
Care & Precautions

General Precautions

- Do not store countertops in a damp area. High moisture and temperature fluctuations may cause particleboard to bow or swell.
- Inspect the countertop prior to installation. No claims for damage will be accepted after installation.
- Remove all staples from the underside of the countertop.
- Carefully follow miter assembly instructions; always use water-resistant wood glue when assembling joints.
- Install countertops level.
- Always generously caulk sinks and backsplash — moisture causes particleboard substrate to swell and is not covered under warranty.
- For added precaution, apply polyurethane or varnish to the underside of the countertop near the sink and dishwasher area.
- Use warm soapy water to remove stickers. If difficult to remove, use acetone and carefully peel off.

Laminate Care & Cleaning — Do

- Use warm soapy water or a mild spray cleaner for daily cleaning, with soft sponges or cloths.
- Keep seams and joints free from “standing” moisture — excessive moisture may cause particleboard substrate to swell.
- Keep the laminate surface free from harsh chemicals (acidic or alkaline-based cleaners, drain cleaners, bleach, rust removers, metal cleaners, tub & tile cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, hair dyes/rinses).
- Clean more difficult stains with a 50/50 mix of bleach and water.

Laminate Care & Cleaning — Do Note

- **Do not** use a laminate surface as a cutting board.
- **Do not** expose laminate to excessive heat, including but not limited to hot pots and pans directly from the stove or oven. Always use a trivet.
- **Do not** use SOS or harsh scrub pads on the laminate surface.
- **Do not** use abrasive cleaners, including but not limited to Soft Scrub, Comet, Ajax, etc.