Method Statement

Cleaning - Protecting - Maintaining
Quartzite -kitchen worktops-

Instructions for polished, ground and brushed surfaces

Various types of quartzite are used as kitchen countertops. Quartzite slabs with a polished surface are most commonly used. Choosing the right treatment guarantees the long life of your kitchen countertop.
Dolomite marble: This type of stone is sometimes also referred to as soft quartzite, but is a marble: see Lithofin Info No. 42002! In the natural stone company, the kitchen worktops are usually treated with impregnation during production.

The 3 steps at a glance, *detailed information see page 2*

1 Initial cleaning of new surfaces *used surfaces: see page 2*

Lithofin MN Power-Clean - acid-free - removes greasy general dirt and much more.

Coverage: 1Litre/10m²

Spread some product on the damp surface and wipe.

Wash well with water, remove all cleaning residues.

Allow the surface to dry and protect it from moisture.

Tip:
Existing surfaces should also be cleaned from time to time with Lithofin MN Power-Clean.

Required equipment: sponge (cloth)

2 Protective treatment against stains *Pre-cleaning of used surfaces: see page 2*

Lithofin FVE with colour recess repels water and oil and makes maintenance easier.

Coverage: 1Litre/15m²

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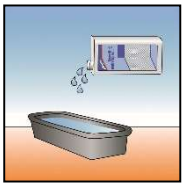
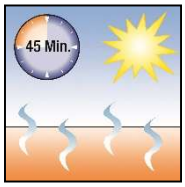


Pour product into tub or tray.

Apply with a brush. Treat the edges and front edge of the underside.

Spread or completely remove excess, streaks, puddles within 15 minutes.



Leave to dry for approx. 45 mins., protect from moisture for approx. 24 h.

Required equipment: bowl or tub, roller, brush, cleaning cloths

3 Regular maintenance

Lithofin MN Easy-Clean -used regularly- cleanses and provides additional protection.

Coverage: 500ml

Spray on and wipe off any loosened dirt with a damp sponge cloth

Aftercare

To maintain the optimal protective effect, treat once a year with Lithofin STAINSTOP >W<*.
For flamed and clean brushed surfaces occasionally with Lithofin MN Power-Clean.

Required equipment: sponge cloth, lint-free polishing cloth or similar

All recommended products are safe for health after drying. If the cleaning products are properly processed, no harmful active ingredients remain on the stone surface.

Please refer to the instructions on the packaging.

1 Pre-cleaning for protective treatment of used, heavily soiled surfaces

The protective treatment of a worktop that has already been used requires careful pre-cleaning. All impurities and care products must be removed from the surface and pores.

- Lithofin MN Power-Clean is suitable for all types of stone: Depending on the soiling, dilute at least 1:3 with water, apply generously with a brush or sponge and leave on for 5-10 minutes.
- Then brush well and wait another 5 minutes.
- Add water under brushes, then absorb liquid.
- Wash twice with clean water until all detergent residues are completely removed.

Removal of special contaminants

oil, grease, etc. residues	Lithofin MN Power-Clean
wax, wood glazes, sealants	Lithofin WAX-OFF
deep-seated oil stains	Lithofin OIL-EX
limescale deposits	Rub off Lithofin MN Power-Clean, undiluted with 10 min. exposure time and with a white pad

2 Further information on the protective treatment against stains

Impregnation with Lithofin FVE makes natural stone water and oil repellent. This results in fewer stains or stains and other contaminants are easier to remove. In addition, the colour structure of the dolomite marble is strengthened. The natural stone surface becomes much easier to maintain and its beautiful appearance is retained for many years. In general, an existing acid sensitivity is not changed by impregnation.

Lithofin STAINSTOP >W<* can also be applied to surfaces that have already been impregnated with Lithofin FVE (e.g. at the factory) and is therefore particularly suitable for post-treatment. We recommend a follow-up treatment with Lithofin STAINSTOP >W<* once a year to maintain optimal protection. Not suitable for polished surfaces. The active ingredients are harmless to health after drying.

Important:

- **Create a test area before processing.** Non-absorbent or damp surfaces cannot be impregnated.
- Only apply impregnations on completely dried surfaces, otherwise the product cannot be absorbed into the surface.
- Wipe off excess product from the surface carefully and completely, as this is no longer possible after it has dried out. If the cloth is already beginning to dry, moisten it with product if necessary.

Important notes:

△ Please refer to the detailed instructions for use on the packaging.
△ Dolomite marble is little or only partially acid-resistant due to calcitic admixtures.
Acidic substances (vinegar, lemon, wine, descaler, etc.) but also strong alkalis can lead to chemical burns.

TIP: Avoid leaching, highly grease-dissolving cleaners, as well as products that form layers or leave residues, as these impair the well-groomed appearance of natural stone and make it difficult to maintain.

This information can and should only provide non-binding advice. The use of a product must be adapted to the local conditions and the surfaces to be treated. The suitability of the product is to be determined on a sample surface.

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