

Your concrete table is handmade of a custom engineered concrete mix, then finished and sealed using proprietary methods. Inherent variations in the shading and color of the concrete, as well as in the casting process, make each table truly unique.



## CHARACTERISTICS OF CONCRETE

- Due to the natural porosity of the concrete top, tables are not impervious to staining and should always be sealed to protect them from food stains, scratches and water absorption. Your tabletop comes sealed.
- Subtle color variations and mottling throughout the finished surface are natural.
- Small surface apertures resulting from hand brushing occur throughout the surface. Inherent to the product, they highlight concrete's intrinsic richness and natural finish.
- Non-structural hairline cracks can appear on the surface due to age and exposure to elements. These do not affect the structural integrity of the tabletop.
- Over time your concrete tabletop will develop a natural patina.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

- To prevent scratches, do not place or drag sharp or coarse objects across the surface.
- Avoid contact with acidic materials such as citrus or olive oil, which can stain or damage the sealant.
- Do not place extremely hot pans, dishes, or cups directly onto the tabletop, as this can cause sealer discoloration. We recommend always using placemats or coasters.
- Use felt pads on the bottom of objects that will remain on the tabletop for long periods. This is especially important with natural stone materials or items that contain moisture; residual moisture can transfer to the concrete and cause discoloration.
- Do not sit or stand on the tabletop to avoid structural cracking that could compromise the appearance and integrity of the table.
- Take care to avoid hitting the tabletop's edges, as this can cause chipping.
- Wipe up spills quickly to avoid staining.

## CLEANING

- We recommend using a non-abrasive cleaner like Method® All-Purpose Cleaner. Spray it across the surface, let it sit for 2-3 minutes, then wipe down with a sponge or towel.
- We do not advise the use of most natural cleaners, as the cleaning agent is typically highly acidic and can damage the table's surface. Citrus-based cleaners should *not* be used.
- Do not use any cleaning products that contain acetone or denatured alcohol. Do not use any heavy abrasive, bleach-based or ammoniated cleansers, as they will wear down the sealer.
- For added protection and polishing, we recommend the occasional application of carnauba wax (such as Trewax® Clear Paste Wax). To apply, dampen a clean sponge or a soft, clean cotton cloth with water and wring out completely. Working in small sections, apply a thin layer of wax in circular motions. Remove the excess wax immediately with a dry cloth in the same circular motion; buffing works the wax into the natural material. Move to the next section, overlapping the last application slightly.