

# THINGS TO KNOW COMPACT SURFACE

#### **About**

Made from a sophisticated mixture of raw materials used in glass, porcelain and quartz, compact surfaces are incredibly durable, making them perfect for both indoor and outdoor applications. This surface can replicate the look of an array of traditional materials and offers exceptionally high performance and design features. The surface pattern is not replicated through the edge profile.

# **Compact Surface Benefits**

## **SCRATCH RESISTANT**

Won't scratch under normal every-day use.

## **BACTERIA RESISTANT**

Non-porous so it does not harbor bacteria.

## STAIN RESISTANT

Non-porous so stains are unlikely to penetrate the surface.

#### **UV RESISTANT**

Sunlight will not fade the color.

### **EXTERIOR APPLICATION**

Durable enough to withstand outdoor elements.

## **HEAT PROOF**

Withstands high temperatures.

# **Finish Options**

## **POLISHED**

Also known as Hi-Gloss and is a finish with a high shine.

## **HONED**

Also known as Matte and is a finish with little or no shine.

#### **TEXTURED**

Also known as Leather, Brushed, Concrete, Suede or Velvet. This is a finish with texture and little or no shine.

## **Corners**

Per Compact Surface manufacturer guidelines, all inside corners must have a 5/16" minimum radius. This includes, but not limited to: sinks, cooktops, L-shaped counters and ledges.

## **Seams**

Seams will be filled with a color-matching adhesive that is visible and will be felt. Seams are more apparent on materials with texture and movement. All desired seam locations will be considered, but final placement is up to the discretion of the fabricator. Seam placements are determined based on slab/sheet size, layout, inherent material characteristics, installation requirements and safety.

# Support

The maximum unsupported overhang for a 2CM Compact Surface product is 10", 8" for a 12MM product and 12" for a 12MM product with a Mitered Edge; as long as 2/3 of the countertop is supported by a solid affixed structure (e.g. 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 extend 3" – 6" from the edge. Please refer to each manufacturer's website for more information.

## Care

Compact Surface is maintenance-free, resistant to heat and stains. To disinfect compact surface countertops, ammonia-based cleaners are acceptable. There also are a variety of compact surface cleaning sprays available at most home supply centers. For daily cleaning, use a soft cloth with a mild liquid soap and warm water. To remove soap scum, use a non-acidic soap scum remover. Spills should be wiped up quickly to prevent staining.

Use hot pads and trivets with heat generating appliances, as well as cutting boards, placemats and coasters to protect your surface from discoloration, scratches and staining.

