



## CARE & MAINTENANCE

1. Do not expose miter seams to standing water or set coffee pots over seam. Water damage is permanent and is not a warranty issue.
2. STOVES and COOK TOPS must be set at a height ABOVE the top of your counter top. This will prevent end caps from excessive heat that could cause them to release.

Tops above dishwashers should have area above dishwasher sealed to prevent moisture damage. Vents on top of door can cause damage quickly.

3. FAUCET HOLES - All holes drilled through the top MUST be sealed with silicone. All raw particle board must be sealed to prevent water damage.
4. Use a damp cloth or sponge with a mild NON ABRASIVE detergent for cleaning. Then rinse thoroughly and wipe dry with a clean soft cloth.
5. For tougher stains, a SOFT BRISTLED brush may be used. Abrasive cleaners WILL cause premature wear.
6. ALWAYS use a cutting board when slicing to avoid cuts & scratches. Any sharp object can scratch the surface.
7. ALWAYS use hot pads to protect the surface from hot pans, as enough heat will damage the surface.
8. NEVER SLIDE “stoneware” across the surface, as it is very abrasive, and will cause scratches and premature wear.
9. Polishes such as “Hopes Counter Top Polish” can help by reducing friction.
10. Certain household chemicals WILL DAMAGE the surface, including:

**Toilet Bowl Cleaners**  
**Drain Cleaners**

**White Vinegar**  
**Hydrogen Peroxide**

**Oven Cleaners**  
**Stain & Rust Removers**

**Bleach**  
**Anti-Bacterial Formulas**

If any of these items come in contact with the surface, IMMEDIATELY clean that area very thoroughly and wipe dry with a clean soft cloth. Following these guidelines, your countertop should remain looking new for many years.

### Special Tip

Always rinse laminate after cleaning! Failure to rinse after cleaning is the single greatest cause of damage to a laminate surface. If even a small amount of cleaning solution remains on the surface, moisture from cups or dishes can reactivate it and result in permanently-etched scars. Always rinse thoroughly with clean water and dry with a soft, clean cloth.

## 3-4-5 RULE

Use this rule to check for square (90°) corner.  
Corner is square if 3-4-5 rule works.

