

soapstone

The SatinStone™ Soapstone Collection is a natural alternative to quartz with the additional advantages of greater UV and heat resistance. It's permanently pre-sealed and the color is enhanced. Available in a satin finish, SatinStone™ Soapstone does not require re-sealing, nor is it recommended.

Can SatinStone™ Soapstone be stained? There is no such thing as a stain proof countertop. However, SatinStone™ is highly stain resistant, and compares as well or better than polished quartz products.

Are there advantages of using SatinStone™ Soapstone instead of standard soapstone? The advantage of the SatinStone™ sealing process is that it significantly enhances the scratch resistance of soapstone while permanently enhancing and sealing the surface. SatinStone™ Soapstone is less prone to scratching and chipping and the proprietary sealer permanently enhances the color of the soapstone to simplify care and maintenance. Standard soapstone is very susceptible to scratching and needs to be oiled regularly to maintain a dark rich appearance.

How easy is it to maintain? Soap and water are all that's usually necessary for cleaning. Re-sealing is not necessary and is not recommended. An occasional application of Lemon Clean Pledge may be used to restore water beading and luster to your countertops.

Is it heat resistant? SatinStone™ Soapstone is extremely heat resistant. It can be used as a surround for a wood or gas burning fireplace.

How does SatinStone™ Soapstone compare to quartz or granite when used outdoors? Quartz tends to fade dramatically outdoors. Plus, the resin that binds the quartz together typically breaks down. The current industry standard for producing granite slabs requires the application of resin during the polishing or honing process to fill divots and fissures. Again the resin typically breaks down when exposed to UV radiation and will tend to blister. SatinStone™ Soapstone can be used outdoors because it is UV resistant and chemically resistant. However, the surface is softer than SatinStone™ Granite (suede finish) and may be mechanically worn down over time by rain water, which carries particulates. In that case the surface may fade.