

# Caring for DuPont™ Zodiaq® Quartz Surfaces



## HOW TO CLEAN DUPONT™ ZODIAQ® QUARTZ COUNTERTOPS

### Quartz for Easy Care and Maintenance

Learning how to clean DuPont™ Zodiaq® quartz surface countertops takes no time at all—thanks to the stain-resistance of this remarkable material. Zodiaq® quartz surfacing is a tough, non-porous, chemically resistant, high-performance surface that elevates residential kitchen aesthetics with the natural beauty of quartz.

### ROUTINE CARE

#### Just Use Water and a Paper Towel

With simple, care, Zodiaq® quartz surface will retain its radiant, lustrous appearance for many years. For routine cleaning, simply wipe down your countertop with a damp cloth or paper towel and, if necessary, a small amount of non-bleach, non-abrasive cleanser.

#### Clean Up Spills Right Away—Before They Can Dry

Even though Zodiaq® surfaces resists permanent staining when exposed to liquids (such as wine, vinegar, tea, lemon juice and soda) or fruits and vegetables, you'll want to wipe up food and liquid spills as soon as possible.

For stubborn or dried spills, use a nonabrasive cleaning pad such as a white 3M Scotch-Brite®\* scrub pad coupled with Formula 409®\*\*\* Glass & Surface Cleaner\*\* or a comparable cleaning product.

### ESSENTIAL GEAR

#### Cutting Boards and Trivets

DuPont™ Zodiaq® quartz surfaces are heat- and scratch-resistant, but not heat- and scratch-proof. Use trivets or pads with hot pots, and always use a cutting board. Never chop or slice food directly on your countertops.

### WHAT NOT TO USE

If any of the substances mentioned below come into contact with Zodiaq® surfaces, rinse the exposed surface immediately and thoroughly with water.

#### No Wax or Polish Necessary

Because it is non-porous, Zodiaq® quartz surface does not require sealants or waxes. Zodiaq® keeps its lustrous gloss and ultra-smooth surface without polishing or applying sealant.



### **Do Not Use Bleach**

Avoid using cleaners that contain bleach. Always follow the cleaner manufacturer's use instructions and exercise proper care when handling and storing any cleaning products.

### **Avoid High-pH Cleaners**

Casual exposure to alkaline solutions, such as diluted bleach, will not damage Zodiaq® quartz surfaces. Highly alkaline (high pH) cleaners, such as oven cleaners and concentrated bleach, are not recommended.

### **Removing Cooking Grease**

When grease from cooking is an issue, use Greased Lightning™\*\*\*, or a comparable degreasing product, to help loosen and remove the grease from the surface. Follow the cleaner manufacturer's instructions for use.

### **Permanent Markers**

Keep permanent markers and inks away from your countertops. Should these agents come into contact with the surface, clean first as outlined above in Routine Care. If the stain persists, moisten a cloth with Goo Gone®\*\*\*\*, or a comparable product, and rub it into the stain. Rinse thoroughly with warm water to remove any cleaner residue.

### **Keep Solvents and Powerful Chemicals Off the Counter**

Avoid exposing Zodiaq® quartz surfaces to strong chemicals and solvents, especially paint removers or furniture strippers containing trichlorethane or methylene chloride. Keep nail polish remover, bleach, bluing, permanent markers or inks, and oil soaps away from your Zodiaq® quartz countertops.

### **Heat Damage Prevention**

To maintain the beauty of Zodiaq® quartz surfaces, do not place hot skillets or roasting pans directly onto the surface. DuPont recommends the use of trivets and hot pads.

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## Dealing with More Difficult Spills and Materials

Materials that harden as they dry (such as gum, food, grease, nail polish or paint) are especially tenacious. Remove these by gently scraping away the excess with a plastic putty knife.

## Backed by a 10-Year Limited Residential Warranty

In the unlikely event that you do experience any problems due to a manufacturer's defect, you can rest assured that DuPont backs its Zodiaq® brand quartz surface with a ten-year limited residential warranty.



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