

MICROSTONE
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Care and Maintenance Guide

Rockcote's MicroStone is a decorative finish designed to bring elegance and durability to a variety of surfaces. Applied seamlessly over a range of substrates, it offers a sophisticated, timeless look.

To maintain its beauty and longevity, proper care is essential. This guide provides practical cleaning and maintenance tips to keep your MicroStone finish looking its best for years to come.

CAUTION

Curing Period:

Your newly applied MicroStone finish must be left to cure completely before its first use to allow the coating to achieve the proper hardness. The table below shows the recommended curing times before the first cleaning and use of the surface.

Curing Table		
Surface	**Situation**	**Curing Time**
Joinery	–	7 days
Benchtops	–	7 days
Walls	–	7 days
Floors	Light Traffic	14 days
Floors	Heavy Traffic	28 days
Floors	Placing Furniture	28 days
Including wet areas		



General Maintenance

General Care for Benchtops and Cabinetry:

MicroStone benchtops and cabinetry add a sophisticated touch to any space, but they require consistent care to maintain their appearance and functionality. Follow these guidelines to keep your surfaces looking their best.

- Wipe up any spills, especially wine, coffee, beetroot, grease, and oil, as soon as possible using a clean, damp cloth to avoid staining.
- After each use, wipe benchtops down with a non-abrasive cleaner. Use a solution of warm water and mild dishwashing detergent (pH neutral: 6.5-7.5).
- Avoid abrasive cleaning agents, strong acids, strong chemicals, chlorine-based products, waxes, and oils that may scratch or damage the MicroStone surface.
- If air drying isn't possible, dry with a lint-free microfibre cloth to prevent water marks.
- Always use coasters or placemats to protect surfaces from hot items.
- Use chopping boards when cutting to avoid scratches.
- Avoid standing on or sliding items across the surface.





General Maintenance (continued)

General Care for Floors:

MicroStone floors create a sleek, modern look and are highly durable when properly maintained. Regular cleaning and gentle care are key to keeping your floors in top condition.

- Wipe up spills promptly to avoid staining.
- Clean floors regularly using a solution of warm water and mild detergent (pH neutral: 6.5-7.5) or a suitable floor cleaner, diluted as recommended.
- Avoid abrasive cleaning agents, strong acids, strong chemicals, chlorine-based products, waxes, and oils.
- Sweep or vacuum to remove dirt, grit, and sand before mopping to prevent scratches.
- To tackle stubborn dirt and stains, use a soft bristle broom or mop with warm water and cleaning liquid. Avoid steam cleaning appliances.
- After cleaning, wet mop with clean water and allow to air dry, or use a microfibre cloth to remove excess water.
- Inspect the floor regularly and consult your applicator if any areas need attention.
- Do not place heavy furniture on the floor for at least 28 days post-application.



By following these guidelines, your MicroStone surface will retain its beauty and integrity, providing lasting elegance to your space.

General Care for Wet Areas:

Shower Recess

- After each use, rinse down any soap, shampoo or conditioner residues. Squeegee down all walls and floors to avoid water pooling on the surface. Wipe with a lint-free microfibre cloth
- For more general cleaning, wipe surfaces down with a solution of warm water and mild dishwashing detergent (pH neutral: 6.5-7.5) and dry with a soft sponge or microfibre cloth; do not use abrasive clothes or scourers.
- Avoid abrasive cleaning agents, strong acids, strong chemicals, chlorine-based products that may scratch or damage the MicroStone surface.
- Do not let cleaners sit on the surface for extended periods, as some staining may occur.
- Avoid water or cleaning for at least 7-10 days after application.

Vanities

- Refer to General Care for Benchtops and Cabinetry section.

Rectification & Ongoing Maintenance

To protect and maintain the beauty of your MicroStone surface, periodic re-sealing and prompt attention to potential issues are essential. Proper maintenance will help extend the life and aesthetic appeal of your MicroStone finish.

- Rockcote recommends reapplying the sealer every 4-5 years, depending on traffic and usage. High-traffic areas may require re-sealing sooner.
- If restoration or re-coating of the sealer is needed, please contact your applicator.

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