

## Care and Cleaning

### General Maintenance

The luster of your Classic product will be preserved by occasional cleaning and waxing. Use only liquid non-abrasive cleaners. Then apply a light coat of non-yellowing wax and polish. Most hardware stores carry a cultured marble/fiberglass polish.

### Problems/Remedies

1. Remove hard water stains and scale with a mild vinegar and water solution, followed by washing. This works well on rust stains too.
2. Grease stains and glue residues can be removed with rubbing alcohol.
3. Mold and mildew can be removed with a solution of bleach and water. Be careful not to get straight bleach on your marble.
4. Cigarette stains can be removed by using Bon Ami put on with a toothbrush. After removing the stain, polish area with a marble wax.
5. Minor surface scratches and scuffs can be buffed out by using the marble/fiberglass wax. Deeper scratches require light sanding with a wet 600 grit sandpaper. Sand lightly in a confined area. Keep area wet. Finish job by buffing with a marble/fiberglass wax. (3M Imperial Compound available at some auto part stores)
6. Avoid direct contact with hot combs or curling irons as these appliances can damage surface. Please use a hot pad to protect the surface.

### Harmful Substances

Certain chemical substances can seriously damage your new cultured marble, even during short period of contact. Avoid contact with the following:

1. Household Bleach
2. Hydrogen Peroxide
3. Liquid Plummer, or other lye solutions.
4. Sani-Flush, or other sodium bisulfate compounds.
5. Fingernail polish remover.
6. Comet, Ajax, or other abrasive cleaners.

### Long Term Performance

1. Cultured marble shares the contraction and expansion characteristics of natural marble. Attention to water temperature changes is most important during winter months when the hot water is usually the hottest, and the cold water is usually the coldest. Rapid changes in the temperature of the water hitting your marble can cause your top to crack. The cycling of hot and cold is known as thermal cycling. Avoid running hot water exclusively in your sink. We recommend a temperature of 120° and temperature should not exceed 140°.
2. Certain products (ceramics) will scratch the surface of our products when slid around. Use rubber "bumpers" on the bottom of anything to be permanently placed on your new marble or temporary protection during work activities. (Refer to #5, under Problems/Remedies if minor scratches appear)
3. Do not set items, (in the same spot), on your new marble for prolonged periods of time. We recommend not using your new marble as a shelf. If you prefer to set items on your marble, make sure to move them periodically, (weekly). Failure to do so may result in a discoloration in your marble.
4. With the raw materials that CLASSIC MARBLE uses in the manufacture of their products, and with proper care and maintenance, your new cultured marble products should give you many years of service. Thank you for choosing our products.