

## Care & Maintenance (Consumer leaflet) Kitchen, Bathroom & Bathroom Panels

Thank you for choosing Minerelle worktops, UK's leading composite solid surface component. Please read through these simple instructions in order to look after your worktop.

General daily care in preserving the beauty and functionality of Minerelle is as simple as wiping with a warm damp cloth.

- Dulling due to general wear & tear can be avoided by cleaning once a week with Minerelle Finishing Spray. We recommend the daily use of Minerelle Finishing Spray for the first 7 days after the installation.
- Always remove spills from potential staining agents or ingredients as soon as they occur.
- For more stubborn stains always start by trying the gentlest methods. **(Avoid using abrasive or harsh chemicals such as concentrated, thick bleach).**
- Most household cleaning agents may remove the natural oils in the Minerelle Finishing Spray. If such products are used for cleaning you may need to reapply Minerelle Finishing Spray to restore lustre.
- Do not use the work surface as a cutting board as this will scratch the surface.
- Always use a cutting board or a "worktop saver" which can be obtained through your retailer.
- Minor cuts and scratches can be removed using 3M Scotch-Brite sponge.
- Deep scratches or impact damage can be repaired using a Repair Kit. Contact your retailer for advice.
- Never place hot pans, dishes or heat producing appliances directly onto the worktop surface. Always use trivets to avoid marking or damaging the surface.
- Do not place heat generating appliances like coffee percolators directly over a jointed area.
- Be careful not to overhang pans as the heat deflected from underside of the pan can damage the surrounding surfaces.
- Avoid sliding abrasive objects such as unglazed pottery across the surface of Minerelle as this will cause damage.

### **How to use the Grey 3M Scotch-Brite sponge.**

This product has an abrasive nature and it is suitable for removing slight marks, stubborn stains and uneven sheen. The degree of abrasion will also depend on the amount of pressure you apply during rubbing down. Submerge the sponge in water before rubbing down the surface. Water will act as a lubricant and will also prevent generating dust.

- The rubbing down should be carried out with a modest pressure of your palm on the entire sponge. Try not to apply localised pressure on the sponge. When the marks have been removed extend the area of rubbing to blend in the surface texture with the rest of the top.
- For future use of the Grey 3M Scotch-Brite sponge, please rinse under clean water and leave to dry. To prolong its life, it is recommended that you do not wring the sponge. Apply pressure from both sides instead to squeeze any excess water.
- Once you have finished rubbing down with the sponge, remove surface residue with a damp cloth. Do not proceed with spraying Minerelle Finishing Spray until the surface is clean and dry from the rubbing down. Spray a moderate amount of Minerelle Finishing Spray and wipe over evenly with a clean cloth. You will then need to buff the surface with a dry polishing cloth until an even finish is produced.
- When installed, a Minerelle worktop will have an overall satin finish. As you use it Minerelle acquires a smoother more pleasing appearance and the cleaning properties appear to improve with use.
- **Dark colours will show marks easier and therefore require more care and maintenance.**

For General Information on Minerelle or to re-order individual items in this care & maintenance kit, such as Minerelle Finishing Spray® or Grey Scotch-Brite® sponge please contact your retailer or directly using the "Contact us" page on [www.minerelle.com](http://www.minerelle.com)