



# Care & Maintenance Guide

## *Cultured Marble Vanity Tops*

### Cleaning:

All Cast Marble Products fall into one of the two following Finish Categories:

#### Gloss/Semi Gloss Finish

- Marbleized Marble
- Solid Color Marble (B and 100/200 Series)
- Granite Colors (3G, 4G, GG, and all 300 Series)
- Two Tone Colors
- Onyx
- Solid Surface **Granite Colors** (700 Series)

This finish is smooth and shiny. Any cleaning should be handled the same as the automotive finish on your car. Cleaning should be done with simple soap and water and a soft cloth or sponge. Application of a high grade automotive paste wax forms a barrier coating that will both increase the luster and make the product easier to clean by making it more difficult for dirt and grime to adhere to the surface.

Any Satin/Matte finished product can be brought to a gloss finish by applying a progressive buffing starting with Coarse Automotive Buffing compound to a Medium Automotive Buffing compound. (This is the finish that comes standard on all Gloss/Semi Gloss finishes) The part can be made glossier by further buffing with a Fine Automotive Buffing compound and then a polishing compound. It should be noted that the shinier the part, the more noticeable small imperfections become. It is not recommended to gloss finish the Solid Color Solid Surface material (500 series). The appearance may not be what is expected.

#### Satin/Matte Finish

- Solid Surface **Solid Colors** (500 Series)

This finish has a smooth, dull or abraded appearance. These products can be cleaned more aggressively with soap, water, and preferably, a Scotch Brite™ pad. Abrasive cleansers can be used and will not harm the finish. However, depending on the grit of the abrasive particles, they can leave noticeable scratch marks in the product that will have to be removed by sanding or using Scotch Brite™ on the entire piece. Any Gloss finish can be made Satin/Matte by simply using Scotch Brite™ on the entire piece.

### Maintenance and Repair:

All Cast Marble Products fall into one of the 2 following Material Categories:

#### Gel Coated

- Marbleized Marble
- Solid Color Marble (B and 100/200 Series)
- Granite Colors (3G, 4G, GG, and all 300 Series)
- Two Tone Colors
- Onyx

All of the above products have a 10 to 20 mil Gelcoat protective wear surface. Gelcoat is an extremely wear and stain resistant coating that is backed up with a thick layer of synthetic marble:

- **Marbleized and Onyx Colors:** These products have a Clear Gelcoat and the color is derived from the cast synthetic backup material.
- **Solid and Spray Granite Colors: (100, 200, 300, 3G, 4G, & GG).** These products have a colored gelcoat.

With all of the Gelcoated products, minor scratches, burns, and stains can be either:

- Buffed out: Medium Automotive Buffing compound
- Buffed out: Coarse then Medium Automotive Buffing compound
- Block sanded: 800 grit then Medium Automotive Buffing compound

You **MUST** be careful **NOT** to buff or sand through the Gelcoat wear surface. Once this is done the piece is no longer protected in that spot.

## *Natural Stone Vanity Tops*

### *Italian Marble & Natural Granite*

Granite is a coarse grained crystalline igneous rock composed primarily of quartz and feldspar. It forms from slowly cooling magma that is subjected to extreme pressures deep beneath the earth's surface. Because it is a natural material it is subject to variation in mineral composition affecting color, flecks, and other aspects of appearance.

Sample chips will vary, to some degree, from actual product. No two granite pieces are alike – making each natural granite vanity top a beautiful, one of a kind masterpiece.

### Cleaning:

- Clean stone surfaces with a few drops of non-acidic soap scum remover, or a mild liquid dishwashing detergent.
- Frequent or over-use of soap scum remover could result in dulling the surface of the stone.
- Do thoroughly rinse and dry the surface after washing
- Too much cleaner or soap may leave a film and cause streaks.
- Do blot up spills immediately
- **Do not** use products that contain lemon, vinegar or other acid content may etch the surface
- **Do not** use abrasive cleaner such as dry cleaners or soft cleansers.
- **Do not** use cleaners that contain acids such as bathroom cleaners, grout cleaners, or tile cleaners.
- **Do not** mix bleach and ammonia, this combination creates a toxic and lethal gas.

### Spills and Stains:

Blot the spill with a paper towel immediately. Don't wipe the area, this will spread the spill. Flush the area with plain water and mild soap and rinse several times. Dry the area thoroughly with a soft cloth. Repeat as necessary.