

**Antolini**<sup>®</sup>  
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CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

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*Dear Customer,*

Congratulations on your purchase of Antolini natural stone treated with our Patented Azerocare process.

Antolini Azerocare processed natural stone requires very really little maintenance.

Here below are the general guidelines for an easy maintenance and care to keep your Antolini natural stone surfaces looking their best, perfect and glossy for many years to come.

### **Everyday Cleaning**

For everyday cleaning of your Azerocare treated surface, we recommend wiping it with a **NON-ABRASIVE** damp cloth. To remove surface dirt, simply wipe with warm water and a mild detergent; never use any products containing the following components:

- Bleach (max 5%)
- Products with basic pH values
- Trichloroethylene
- Industrial solvents
- Paint solvents
- Hydrofluoric acid
- Dichloromethane (methylene chloride)
- Sodium hydroxide
- Thinners and other chemicals
- All products with acidic components below pH 2,3 or basic component higher than pH 8.

Non-abrasive product or tool such as steel wool pads must be used: the use of abrasive materials compromise the effectiveness of the Azerocare treatment which can no longer be restored.

### **Stubborn stains**

As for any other material, we recommend to immediately remove any product spilled on its surface. Rinse the surface thoroughly with water in order to remove any residue. In case of stubborn dirt, such as grease stains, encrusted food debris or other substances, we recommend the application of lukewarm water on the affected area; then clean the area with a cloth and one of the recommended mild detergent.

## Daily use maintenance

### Heat resistance:

Antolini Azerocare-treated natural stones can withstand exposure to moderately high temperatures. However, prolonged exposures may cause damage to the surface and an excessive and concentrated heat may damage the surfaces as well as create micro fractures in the natural stone.

For these reasons, direct contact with temperatures higher than 80°C must always be avoided. In case of use of Antolini Azerocare-treated natural stones for kitchen countertops, we recommend to always use trivets or other insulating materials.

Antolini Azerocare-treated natural stone retains its natural features, both aesthetic and mechanical. For this reasons, always avoid the use of sharp tools directly on the surface and, in case of use for kitchen countertops, for instance, we recommend the use of cutting boards in order to avoid scratches and scrapes.

The product has been successfully tested against the elements listed below, according to the EN 16301: 2013 Standard (Natural stone test method – Determination of sensitivity to accidental staining):

- Red wine such as Cabernet Sauvignon
- Coke
- Red wine vinegar
- Lemon
- Coffee (from coffee powder and water)
- Extra virgin olive oil (without artificial coloring)
- Ketchup
- Mustard

The presence of residual stains after the cleansing treatments was verified visually and by comparison of the images obtained in the different phases, according with the ISO 10545-14:2015 standard for the following components:

- Water
- Butter
- Coffee
- Coke
- Hand cream
- Toothpaste

- Soap detergents
- Neutral pH disinfectants
- Concentrated milk
- Lipstick
- Salt
- Home soaps
- Mustard
- Tea
- Wine and apple vinegar
- Perfumes with moderate alcohol base

**Antolini Azerocare treatment is certified for food contact according to EEC and NSF suitability standards.**

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