



Caring for your fine laminate countertop.



Congratulations on your new fine laminate countertop

We hope you enjoy the unique style it adds to your home. The beauty of VT Fine Laminate Countertops is that they need very little maintenance. They never require resealing or heavy polishing, unlike most solid surface and stone countertops. And there are no crevices to collect dirt and grime. So, simply follow the guidelines in this brochure, to keep your countertop as beautiful as the day it was installed.



Protecting your fine laminate countertop

- **Do not place hot items directly on your laminate countertop.**
 - Use a hot pad or trivet to avoid placing hot pans or dishes directly on the laminate surface.
 - Keep lit cigarettes from directly contacting laminate surface.
 - Do not place curling irons or hot rollers directly on the laminate surface.
 - Do not iron or even place a hot iron on the laminate surface.
- **Do not use your laminate countertop as a cutting board.**
 - Knives and other sharp utensils could slice or scratch the laminate surface.
- **Do not slide abrasive items across your laminate countertop.**
 - Ceramics, earthenware, and other rough-bottomed objects could scratch the laminate surface. Use a placemat or other protective underlay with these items.
 - Do not use scouring pads or steel wool on the laminate surface.
- **Do not drop objects on your laminate countertop.**
 - Heavy impact can chip or crack the laminate surface.
- **Do not use cleaners containing acid, alkali or bleach.**
 - This includes cleaners made for toilets, tubs, tile, ovens, rust, metal, ceramic cook tops, and lime/mineral deposits. If you're unsure about a particular cleaning agent, contact the manufacturer to ensure its compatibility with laminate surfaces.
- **Do not allow bottles, rags, or anything else that may have harsh chemicals to contact your laminate countertop.**
 - This includes hair dyes, clothing dyes, and food coloring.



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For everyday cleaning:

- Use a clean, damp, non-abrasive cloth with a mild detergent or household cleaner.
- To remove stuck-on residue, scrub with a nylon-bristled brush.

For difficult stains:

- Apply a paste of baking soda and water to draw out the stain. Then, blot away with a damp cloth. Don't rub the stain, as it may set back into the laminate.
- You may use solvents such as denatured alcohol or nail polish remover on your laminate countertop to remove pen or pencil stains. Use a small amount and repeat until the stain is removed. Rinse the surface thoroughly. Then clean as usual.

For dusting:

- Use a non-oily furniture spray. This may also help hide small scratches.

Many laminate manufacturers produce cleaners for specialty laminate surfaces, such as metallic, glossy, or textured laminates. Consult the laminate manufacturer for specific instructions.



VT Fine Laminate Countertops

VT Industries has been making countertops since 1956 and we have grown to become the leader in the postformed decorative laminate countertop industry. You'll find our countertops at the best kitchen and bath dealers across North America, as well as in America's two largest home improvement centers.

Our fine laminate countertops come in seven different styles. And we work with all major laminate manufacturers, so there are thousands of design possibilities – including laminates that resemble the look of granite, stone and popular metals.

VT countertops are also perfect for places you may not have previously considered. They're great for bathrooms, laundry rooms, kids' rooms, home offices, media rooms, and even as durable work surfaces for workshops and garages. So when you're thinking about VT countertops, think beyond the kitchen. You'll be surprised how versatile they truly are.

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