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### **Quartzite Disclaimer**

Quartzite is a high end countertop solution with a strong perception of value. As a natural stone product, quartzite is known for its veining patterns and variation in color. Quartzite is formed from the recrystallization of limestone under intense pressure 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 quartzite. Quartzite 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 quartzite 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 quartzite countertops during the fabrication process. This sealing process could potentially darken the countertops.
- Seams may be more visible in quartzite countertops. Due to the typically lighter and more porous nature of quartzite 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. quartzite cuts often have more chips/flaking than other materials due to its softness. With quartzite 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 quartzites 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.
- Moisture during the fabrication process-Quartzite has a tendency to hold moisture trapped within and may take several days after installation to evaporate completely. This is completely normal, but may tend to make light colors appear darker until fully clear of all moisture within.
- quartzite is not recommended for kitchens. Although beautiful, quartzite countertops that are installed in a high use area such as a kitchen are more likely to damage over time. If a customer chooses to purchase a quartzite product in their kitchen, they fully acknowledge the risks associated with this material.
- Polished quartzite will eventually lose its gloss. Due to the softer nature of quartzite, eventually over time, the polished surface will wear down. If a customer DOES purchase a quartzite 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.