

Pietra Cement Table Top Care and Maintenance Guide

When cared for properly your GRC (glass fibre reinforced cement) table will bring you many years of use. See below for sealant recommendations.

To maintain the look of your cement table top, and thus extend the lifespan of this investment in your home, please practice the following care and precautions on a regular and consistent basis:

Cement Table Top Care

DO:

- Apply a cement sealant before use
- Blot up spills immediately (even if it is only water)
- Clean surfaces with warm water or stone cleaner
- Buff-dry surfaces using a cotton cloth or a chamois
- Put coasters under all drinks; keep toiletries in a tray
- Use protective pads under heavy items
- Use placemats under plates and hot dishes

DO NOT:

- Cut food directly on a cement table top
- Use acidic cleaners (vinegar, lemon spray)
- Use any heavy abrasive, bleach-based or ammoniated cleaners. Avoid contact with acidic substances such as citrus or olive oil, which can damage the sealant.
- Use the surface as a worktop for home repair jobs
- Sit, stand, or place heavy weight on your cement table top

SEALANT

Chairforce recommends the use of a Sure Seal Grout, Tile & Stone Sealer.

The Sure Seal range is available from Beaumont Tiles, Tile Factory and Mitre 10 (Craft Decor - WA only) - please call your local store to check stock. It is available in a quick dry aerosol that will cover up to 18 square metres; is quick drying and easy to use. It seals and protects surfaces against water and oil-based staining, making your table easier to clean. It dries invisible and will not leave a film or discolouration. Sure Seal can be reapplied regularly, depending on usage. To find your local store, please call Sure Seal helpline: 03 9561 8899

PLEASE NOTE: This sealer is resistant to water and oil, not acidic substances such as wine, tomato sauce or coffee. Any slightly acidic food will stain and needs to be wiped immediately.

If you require a permanent stain-resistant seal please consider using a topical type sealer.

More information on Sure Seal Grout, Tile & Stone Sealer can be found here.

https://suresealants.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Grout-Tile-Stone-Sealer-Quick-Drying-Tech-Data-Sheet_111516.pdf

OTHER CARE TIPS

Like everything, there are varying degrees of performance to be expected from your setting depending on the specific materials used and the environment they are used in. A setting kept in a covered area is going to have a longer lifespan than say one kept uncovered with full exposure to the elements. These factors should be taken into account when selecting your setting and how you go about protecting it. Guides given here are aimed at giving you the best information to prolong the life of your beautiful table top.

- Do not leave uncovered in direct sunlight for an extended period of time.
- Do not place extremely hot pans, dishes or wet glasses directly onto the table top, as this can cause your sealer discoloration (when you have applied your sealer) and rings. We recommend use of place mats.
- Use felt pads on the bottom of objects that will remain on the table top for long periods. This is especially important with cement and natural stone materials or items that contain moisture; residual moisture can transfer to the concrete and cause discoloration.
- Wipe up spills quickly to avoid staining.



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