

## Cleaning - Protecting - Maintaining Natural Stone - Kitchen Bench Tops and Vanities

All types of natural stone are used as benchtops and vanities. Hard stones, such as granite, gneiss and gabbro, with a polished finish are among the most popular. For other surfaces, such as marble and limestone, please refer to the additional comments on page 2. Choosing the right treatment guarantees the long life of your natural stone tops.

### Overview of the 3 Steps *for more detailed instructions, please refer to Page 2*

**1**

#### Initial cleaning of newly installed surfaces

Lithofin MN Power-Clean -acid free- removes general and stubborn dirt's



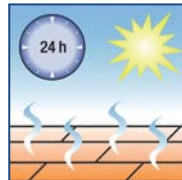
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Apply Lithofin MN Power-Clean diluted 1:5 and scrub onto the surface.



Allow to dwell for 5-10 min. and scrub again. Rinse well with water to remove all product residues.



Allow to dry. Do not wet or dirty the surface for 24 hours.

**Necessary equipment:** white nylon pad, soft brush

**2**

#### Protecting against stains

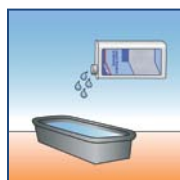
Lithofin MN Stain-Stop -invisible- renders the surface water and oil repellent



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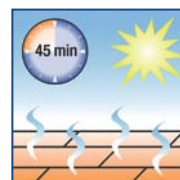
Pour product in a basin or bucket.



Apply generously with a brush or lambswool applicator. Repeat after 10 minutes.



Redistribute after 10 minutes, then remove all surface residues with a squeegee and clean dry towel.



Do not wet or cover the surface for 24 hours.

Instead of Lithofin MN Stain-Stop, you can also use the solvent free Lithofin STAINSTOP >W<.

**Necessary equipment:** basin or bucket, brush, lambswool applicator, squeegee and towel

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#### Regular maintenance

Lithofin MN Easy-Clean -used regularly- cleans and provides additional protection.



Spray the surface then wipe with a micro-fibre cloth dry or damp.



#### Additional care

Lithofin MN Polish cream enhances shine, colours and strengthens the protection effect.



Occasional polishing maintains the appearance. For polished natural stone only!

**Necessary equipment:** cleaning cloth, polishing cloth

**Note:** All products recommended in this method statement pose no health concerns once dry. The products have been tested by independent institutes. Used correctly, the products do not leave any hazardous substances on the surface.

**Engineered Stone tops:** Engineered stone mostly does not require sealing but correct maintenance is important. Regularly clean engineered stone tops with Lithofin MN Easy-Clean spray. Use Lithofin MN Power-Clean for periodic cleaning or to remove stubborn dirt residues.

## 1 Cleaning and refurbishing used surfaces

- ◆ Treating used kitchen counters requires a thorough cleaning. All dirt deposits and care product residues must be removed from the surface and pores of the stone.
- Lithofin MN Power-Clean is suitable for all stone types. Dilute up to 1:5 with water and apply with a brush or white nylon pad. Allow to dwell for 5 to 10 minutes.
- Scrub well and then wait another 5 minutes.
- Add water while scrubbing and remove the solution from the surface.
- Rinse twice with clear water to remove all product and dirt residues.
- ◆ Allow to dry for several days before applying a protective treatment like Lithofin MN Stain-Stop.

### Other, stubborn types of dirt

oil, grease, care product residues, stubborn dirt, etc.	Lithofin MN Power-Clean
wax, varnish, sealants, tar, silicone	Lithofin WAX-OFF
deeply engrained oil stains	Lithofin OIL-EX
calcium deposits	Lithofin MN Bathroom Cleaner

## 2 Additional information about protective treatments

- ◆ Impregnating sealers render the surface water and oil resistant.
- ◆ Staining is prevented and spills become easier to remove.
- ◆ The natural stone surface becomes easier to maintain and maintains its appearance for many years.
- ◆ Lithofin MN Stain-Stop (solvent based) and Lithofin MN Stain-Stop >W< (water based) provide optimal protection without changing the appearance of the stone.
- ◆ Lithofin STAINSTOP >W< can be used on surfaces which have been pre-treated with Lithofin MN Stain-Stop and vice versa.
- ◆ The active ingredients pose no health hazard once dry.

### Please Note:

- ◆ **Always test the product in an inconspicuous area.** Non absorbent or wet surfaces cannot be treated.
- ◆ Use impregnators only on completely dry and clean surfaces. Otherwise, the product will not be able to penetrate into the surface.
- ◆ Do not allow the product to dry on the surface. Carefully remove all excess. In case the product is starting to dry: redissolve with Lithofin MN Stain-Stop or Lithofin STAINSTOP>W<.
- ◆ Some stones may become slightly darker after sealing. Impregnating sealers do not protect marbles against acid etching normal levels of wear. These materials can be mechanically treated to rejuvenate the surface finish.

## 3 Additional care for more gloss



### Lithofin MN Polish cream (for small and polished surfaces only)

Occasional polishing provides additional protection, colour enhancement and shine. Dull spots become less visible with time. For large areas and floors use Lithofin MN Polish (liquid-wax).

### Please Note:

- △ Please follow the detailed instructions on the label.
  - △ Marble and limestone are not resistant to acidic substances such as vinegar, lemon juice, sauces, wine, some cleaners etc. Acidic substances should not come in contact with marble, limestone or travertine.
  - △ Do not use corrosive or abrasive products on marble, limestone or travertine to avoid scratches and dull spots.
  - △ Most hard stones are resistant to acid. Some types (e.g. Blue Pearl, Bahia Blue, Chinese granite, etc.) react with discolouration or matting. Always test suitability before using an acidic product.
  - △ When impregnating dark stones work sparingly and evenly because these stones have a very low porosity.
- TIP:** Avoid using leaching and degreasing cleaning products as well as products that form layers. These products negatively affect the appearance of the natural stone and make maintenance more difficult.

If you require advice or are in any way unsure about these instructions, please call our **Technical Support Line at AUS: (03) 8552 6000 / NZ: (9) 475 0495**

This information should be considered to be informal and non-binding. The products must be used according to local conditions and materials. Instructions must be read carefully and followed closely. Always test the product in an inconspicuous area. (AUS/NZ5.17)

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