

## Technical Bulletin – Sadlerstone Countertops

Polished Sadlerstone smooth, terrazzo and flekk surfaces are beautiful, durable and eco-friendly but do require some specific maintenance. Polished Sadlerstone is ideal for kitchen countertops, bathroom vanities, shower walls, tabletops, cladding, sills and fireplace surrounds.

Polished Sadlerstone slabs can be provided to stonemasons for cutting, edging and fabrication in lightweight composite or full body construction in standard slab dimensions of 2400x1200. Standard thickness is 20mm. Polished Sadlerstone composite countertops are some 25% less weight than generic plastic stones (such as Caesarstone and the like). Sadlerstone is an agglomerate of natural materials using cement as the primary binder that produces surface hardness and durability similar to granite.

Sadlerstone polished surfaces are alkaline in nature (like marbles and limestones) and may stain if not cared for correctly. With proper care you can enjoy your Sadlerstone Polished surface forever.

### Daily Surface Care

Use cutting boards, hot pads and wipe up spills quickly and dry the surface. Longer exposure to spills may result in a stain. Use water and a mild cleaner with a pH between 7 and 10 such as Sadlerstone Neutral Detergent. Avoid acidic cleaning products.

#### Tips

- Cutting on the surface will not damage the product but it could blunt your knives!
- Wipe up spills quickly. Water that pools and evaporates can cause the surface to feel rough
- Use hot pads to keep hot pots and pans off the surface
- Keep off the surface abrasive cleaners, vinegar, lemon/citrus, wine, coffee, permanent markers/ink, rust/paint removers, lacquer thinner, oven/metal/tile/drain cleaners, nail polish remover

### Occasional Maintenance

For added protection, Sadlerstone suggests applying a carnauba wax product to the surface two to three times a year. Waxes are particularly effective at preventing coffee stains, the wax barrier provides additional time to wipe up spills before they can stain.

A penetrating sealer such as Sadlerstone Dense Stone Sealer can be re-applied every two to five years.

### Stain Removal

If cleaned promptly, most spills will not stain. If a difficult stain forms use a baking powder poultice: take a spoon of baking powder, add a few drops of water, apply to the stain for at least 10 minutes and wipe off.