



Terra Stoneworks
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Marble Disclaimer

Marble is a high end countertop solution with a strong perception of value. Marble is a natural stone product and is known for its veining patterns and variation in color. Marble is formed from the re-crystallization of limestone under intense pressure and and very high temperatures. During this formation process, other minerals could be introduced into the structure, which produces the beautiful colors and natural movement/characteristics commonly associated with marble. Marble countertops are not as dense or hard as granite/quartz and the result is a much more porous product with more natural veins, fissures and cracks. Terra Stoneworks cannot control or be held responsible for natural occurrences in any stone product. These natural occurrences and/or inconsistencies could cause color variation/inconsistency, stains, scratching, etching or chipping. It is recommended that all countertops are inspected for damage within 24 hours after installation.

- It is recommended that the customer seal the countertops after installation. Terra Stoneworks will apply an initial sealing to all marble surfaces, however the countertops could be exposed to various chemicals, construction adhesives or cleaning products after installation that could damage the integrity of the sealant that was originally applied. It is then recommended to seal your countertops every six to eighteen months. Terra Stoneworks does seal all marble countertops during the fabrication process. This sealing process could potentially darken the countertops.
- Seams may be more visible in marble countertops. Due to the typically lighter and more porous nature of marble countertops, seams might be more visible for several reasons. When mixing adhesive used in seaming, it is possible that this mixture could darken the stone around the seam. Marble cuts often have more chips/flaking than other materials due to its softness. With marble countertops, seams could be as large as 1/8", which is within industry standard/tolerances.
- There is no warranty for natural materials as no two slabs are made alike. Some marbles are harder than others and there is no realistic way for a countertop fabricator to be able to differentiate the wearability and susceptibility to damage for each slab. Even within the same material/color, there could be differences in density, porosity and natural fissures/cracks.
- Marble is not recommended for kitchens. Although beautiful, marble countertops that are installed in a high use area such as a kitchen are more likely to damage over time. If customer chooses to purchase a marble product in their kitchen, they fully acknowledge the risks associated with this material.
- Polished marble will eventually lose its gloss. Due to the softer nature of marble, eventually over time, the polished surface will wear down. If customer DOES purchase a marble product for their kitchen countertops, it is recommended to use a honed surface in lieu of polished. The honed surface will still scratch, etch and chip, however it will not be as noticeable.