

RECONSTITUTED STONE**Maintenance****Surface Wear**

- Prevention** Choose stone finish as honed, sandblasted etc. in areas susceptible to damage.
- Protection** Regular use of liquid waxes, added in small quantities to the water used for washing. Acrylic waxes, which are applied by machine, are less commonly used and form a robust protective layer.
- Restoration** Marble based products can be reground to restore their original finish.

Surface Scratching

- Prevention** Adequate prevention of outside debris entering building. Use of lighter colours and less uniform patterns in critical areas.
- Protection** Apply acrylic waxes to form a protective layer.
- Restoration** Quartz based products can be reground to restore their original appearance. Liquid type waxes render scratches much less visible and therefore reduce their negative impact.

Chemical Damage

- Prevention** Use neutral pH detergents. Remove any acidic or alkaline substances immediately if they come into contact with the surface.
- Protection** Quartz based composites do not require any form of protection due to technically advanced resiliance.
- Restoration** Re-polishing restores the completely to its original finish. The application of paste type waxes reduces the visibility of any signs of damage.

RECONSTITUTED STONE**Maintenance****Dirt/Dust Build Up**

- Prevention*** Avoid using light colours and uniform patterns in critical areas. Avoid low polished finishes with very light colours. Clean regularly with clear water and a neutral detergent.
- Protection*** The addition of small amounts of liquid wax to the washing water prevents dust build-up, facilitating cleaning and ensuring that the original shine is maintained.
- Restoration*** Re-polishing the surface restores the stone completely to its original appearance.

Heat Damage

- Prevention*** Avoid contact with very hot pots and pans as excessive localised heat can damage the surface.
- Protection*** Use heat insulated mats or stands to protect the surface from cooking utensils like electric fry pans, kettles and woks.
- Restoration*** Re-polishing the surface restores the stone completely to its original appearance.