

# CARE & MAINTENANCE

Vetrazzo *Classic Collection* is an extremely durable and easy-to-maintain surface. It is comparable to granite in strength, scratch resistance, heat resistance, durability, care and maintenance.

Caring for Vetrazzo *Classic Collection* surfaces is as easy as caring for natural stone. Here are a few tips to help keep your Vetrazzo *Classic Collection* as gorgeous as it was when first installed.



## CLEANING

The surface should be wiped clean using a damp cloth. To remove dried spots or rings, use a mild detergent or liquid soap with a damp cloth.

To maintain the finish, apply marble polish (we recommend Goddard's) two or three times a year.



## MAINTENANCE

We recommend that you reseal the surface once a year to keep it looking like new.

Apply the sealant, let it sit for about 20 minutes, then wipe it off. VOC-free sealants are also available.

We also recommend applying a coat of marble wax such as Goddard's Granite and Marble Polish every six months to protect the surface.

A simple test can help determine the condition of the sealer: if a bead of water is absorbed by the surface, it's time to apply a fresh coat. Follow the product manufacturer's recommendations.

## PRODUCTS TO AVOID

### **Some solvents and household products can damage the surface:**

- Abrasive cleaners (like Comet and Spic and Span)
- Rust and paint removers
- Lacquer thinner
- Nail polish remover
- Other solvents
- Oven/metal/toilet/tile and drain cleaners

If contact with any of these products occurs, wipe up immediately and wash the area thoroughly with a mild soap solution, then rinse with water.

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## STAINS AND DAMAGE

*Vetrazzo Classic Collection* is resistant to common household stains but, like granite, can be damaged or stained by prolonged exposure to foods with high acidic content or strong staining properties such as lemon juice, other citrus juices, wine and coffee. These acids may etch the surface, causing a dull appearance. This can be easily repaired by an authorized fabricator.

**If stain removal is necessary, you can call a professional fabricator, or you can try to remove the stain yourself using this effective poultice recipe.**

**More than one application may be necessary:**

- Non-scented, oil-free talcum powder, found at most supermarkets or pharmacies
- Hydrogen peroxide (full strength)

Mix the talcum powder and hydrogen peroxide into a thick paste, apply to the stain and cover with cling film, e.g. Saran Wrap. Tape the edges of the film to the surface to slow the drying time of the mixture, allowing it to draw out the staining agent. Use low-tack tape that will not leave a residue. It may take two to three days for the poultice to dry completely. Once dry, scrape the poultice off with

a razor blade. Be careful not to scratch the surface. Inspect the area and repeat if necessary.

### **Important!**

Reapply sealants and wax after stain removal.

Be sure to reapply sealants after stain removal according to the manufacturer's instructions. Recommended product: StoneTech Impregnator. Once the re-sealant process is completed and the sealant has dried, apply and buff a protective wax such as Goddard's Marble Wax.

### **Repairs**

*Vetrazzo Classic Collection* is extremely durable and may never need repairs. However, should it become damaged, contact your *Vetrazzo Classic Collection* certified fabricator.

Just like the edge of granite can become damaged, a piece of glass may chip out of the edge. If possible, keep the piece of glass. The fabricator will re-adhere it or otherwise repair the damage.