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PaperStone chopping board

*Make  
it  
Wonderful*

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# INTRODUCTION

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THANK YOU...

for having chosen PaperStone®, but above all  
for having made an ethical and conscious choice.

PaperStone® is elegant, hygienic, resistant and 100% ecological.

It's used in a host of applications such as kitchen counters and bathroom tops, cabinet doors, shower-stall walls and innumerable others.

This booklet will help answer your questions about its maintenance wherever you've decided to install it.

We're pleased you've chosen PaperStone® for your new furnishings; it was a sensible choice and above all respectful of nature and the environment. And we're sure you'll be admiring its smooth, natural appearance for many years to come.

## MATERIAL DESCRIPTION

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### PaperStone®

PaperStone® is not just a highly advanced latest generation material – it is so much more. It is the result of research and development carried by a company which, many years ago, decided to follow a completely new path – the like of which had never been followed before – to produce a high-performance material with **ZERO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**. This is PaperStone®.

We live in a complex reality that is constantly changing – climate changes and the overpopulation of vast geographical areas are part of our daily reality and this will continue to be the case for years to come.

For many reasons, our lifestyle is no longer a private matter. Rather the opposite in fact. Recently, more and more people are becoming aware of this, and so this is an issue that must be dealt with collectively.



100% ecological  
material



dishwasher safe



resistant to high  
temperatures



does not damage  
knife blades

## PaperStone® is both nature and technology

The natural resin used to manufacture PaperStone® is obtained by pressing cashew nut shells, and does not contain any petrol derivatives or formaldehyde.

## Getting accustomed to using PaperStone®

With use and the passage of time PaperStone® will undergo a process very similar to the seasoning of wood, an intrinsic characteristic of the material. It will get shinier in the areas of most frequent use and color tone will generally soften and deepen.

For better understanding of the patina-formation and antiquing process there are 5 important facts to remember:

1. Antiquing is a process that begins immediately and finishes some years later. It is very similar to the seasoning typical of natural products like wood, which as time goes by darken and turn amber.
2. The antiqued look of the PaperStone® material is due mainly to using an ecological resin, called PetroFree™, as a binder in its manufacture. This component is initially pale amber in color but with the passage of time deepens to “Terra di Siena”.
3. The antiquing and patina-forming process cannot be controlled and is more evident on paler colors. Therefore do not worry if, at the time of installation, the panels have slight differences in color tone; once the antiquing process begins these differences will disappear.
4. The dark tone of PaperStone® is the result of the color of the paper used combined with the natural color of the PetroFree™ resin. PaperStone® colors darken through time, getting deeper and warmer in appearance.
5. Since PaperStone® is a natural product like wood, its tonality may vary from panel to panel and even on the panel itself.

## CLEANING AND MAINTANENCE

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### Daily cleaning

PaperStone® is a solid material, colored throughout, natural and elegant. Its resistance makes for easy maintenance and keeps its beauty unaltered over time. However, daily cleaning and maintenance help retain both beauty and hygiene. Remnants of foods and beverages can be easily removed with a cloth moistened in hot, soapy water.

## How to prevent damages

- ▷ In general the surfaces have good resistance; nevertheless, we recommend that you keep the PaperStone® surface dry so as to avoid limescale deposits.



**DO NOT USE HOUSEHOLD CLEANING PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN BLEACH.**

- ▷ **We do not recommend the use of harsh chemicals such as solvents, acetone, trichloroethylene, acids or strong bases.** If left in contact with the surface for long periods of time, some substances like ink, cosmetics and hair dyes can discolour the surface.

## Can PaperStone® countertop resist hot cookware?

PaperStone® is a material highly resistant to heat up to 180° C (350° F).

When subjected to temperatures this high it undergoes no structural change but the natural waxy protection on the surface could be harmed and become opaque.

So to protect your counter:

- ▷ we recommend always using trivets or potholders underneath hot cookware and avoiding contact with frying machines and hot irons.

## Is PaperStone® hygienic?

It certainly is. PaperStone® is one of the most hygienic surfaces on today's market.

The product has been tested by the American NSF® board and certified compliant with the harshest and most restrictive food safety standards. This means that PaperStone® is a perfectly hygienic surface suitable for use in the home.

# CERTIFICATES

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## Non-profit organisations

PaperStone® is a new-generation material that is truly environmentally sustainable – and therefore truly advanced. It signifies a new way of interpreting the role of materials used to manufacture furniture, home accessories and, more generally, for interior architecture. It is a genuine cultural revolution that stems from the new demands of contemporary culture. PaperStone® complies with the strictest environmental standards, including:



The world's largest organisation tasked with supervising „responsible forest management“.

[www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org)



SmartWood Forestry Certification:  
Seal of quality for eco-friendliness.



Rainforest Alliance: International organisation dedicated to forest conservation.

[www.rainforest-alliance.org](http://www.rainforest-alliance.org)



Green Building Council: Organisation that promotes buildings with a low environmental impact.

[www.worldgbc.org](http://www.worldgbc.org)



Green Building Council Italia: The Italian arm of the American organisation.

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