



## Care of Granite – Honed, Satinato and Antique Finishes

Granite can be polished to a number of different finishes. In addition to the classic 'high gloss' finish most commonly associated with granite a range of textured finishes are also available. These finishes are being applied to an ever-increasing number of granites. Satinato (or leather) is the most widely applied textured finish offering a gently textured finish in a satin look.

### Satinato Finishing

This effect is achieved by the application of diamond brushes to the face of the granite slabs at the time when they would otherwise have been polished using traditional abrasive pads. This process exploits the variances in the strength of the constituent elements of the granite – stripping away fractionally more of the weaker aggregate from the slab. The result is a surface retaining the patterning of a polished slab often emphasising this pattern in relief.

### Antique finishing

To achieve a more textured finish an alternative process has been developed known as 'antiquing.' This process also uses diamond brushes to finish the slabs. Prior to the application of brushes the slabs are exposed to intense heats causing the upper surface of the slabs to become fractionally brittle enabling the wiring brushing to strip away more of the surface of the stone. The effect produces quite a pronounced 'bumpy' textile. Not all granites can be treated in this way. Usually it is the more densely composed (often black) granites that respond best to this process. Because their surfaces are textured, Honed, Satinato and Antiqued worktops require more effort to keep clean than a polished worktop would. By virtue of its increased surface area and rougher texture, antiqued finishes in particular often require rather more attention.

We seal textured materials with Lithofin Stain Stop MN.

### We recommend the following cleaning products and regimes for Honed, Satinato and Antiqued finishes:

- Diluted soapy water applied with a 'J' Cloth or similar after normal use.
- For stubborn stains please use Lithofin MN easy clean.
- For any questions or concerns or to obtain more cleaning products please contact Casdron Enterprises on 01962 732126 or go to the website <https://casdron.co.uk/> please specify which material you have first before you purchase any products.

Your top is manufactured to resist knocks, however, avoid banging the top and do not sit or stand on the work surface.

In order to maintain the surface over time, we advise against cutting or chopping directly on the countertop surface. Please use a chopping board.

Contact with harsh chemical products is always inadvisable. If you have accidentally spilled chemical substances on the surface (e.g. products to clean metals, the oven or brushes, paint removers, acids, solvents, acetone based products or alkaline based products, etc.) remove the spill immediately, rinse with warm water and dry with a clean cloth.