# CARE AND MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

## PANMINQUARTZ ®

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#### **PROFILE**

PANMIN is a comprehensive and innovative supplier of both natural and man-made stone products. PANMINQUARTZ® is man-made quartz surfaces from PANMIN, which can be applied for residential and commercial interior decoration including kitchen countertops, bathroom vanities, office tables, wall panels, tiles, and more. With strong confidence in quality and service, it offers a 15-year and a 10-year warranty respectively for PANMINQUARTZ® for residential and commercial use.

PANMIN has its main office and two factories in China, and one factory in Cambodia. Our globalization setup will benefit our customers from different locations and areas.

PANMIN has acquired products certification such as SGS, NSF and UL since 2012. PANMINQUARTZ® is CE certificated and is evaluated and certified by NSF. It also has Greenguard Gold certified by UL for low chemical emissions, guaranteeing safety factors to sensitive individuals such as children and the elderly, patients in schools and hospitals. The certification ensures the final consumer's maximum safety and protection.

PANMINQUARTZ® has been keeping high quality. It not only meets the international certification standards but also customers' satisfaction. We are devoted to providing sufficient services to our customers. As long as you need, don't hesitate to contact us.

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PANMINQUARTZ is non-porous that is highly resistant to stains caused by fruit/vegetable juices, liquid food coloring, coffee, tea, wine, soft drinks, olive oil. Normal cleaning with a damp cloth or paper towel, and if possible, a small amount of mild detergent is all you need to keep your PANMINQUARTZ looking great. Once clean, rinse and dry the surface thoroughly. To avoid a dull surface, be sure to use a non-abrasive cleaner and rinse thoroughly after use. PANMINQUARTZ requires minimum maintenance and following the care and maintenance guidelines will help to keep the surface in good condition for years.

#### **REGULAR CLEANING**

#### **Cleaning Stubborn Stains or Dried Spills**

If needed, apply common, non-abrasive, household cleaners directly to the affected area for a few minutes. Soak the affected area with pads of paper towels for 5 to 10 minutes. Scrub the area gently with a non-scratch pad in a circular movement. Rinse off any cleaner with clean water thoroughly. Then dry with a soft cloth or paper towel thoroughly. If necessary, apply Windex streak-free as the final step to clean any gel residue.

#### **Removing Adhered Materials**

Adhered materials refer to materials like gum, nail polish, paint, or any other foreign matter. First, carefully scrape away the excess material with a plastic putty knife or a razor. And then clean the surface with a damp cloth to remove any marks left behind and any residual dirt. Also do not use abrasive pads to clean tougher dirt as abrasives can damage the finish/sheen of your countertops. Any gray marks left by the blade can be removed with household cleaners and ordinary scouring pads. If necessary, use Windex streak-free to rinse and clean any gel residue.

#### **Textured Finishes Cleaning and Maintenance**

Texture Finishes refer to finishes other than polishing finishes, such as honed finishes, leathered finishes. These finishes require more cleaning than our polished finish. Fingerprints, grease, wet spots, metalmarks, and other signs of daily living show more on these types of surfaces. Most of these marks can be easily removed with little effort and non-abrasive cleaning products such as Soft Scrub Liquid Gel. These types of finishes are not recommended for high-traffic areas.

#### **CAUTION**

#### **Avoid Chemicals & Solvents (Cleaners)**

Quartz can be permanently damaged by prolonged exposure to strong chemicals and solvents. It is advisable to avoid exposing PANMINQUARTZ to chemicals with PH levels outside of the range 5-8, such as grill cleaners, floor strippers, paint removers/furniture strippers, toilet bowl cleaners, the product with pumice, oil soaps, tarnish, or silver removers, furniture cleaners, drain products, battery acid, dishwasher detergent, etc. If the surface of your PANMINQUARTZ is accidentally exposed to any potentially damaging products, rinse immediately with water to neutralize the effect.

Do not use abrasive or strong alkaline/acid or free radicals or oxidizers or the like (whether high, neutral, or low PH) cleaners. Various chemicals are corrosive and/or erosive in their ability to attack any structure including PANMINQUARTZ. Be very aware of these potential damages to your product.

#### **Avoid Scratch & Hitting**

PANMINQUARTZ is durable and more resistant to surface damage than other stones. However, all stones can be damaged by force and no stone is chip-proof. Objects hitting edges particularly at sinks or dishwashers may cause chips. Though a minor knife slip will dull the knife and not harm PANMINQUARTZ, no stone surface is scratch-proof. Surface markings are more visible on mono stone designs than multi-colored surfaces. The use of a cutting board is always recommended when using sharp knives. Care should be exercised when moving heavy objects, and avoid dropping heavy kitchen tools, particularly on the edges of sinks or dishwashers.

#### **Heat Caution**

PANMINQUARTZ is designed and manufactured to withstand moderate heat but the products are not heatproof. Like any other composite material, PANMINQUARTZ may be damaged by sudden or lasting exposure to high temperature resulting in cracks, especially at the edges and cutouts of the product. To prevent thermal shock, discoloration, or other damages, it is necessary to use insulating pads when putting hot objects on the surface. Keep PANMINQUARTZ away from open flames and avoid prolonged contact with very hot pots. We always recommend using a hot pad or trivet, especially when using cooking units such as electric frying pans, griddles, crock pots, or toaster ovens. Do not put hot cookware directly on the surface of PANMINQUARTZ.

#### **Avoid Sun Exposure**

Minimize direct sun exposure to PANMINQUARTZ. Long-term exposure to direct sunlight may discolor the surface finish. PANMINQUARTZ is only for interior applications.

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#### **ATTENTION**

#### **Color Consistency & Uniformity**

PANMINQUARTZ is pure natural quartz. Variation in the natural stone (quartz) color, pattern, size, shape, and shade are inherent and unique characteristics to be expected with this product. This does not affect the product's performance in any manner.

Color blotches are intended and designed into many products to enhance natural beauty. Samples are small select cuts from a slab; they do not exhibit all the characteristics of a design and therefore are not fully representative of what will be installed. The product will not be replaced due to these variations.

#### **Support**

PANMINQUARTZ is not a structural support product. The PANMINQUARTZ of 2 or 3cm thickness is for countertop only and must be supported. The PANMINQUARTZ of less than 2cm thickness is for surface finishes such as walls, tub and shower surround, and fireplaces. Horizontal applications such as a tub deck must be completely supported.

#### Installation

PANMINQUARTZ installation is optimized when walls and cabinets are properly prepared for installation. This includes but is not limited to structurally sound, straight, level, and square walls and cabinets, lack of which may cause poor installation and poor seam fit, or inconsistent countertop overhang and placement.

PANMINQUARTZ installation does not include qualification of any sink or stove cutouts (any cutouts), faucet hole locations, or cabinet sizes. PANMIN is not responsible for verifying whether sinks, stoves, or other cutout appliances, cabinets, and faucet hole locations fit together well, or at all. This is the responsibility of the owner, general contractor, or the like. PANMIN will fabricate cutouts as per supplied model/template information. PANMIN is not responsible for the accuracy of the information provided.

Proper care and maintenance of goods are the responsibility of the owner and/or other users. The Care and Maintenance Guidelines published at www.panmin.com are for reference.

PANMIN might update the guidelines at its sole discretion at any time. Following the up-to-date guidelines is highly recommended, which is helpful to keep your PANMINQUARTZ in good condition for years.

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