AN "E" FOR Excellent

See how SatinStone™ <u>Granite</u> stacks up against other surfaces.

Resistance to:	Polished Quartz	Natural Granite	SatinStone Granite
Staining	Excellent*	Good	Excellent
Scratching	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Etching	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Heat	Good	Excellent	Excellent
UV Rays	Good	Excellent	Excellent
Outdoor use	Not Recommended	Constant Care**	Excellent***

^{*}Honed finish has history of staining issues. **Must be under a protective cover. ***Rating for SatinStone Suede Finish.

<u>STAINING</u> All products, including quartz and natural stone, can be stained. There is no such thing as a stain-proof countertop. However, SatinStone™ is highly stain resistant and compares as well with or better than quartz products.

<u>SCRATCHING</u> SatinStone™ offers a very high level of scratch resistance. Whether it's used for a restaurant bar top or kitchen countertop, SatinStone™ will withstand the tests of time and usage.

<u>ETCHING</u> Etches are dull spots that can be created from acidic substances making contact with a stone surface. Anything from a splash of lemon juice to a drip of wine may cause etching. The etch-resistance of SatinStone™ makes it a wonderfully safe choice for cooking spaces.

 $\underline{\mathsf{HEAT}}$ SatinStone^{M} is extremely heat-resistant and can be used around a wood fireplace or as a surround for a gas fireplace.

<u>UV RAYS (INDOOR)</u> Quartz can fade when exposed to direct sunlight. SatinStone™ features high UV-resistance and will maintain its color in direct sunlight in almost all cases. (Please note: The underlying granite in some SatinStone™ products can change color when exposed to direct sunlight. Talk to your dealer about the best options for your particular SatinStone™ application.)

<u>OUTDOOR USE</u> In addition to color fading, the resins used on quartz products tend to break down in an outdoor environment. The proprietary permanent sealing system of SatinStone™ in a Suede Finish offers protection and outstanding performance indoors or out.

