

**MARS**<sup>TM</sup> QUARTZ

**CARE &  
MAINTENANCE  
GUIDE**

In this guide you will find Mars Quartz recommendations to keep your surface clean.

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# Keeping Your Surface Safe

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MARS Quartz is a low maintenance, stain resistant material, known for its strength and durability. Due to its low porosity and low absorption features, it does not maintain moisture or require regular sealing or other treatments. Its versatility allows for a variety of applications including countertops, and walls.

In this guide you will find Mars Quartz recommendations to keep your surface clean and avoid any damage from food, heat or other substances.

## DAILY CLEANING

For everyday cleaning of your quartz surface, a soft cloth, a little dish soap and water is usually enough. Prolonged exposure to some substances can damage your surface and cause discoloration or etching; therefore always try to clean any spills as soon as possible and avoid leaving cleaning solution on for an extended period.

### For daily cleaning, we recommend:

- Stain Proof Daily Countertop Cleaner
- Bar Keeper Friend Stone Cleaner & Polish
- Weiman Quartz Clean & Shine



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## DO

- Wipe any spills that may occur as soon as possible using water and a cloth.
- To reanimate dry stains use warm water and let it sit before wiping.
- Use dish soap or a mild degreaser, if necessary.
- Use large, circular motions to clean the spot and surrounding area.
- Test cleaning solutions on a small, inconspicuous area first for any adverse reaction.
- Rinse with just water after applying any cleaning agents and make sure your surface is completely dry after cleaning.
- Always use cutting boards and trivets.

## DON'T

- Scrub. Instead, use a soft cloth or a sponge to wipe your surface. Avoid abrasive pads to prevent scratches and dull spots.
- Over apply pressure. Use only the natural weight of your hand to avoid overworking your surface.
- Contact with sharp objects. Always use cutting boards to prevent damaging your surface.
- Long exposure to chemicals. Immediately wipe off any chemical to avoid any damage like discoloration or chemical patina.
- Exposure to high heat. While MARS Quartz is heat resistant, exposure to high heat for longer periods can cause damage. Always use a trivet or pad before placing hot objects on your surface.
- Natural stone cleaners. MARS Quartz is an engineered material, designed to optimize the properties of natural stone like aesthetics and durability. However; it does not have the same chemical composition or porosity as natural stone like marble and granite, therefore the cleaners designed for natural stone will have adverse effects on engineered surfaces.



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## COMMON SUBSTANCES

### FOOD COLORING

Wine, Mustard, Tea, Coffee, Fruit Herbs & Spices

Level 1: Soap and water or rubbing alcohol and water.

Level 2: Soak a cloth in 1/3 bleach and water solution, then leave on top of stain for a few minutes.

If stain persists, re-apply but do not leave on for an extended period.

Level 3: Apply hydrogen peroxide (max 30%) concentration. Rinse with water and wipe surface dry.

### HARDWATER

Level 1: Equal parts water and white vinegar. Apply and allow it to sit for a few minutes, then rinse and dry.

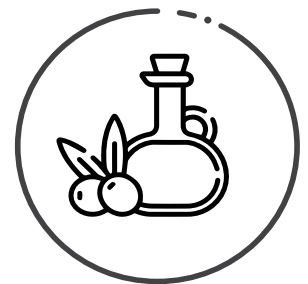
Level 2: Baking soda and warm water. Gently scrub the affected area with the paste using a soft cloth, rinse and dry.

### OILS

Olive, Canola Oil, etc.

Level 1: Mild soap and water.

Level 2: Mild alcohol-based degreaser or rubbing alcohol.



### INK

Markers, paint, etc.

Level 1: Apply rubbing alcohol to the stain. Wipe with damp cloth and dry.

Level 2: Soak a cloth in 1/3 bleach and water solution. Leave on top of stain for a few minutes. If the stain persists, re-apply but do not leave on for an extended period.



### COSMETICS

Creams, makeup, etc.

Level 1: Mild soap and water.

Level 2: Apply hydrogen peroxide max 30% concentration, then rinse with water and wipe surface.

Level 3: Rubbing alcohol.



### METAL SCRATCHES

Kitchen tools and other metals

Metal marks on quartz surfaces are often confused for scratches; however, metal marks can be easily removed with simple methods.

Level 1: A white pencil eraser. Delicately rub the eraser on the mark. Once the stain is

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gone, clean the surface with one of the daily cleaning solutions as recommended.  
Level 2: use mild, alcohol-based degreaser.

## **RUST STAINS**

Step 1: Soak a cloth with Bar Keepers Friend More Spray + Foam Cleaner and apply on top of the stain for a few minutes.

Step 2: If the stain persists, re-apply but do not leave on for an extended period.

Step 3: Once the stain is removed, clean surface with water or a mild soap and water solution.



## **BLOOD**

Apply hydrogen peroxide max. 30% concentrate, then rinse with water and wipe the surface.

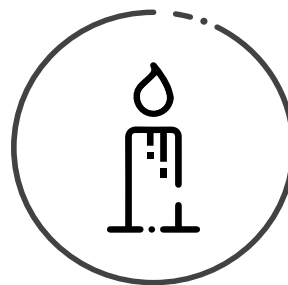


## **CANDLE WAX**

Level 1: Rubbing alcohol

Level 2: Mild, alcohol based degreaser.

Rinse with water and wipe surface.



## **SOAP**

Mild alcohol-based degreaser. Rinse with water and wipe surface.

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## **SILICONE**

Level 1: Rubbing alcohol or Methyl Hydrate.

Level 2: Concentrated degreaser.

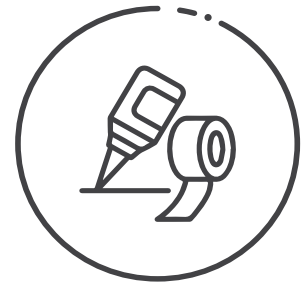
Rinse with water and wipe surface.

## **ADHESIVES**

Level 1: Mild alcohol-based degreaser.

Level 2: Rubbing alcohol or Methyl Hydrate.

Rinse with water and wipe surface.



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