

# Care & Maintenance

DuPont™ Zodiac® quartz surfaces are very easy to maintain. The quartz used in Zodiac® - coupled with high-performance, stain-resistant polymers - results in a durable, nonporous, chemical-resistant surface. Zodiac® is also heat- and scratch-resistant, but not heat- and scratch-proof. Therefore, the use of trivets or hot pads are recommended with hot pots and a cutting board is recommended when using a knife.

Of course, Zodiac® keeps its lustrous gloss and ultra-smooth surface without polishing. Because it is nonporous, Zodiac® does not require sealants or waxes.

Zodiac® also gives you peace of mind. In the unlikely event that you do experience any problems due to a manufacturer's defect, you can rest assured that DuPont backs Zodiac® with a 10-year limited warranty.

## Routine Care

With simple care, Zodiac® will retain its radiant, lustrous appearance for many years. For routine cleaning, use a damp cloth or paper towel and, if necessary, a small amount of non-bleach, nonabrasive cleanser.

Even though Zodiac® resists permanent staining when exposed to liquids (such as wine, vinegar, tea, lemon juice and soda) or fruits and vegetables, wipe up food and liquid spills as soon as possible.

For stubborn or dried spills, use a nonabrasive cleaning pad such as a white 3M Scotch-Brite®\* scrub pad coupled with Formula 409® Glass & Surface Cleaner\*\* or a comparable cleaning product.

Avoid using cleansers that contain bleach. Always follow the cleaner manufacturer's use instructions and exercise proper care when handling and storing any cleaning products.

\* Scotch-Brite® is a registered trademark of the 3M Company.

\*\*Formula 409® Glass & Surface Cleaner is a registered trademark of the Clorox Company.

## Preventing Heat and Other Damage

To maintain the beauty of Zodiac®, do not place hot skillets or roasting pans directly onto the surface. DuPont recommends the use of trivets and hot pads.

## Removing Difficult Spills

Sometimes spills occur and dry on the countertop. For materials that harden as they dry (such as gum, food, grease, nail polish or paint), remove by gently scraping away the excess with a plastic putty knife.

Permanent markers and inks may adhere to the surface and should be avoided. Should these agents come into contact with the surface, clean first as outlined in Routine Care. If the stain persists, moisten a cloth with Goo Gone®\*\*, or a comparable product and rub it into the stain. Rinse thoroughly with warm water to remove any cleaner residue.

When grease from cooking is an issue, use Greased Lightning™\*\* or a comparable degreasing product to help loosen and remove the grease from the surface. Use the manufacturer's instructions for applying and removing the cleaner.

Avoid exposing Zodiaq® quartz surfaces to strong chemicals and solvents, especially paint removers or furniture strippers containing trichlorethane or methylene chloride. Keep nail polish remover, bleach, bluing, permanent markers or inks, and oil soaps away from Zodiaq®.

While casual exposure to alkaline materials will not damage Zodiaq®, highly alkaline (high-pH) cleansers are not recommended when cleaning Zodiaq®.

If any of the substances listed above come into Zodiaq®, rinse the exposed surface immediately and thoroughly with water.

\*\*Greased Lightning™ is available through major department, grocery, and hardware stores. For more information, visit [www.greased-lightning.com](http://www.greased-lightning.com).

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