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Care guide

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About your new bench top:

- Handcrafted in Perth
- Custom made, meaning your piece is one-of-a-kind
- Made of GFRC (Glass Fibre Reinforced Concrete) which is
 - strong, has a high strength-to-weight ratio
 - can be cast thinner than traditional concrete
 - uses less cement than traditional concrete less quantities due to the ability of thinner forms and therefore qualifies as sustainable.
 - GFRC doesn't crack or chip as easily as traditional concrete
 - Is suitable for indoor and outdoor use
 - It requires minimal maintenance, and is sealed to last





Care and maintenance:

Like all products, the more love you show your benchtop, the longer life it will give - no benchtop material is indestructible, and concrete is no exception.

GFRC Designs use high quality sealers which are designed to offer years of high performance with low maintenance. However, like all bench tops, they require specific care and maintenance. Please follow the care guide on the following pages to ensure you gain the longest life from your new GFRC product.

Daily maintenance and care

- Clean with soapy water and non-abrasive cloth, wipe dry
- Do NOT scrub with rough sponges. Forceful rubbing may result in scratches, a loss of shine and remove the protective sealer.
- Do NOT use abrasive cleaners
- Acidity is destructive to concrete and sealers. Avoid exposure to products with high ph levels (eg. oven cleaners, lemon juice, vinegar).
- Avoid exposure to paint strippers, bleach, nail polish remover and solvent cleaners as these will destroy the sealer
- Clean regularly, don't allow oils and spills to sit on the countertop for extended periods as these can stain the top.

Stains

- Do NOT place pot plants on the concrete
- Do NOT place items which rust on the concrete
- Ensure nothing which can leach colour is placed on the concrete (e.g. red wine, turmeric, beetroot, oil, newspaper ink). Place a cloth under chopping board where this may be a concern.
- ***Please contact us for help regarding stubborn stains.***
- Use absorbent coasters
- If a destructive substance spills, rinse immediately with clean water, and then follow usual cleaning procedure.

Scratches and marks

- Over time the sealer on concrete tops can develop scratches and abrasive marks- caring for your sealer will ensure the longest life for your benchtop.
- Avoid impact/dropping/dragging of objects
- Avoid excessive weight (e.g. do not sit/stand on the surface)
- Do NOT cut directly onto the countertop, use a chopping board
- Do not roughly place/throw items into concrete sinks as this may chip the concrete and/or break the sealer
- Concrete is susceptible to hairline cracking- this is simply aesthetic and not structural- it is the organic nature of the concrete as it changes over time.

UV exposure

- exposure to direct sunlight and weather may result in a slight colour change over an extended period and ongoing maintenance may be required more regularly.
- Heat and sunlight may expose more hairline cracks, however these are not structural, but an aesthetic property of the material

Heat Resistance

- Never place hot cookware directly onto the concrete, always use heat mats.
- Although concrete is heat resistant, excessive localised heat may result in damage to the concrete due to thermal shock, colour change and sealer damage.

Ongoing Maintenance

- Ensure to follow the guidelines above. Like all bench tops, the years may take its toll with general wear. Fortunately, your concrete top surface can be revitalised by grinding and resealing. Please be aware, this should be undertaken by a professional to avoid exposure to crystalline silica dust. Contact GFRC Designs for more information.
- Please refer to our [warranty](#) document



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