



## Piedrafina Care & Maintenance

Piedrafina Marble is comprised of approximately 95% natural marble (using the fall-off that occurs during the processing of traditional marble slabs), combined with polyester resin binders and pigments to create exquisite colors with exceptional strength, consistency and durability. Piedrafina is only available in 2cm slabs, and is not recommended for use in the kitchen.

Here are a few basic tips for Piedrafina countertop cleaning and care:

- Clean up spills immediately--especially oil and acidic liquids such as mouth wash, wine, coffee, fruit juice and soda.
- Hard water, if left unattended, can possibly etch the countertop due to minerals in the water. To prevent etching around the fixtures, be attentive to leaks around the faucets and keep these areas dry.
- Products specifically made for cleaning marbles are recommended for everyday cleaning.
- If stone cleaners are not available, use a damp sponge or microfiber cloth with warm water and mild dish soap to clean minor spills and loosen dirt. Repeated use of some soaps could cause residue build-up and diminish the marble's shine. Cleaners with ammonia, vinegar, and bleach can break down the sealer over time and are not recommended. Harsh off-the-shelf bathroom cleaners will etch the surface of the marble.

### Marble Staining

Although all countertops are sealed prior to installation, a marble may stain when a substance is absorbed into the pores of the marble.

### Marble Etching

Etching is physical damage to the stone caused by contact with certain substances. Substances containing acids, such as juice, coffee, citrus, wine will immediately etch the marble. Etching is not a stain, it is a corrosive reaction which strips away the surface layer revealing raw marble. The etching will appear duller, and lighter in color. Sealers **will not** protect marble from etching.