hardware stores.

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