

Piedrafina

Quartz

What is Piedrafina Quartz, is a manmade material created by combining crushed **igneous sedimentary** rocks with color and resin to make an engineered slab.

Quartz countertops are one of the most durable household surfaces available on the market. They resist scratching, staining and scorching better than any other natural stone or solid surface. And, unlike most other natural stone countertops, quartz countertops are virtually non-porous and never need sealing.

However they are not indestructible and do require some routine care and maintenance. Here is a handy FAQ to help you keep your quartz countertops looking and performing their best:

CLEANING YOUR QUARTZ COUNTERTOPS

Q. What's the best way to keep my quartz countertops in top shape every day?

A. Keep the surfaces clean, dust them frequently, wipe up spills immediately. Wash them with a soft cloth and warm water, using a mild soap, if desired.

Q. What should I use to clean my quartz countertops if I have a dried spill or stubborn dirt smudge?

A. For those times when warm water and a mild soap don't do the trick and you need to use a stronger cleaner, we have compiled a list of products that are both effective and safe for your countertops. Please see our **Recommended Products List** below.

Q. Are there any products I should NOT use to clean my quartz with?

A. Yes – you should always avoid abrasive or strong alkaline or acidic cleaners, including bleach, oven cleaners, harsh powders, creams, steel wool and other similar items. If it's not on the **Recommended Products List** below, we do not recommend that you use it.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE TIPS FOR YOUR QUARTZ COUNTERTOPS

Your quartz countertops are exceptionally durable, but they will require some common sense maintenance and care to keep them in top shape. Here are a few tips:

- Never apply sealers, penetrants or topical treatments to your quartz countertops, they never need to be sealed.

- Scrape any stuck-on gum, grease or paint off with a plastic (never metal) putty knife.
- Remove any other grease with a degreasing cleanser as soon as it comes in contact with your countertop.
- Remove ink or permanent markers with an oil-based cleaner; rinse with warm water immediately after the stain is removed.
- Avoid excessive force or pressure on your countertops; this may crack or chip the surface.
- While your quartz can resist temperatures up to 300°F, always place a trivet or hot pad under hot pans, crock pots, electric skillets, etc., to avoid “thermal shock” which can occur due to sudden changes in temperature and cause permanent damage to your countertop.
- Do not use a knife directly on your quartz countertops. While they are highly scratch-resistant, they can be damaged by knife or utensil cuts, or if forcefully hit with sharp objects. Always use a cutting board placed on top of the countertop to avoid damage.

RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS LIST

There will be times when warm water and a mild soap are not sufficient for cleaning up a dried spill or other mess on your quartz countertops. If you need to use a stronger cleaner, we have compiled a **Recommended Products List** below for you to choose from.

Be sure to choose the correct product listed below, because most cleaning brands offer multiple versions of a similar product, which are designed to meet many different needs. Some of these variations may include chemicals or additives that could damage your quartz.

The list of recommended products includes:

PIEDRAFINA QUARTZ COUNTERTOP CLEANER AND POLISH

- Clorox Anywhere (Hard Surfaces)
- Clorox Disinfecting Kitchen Cleaner
- Clorox Wipes Bleach Free Lemon Fresh
- EcoPure EP64 Neutral pH Multi-Use Cleaner
- 409 Stone and Steel Cleaner
- Lysol Disinfecting Wipes
- Lysol Antibacterial Kitchen Cleaner with Citrus Scent
- Lysol Island Breeze Disinfectant
- Lysol Food Surface Sanitizer
- Simple Green Stone Cleaner
- Simple Green Lemon Fresh
- Windex (Original)
- CitraSolv Natural Cleaner & Degreaser
- De Vere C-Clear Glass Cleaner
- Easy Off BAM Power Cleaner De-Greaser
- Ecover All Purpose Cleaner
- Fabuloso Multi-Purpose Cleaner

- Glance Glass Cleaner
- Joy Ultra Concentrate Antibacterial
- Method – Peppermint Vanilla Countertop cleaner
- Miracle Counter Kleen
- Clean Extra Power Soap Scum Blaster Bathroom Cleaner
- Clean Power Multi-Surfaces Wipes Disinfection Lemon Scent
- Meyer’s Clean Day Countertop Spray
- Pledge Multi Surface Cleaner
- Quartz Brite Daily Cleaner
- Scrubbing Bubbles Antibacterial Bathroom Wipes
- Seaside Naturals – All Purpose Cleaner
- Seaside Naturals – Glass Cleaner
- Shaklee Get Clean Basic H2 Wipes
- Shaklee Get Clean Germ Off Disinfection Wipes
- Tough Guy Germicidal Cleaner
- Wine B’Gone Wine Stain Remover
- Ajax Dish Liquid Triple Action Orange
- Dawn Direct Foam Dishwashing Foam
- Dawn Ultra Concentrated Dishwashing Liquid
- Dial Complete Antibacterial Foaming Hand Wash
- Palmolive Ultra Concentrate
- Palmolive Ultra Antibacterial Dish Liquid
- Seventh Generation Lavender Floral and Mint Natural Dish Liquid

NOTE: Some colors may require more frequent cleaning to remove fingerprints or other spills. Always follow the product manufacturer’s instructions, as well as these simple tips, and your stone countertops will continue to perform their best and last you a lifetime.