

# ARTEDOMUS

STONE • TILE • MOSAIC • BATHWARE • TIMBER FLOORING

## CLEANING REGIME FOR STONE SURFACES

### **Kitchen benchtops/vanities/bars**

*All benches when installed should be sealed by the installer – Artedomus recommends a water based penetrating sealer – for instance FILA W68. Artedomus supply FILA products and most mentioned in this document are in stock.*

*There are also other very good products on the market which will achieve the same result. .*

*Limestone and Marble are susceptible to pitting if acidic liquids come into contact with them –eg. lemon juice, vinegar, wine etc and the sealing process gives time for such spills to be wiped up quickly so causing no ill effects. To test whether the sealer is still working check that water dropped onto the surface 'beads', so demonstrating that it is not soaking into the stone.*

**NEVER** use any product from a supermarket shelf like Mr Muscle, Showerwitch etc as these are very acidic, ie. they have a pH less than 7. In normal circumstances acid cuts through grease as part of the cleaning process – however you do not want this on your beautiful stone!! .

*Do not stand on the bench top, or cause excessive vibration to the stone*

*Do not drag heavy items across the surface or cut directly on the stone, as the stone may scratch.*

*Avoid rapid and extreme temperature changes to the stone's surface.*

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## Cleaning

- As a general rule marble and limestone benches can be cleaned on a daily basis using just warm water and a microfibre cloth. Microfibre cloths are recommended as they leave no filaments on the stone surface and suck up dirt.
- For deep cleaning use either the Filacleaner or the Fila PS/87 diluted as shown on the container and use the instructions thereon.
- Periodically, it is possible to apply a nourishing wax to the surface, called Lithofin Polish. This removes the dullness that stone can acquire from lime in the water. This should be applied neat with a soft cloth and then should be rubbed until completely dry

## Routine maintenance of honed natural stone flooring

- For routine cleaning use FilaCleaner that is a universal detergent for all natural stone products - use a 1:5 solution of Filacleaner and apply to the surface with a cloth. There is no need to rinse
- For a build-up of soap residue in showers:
  - Spray Fila PS/87 directly on the stain, leave for approximately 5 minutes, then remove and wash off.
- For the removal of limescale use FilaVia Bagno which is specially formulated for the bathroom. It also cleans taps and fittings, glass, steel and plastic but on no account should it be used on polished marble surfaces

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## Other services available for the care of natural stone:

Artedomus is proud to be closely associated with Slique - ([info@slique.co.nz](mailto:info@slique.co.nz)) 0800 Slique.

They offer a wide range of options to clean, repair and refresh your stone benchtops and your stone floors and bathrooms. No problem is too hard to solve for Slique.

We recommend this Lithofin Care Pack, sold at Artedomus showroom.



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