

The logo for St. Germain's Cabinet, Inc. is a red, rounded rectangular banner with a white shadow effect on the left side. The text "St. Germain's Cabinet, Inc." is written in a white, serif font, and "For all your fine custom cabinets and countertops." is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it.

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FORMICA® SOLID SURFACE CARE & MAINTENANCE

Formica® Solid Surfacing is not only one of the most beautiful surfacing materials available today, but also one of the most durable. It gives a rich, luxurious feeling to kitchen counters, work islands, wet bars, vanity tops, windowsills, tabletops, and many other applications. A product of sophisticated modern technology. Formica® Solid Surfacing is resistant to heat, stains, bacteria, and impact. It is nonporous, with the same color and pattern running throughout its thickness. This combination of features provides a deep, rich appearance that is easy to care for, so its beauty can be preserved for years to come.

Regular Maintenance

Normal cleaning for light colors with matte or satin finish can be easily wiped clean with a damp cloth or sponge and mild detergents or general-purpose cleansers such as Mr. Clean®, or Lestoil®. If you have a Matte finish, abrasive cleansers like Ajax® or Comet® may also be used. Periodically it may also be helpful to go over the entire surface with an abrasive cleanser or a wet 7447 Scotch-Brite® pad (if Matte finish) or a wet 7448 Scotch-Brite® pad (if Satin finish) to maintain a uniform appearance. Rinse with water and towel dry.

Maintenance for dark colors with semi-gloss or gloss finish is generally limited to wiping with a mild detergent on a damp cloth and wiping away.

A Few Notes of Caution

- ❑ Do not place hot pans directly from the burner or oven on the countertop surface. Even though Formica® Solid Surfacing can withstand up to 175° F, prolonged or extreme heat could cause damage to the surface.
- ❑ Use a trivet under all heated appliances, such as crock-pots, electric fry pans, coffee pots, etc.
- ❑ Avoid extreme temperature swings, when pouring hot water (from boiling pasta, potatoes, etc.) into sink, always run warm water to reduce temperature extremes.
- ❑ Do not use countertop as cutting board. The consumer can repair minor cuts and scratches on a matte finish; deep cuts and high gloss finished tops will require the service of a professional.
- ❑ Do not stand or sit on your countertop.

Stains and Spills

Troublesome spills and stains such as food dye, tea and fruit drinks may require aggressive cleaning. These items can be removed using full strength bleach for two to five minutes, followed by a general cleaner and flushing with water. On Matte finish, if you prefer you can scrub with an abrasive cleanser.

Nail polish can be removed with nail polish remover or an abrasive cleanser.

Strong acids such as those found in drain, toilet bowl and oven cleansers should be used cautiously around Formica® Solid Surfacing. If these items are accidentally spilled, wipe them up at once and rinse with water. Some of these items, if left on the surface, may cause whitening, which can be difficult to remove.

Should a lighted cigarette accidentally come in contact with the surface, it could leave a nicotine stain or a scorch mark. Either of these can be removed by cleaning with an abrasive cleanser or buffing with a Scotch-Brite® pad.

Removing Scratches

Matte Finish: Sand with 220-grit sandpaper on sanding block. Use small circular motions until scratch is gone. Blend finish with an abrasive cleanser and a maroon 7447 Scotch-Brite® pad.

Satin Finish: Sand with 320-grit sandpaper on sanding block. Use small circular motions until the scratch is gone. Blend finish with Soft Scrub® Cleanser (or equivalent) and a gray 7448 Scotch-Brite® pad.

Semi-Gloss Finish: Sand with 600-grit sandpaper on sanding block. Use small circular motions until the scratch is gone. Blend finish with a nonabrasive cleanser and a white 7445 Scotch-Brite® pad.

Gloss Finish: Specialized tooling is required to achieve a high-gloss finish. Please contact your professional fabricator for assistance. Maintenance is limited to cleaning with mild detergents or nonabrasive countertop cleaners and a soft cloth.

Should the above maintenance steps create a variation in the surface finish, proceed with the final blending step over the entire countertop surface.