

# CLEANING AND CONSERVATION MANUAL

## OBSIDIANA

# GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

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Due to their exceptional physical and chemical characteristics and no porosity, Obsidiana COMPAC products only need a regular cleaning using a neutral cleaner, rinsing with water and drying with a cloth or towel paper. Following this advice it will maintain it's shine and natural appearance for many years. Here are some simple solutions to the most common everyday problems:

## STAIN REMOVAL

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- **GREASE STAINS**

Apply a small amount of a neutral cleaner directly onto the stain and rub with a non-abrasive sponge or a cloth until it disappears. Rinse with water and dry. If the stain persists, use a specific degreaser for countertops with a non-abrasive sponge and rinse it with plenty of water. Follow the indications recommended by the manufacturer.

- **DRY STAINS PRODUCED BY LIMESCALE**

Pour vinegar or a specific antical product on the surface and leave it on for one minute. Then rinse it with plenty of water and dry it. Follow the indications recommended by the manufacturer.

- **ADHERED REMNANTS OF PRODUCTS**

Peel off household waste with a plastic spatula, apply a neutral cleaner and rub with a wet cloth. Then rinse it with water and dry it.

After the installation of the countertop there are usually traces of silicone, to remove these remains apply some solvent (not containing dichloromethane) and rub it with a non-abrasive sponge. Rinse it with plenty of water and dry it. Never leave the solvent more than a minute on the surface.

- **METALLIC RUST STAINS**

Pour a small amount of hydrochloric acid lowered with water. Leave it to react for a few seconds, rinse it with plenty of water and dry it with a cloth or towel paper.



• RESISTANT STAINS

Before treating the stains described below, try cleaning the stain with a microfiber cloth with warm water and a neutral cleaner.

All the products mentioned must be poured, left on for a few seconds and cleaned thoroughly with water, then dried with a cloth or paper. Keep in mind to use aggressive products for difficult stains always lowered with water.

TYPE OF STAIN	CLEANING
Colorant, Red wine, Tomato, Coffe, Turmeric	Soapy bleach <i>(90% water, 10% bleach)</i>
Ink, Marker, Paint	Alcohol or Soapy bleach <i>(90% water, 10% bleach)</i>
Metal residue from pots, pans and other Oxide, Belt buckles	Hydrochloric acid 10% Neutral soap
Oil or Grease	Weak degreaser
Shampoo, Make-up, Cream	Alcohol Oxygenated water 30%
Limescale	Limescale remover or Vinegar

# HOW DO I CLEAN A SURFACE IN GLACÉ FINISH?

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All products and finishes of Obsidiana COMPAC (Polish and Glacé) have the same quality properties and chemical-physical qualities. Spite of this, the Glacé finish requires more attention, as the the daily use marks are more visible.

For daily cleaning, it is recommended to use slightly alkaline cleaning products together with a microfiber cloth, if the cleaning with a neutral cleaner was not enough.

A specific weak degreaser can be used occasionally if there are areas with accumulation of grease, but is not recommended for daily use.

## PRECAUTIONS

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- Do not place Obsidiana COMPAC in outdoors or anywhere subjected to intense solar radiation or in places where the product is exposed to UV-emitting lamps.
- Do not apply any kind of sealant, waterproof, brightener, etc. These products will provide an artificial and short-lasting shine, removing the natural shine of Obsidiana COMPAC. The use of these products may result in the loss of the warranty.
- Avoid leaving standing water on the surface of the countertop (*dish drainers, wet rags...*).
- To avoid marks produced by cutting with knives, utensils or sharp tools, protect it using specific cutting boards.
- Do not use strippers, caustic soda or products with a pH higher than 10 or with a chlorine base: oven cleaners, toilet cleaners, furniture waxes, oily soaps and products to unclog. Under no circumstances use products containing hydrofluoric acid or dichloromethane. If using bleach or solvent, always rinse with water and never leave them in contact with the surface for a long time. If some of these products are spilled, remove them as soon as possible with plenty of water and a neutral soap.

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