

# DUROPAL WORKTOPS – RESISTANT TO...\*

Melamine resin is the hardest of all synthetically produced organic materials. This is the reason for the high scratch and wear resistance of HPL. The high impact resistance of the material is due to the elasticity of phenolic resin. These properties also explain the high resistance of HPL to chemicals and heat. Burning a cigarette on the surface of HPL is one of the quality tests specified in BS/EN 438, which also determines all the other qualities important for the user. However, the bottoms of saucepans and ovenware can become extremely hot and we recommend using a protective pad. \* Conforming to BS/EN 438



sunlight  
scratching  
impact  
abrasion



tea stains  
coffee stains  
red wine stains  
ink stains



fruit juice  
steam  
cigarette burns

## CLEANING AND CARE INSTRUCTIONS

**There's nothing easier than cleaning and caring for Duropal Worktops.**

A major advantage of Duropal Worktops is that the HPL surface makes cleaning

so simple. Usually a moist cloth is sufficient, but use washing-up liquid to get rid of any grease. Stubborn dirt can be removed with an organic solvent

such as methylated spirits or alcohol. Brushes with hard bristles (but not wire brushes) may also be used.

<b>Light stains/dirt:</b>	<b>Cleaning method:</b>
	dry or damp paper towels, a cloth or sponge.
<b>Normal stains/dirt:</b>	<b>Cleaning method:</b>
e.g. fat, oil and dirt particles, fingermarks, lime deposits, rust, juice, coffee, tea, wax, blood, universal marker, etc.	cloth or soft nylon brush and washing powder, soft soap, toilet soap or washing-up liquid. If necessary, leave for a while and then rinse thoroughly with clean water.
<b>Heavy stains/dirt:</b>	<b>Cleaning method:</b>
e.g. discolouration through long exposure to tea, coffee, fruit juice, etc.	with washing powder or household bleach (but do not repeat too often)
e.g. lead pencil, felt-tip pens, marker and ball-point pens, lipstick, crayons, wax, shoe polish, nicotine, nail varnish.	with an organic solvent such as acetone (nail varnish remover), methylated spirits, petroleum spirit, perchloroethene. Read the manufacturer's instructions carefully!
e.g. paint (water or solvent based paints, two-component paints, spray paints), varnish stains, printing ink	with water or an organic solvent. Remove two-component paints immediately.
e.g. adhesives (water-based, dispersion)	with water or organic solvent
e.g. two-component adhesives, urea resin, melamine, phenolic resin	remove immediately. Do not allow to harden!

Please do not cut or chop directly on the worktop surface – always use a chopping board or worktop saver.

Always place hot pans, ovenware and irons on a trivet or protective pad to protect the surface from the intense heat which can cause damage to the worktop if placed directly on the surface.

The use of abrasive cleaners and pads, corrosive or aggressive cleaning agents

should be avoided as they will have a detrimental effect on the worktop surface.

The use of PVC aprons may possibly affect the durability of the HPL on the post-formed edge of worktops. This could lead to premature wear in high traffic work areas such as in front of the sink and hob.

Kettles, coffee machines, fryers and any other heat or damp source should not be positioned directly over worktop joints. Constant changes in temperature could cause the joint to move and eventually fail.

Cuts and scratches will be noticeable on dark decors and gloss finishes.