



NEOLITH

Polished Finish Manual

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Guide to repair surface scratches on Neolith Polished slabs

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1. Technical Features

FORMAT	3.200 x 1.500 mm - 125" x 60"	
THICKNESS	6 mm - 1/4"	12 mm - 1/2"
Full Slab Weight (Kg) (Lb)	90 Kgs	150 Kgs

2. Neolith Polished Applications

- Countertops.
- Interior and exterior cladding.
- Interior flooring with low intensity pedestrian traffic and no outdoors connection.

3. Cleaning and Maintenance

Cleaning should be limited to immediately rinse the spills off the surface and dry with an absorbent cloth. For daily cleaning use only a damp cloth with water and soap.

For embedded stains, pour warm water on the stain then wait till it "loosens" and finally rinse or remove with a clean cloth.

Avoid using pads, rough sponges and steel wool. TheSize recommends using a blue pad: made with soft fibers, suitable for cleaning of glass, kitchen appliance and nonstick frying pans.

Do not use caustic soda or products with a pH greater than 11. If you use bleach, rinse with plenty of water and never leave it in permanent contact with the Neolith polished surface. Avoid cleaning the surface with abrasive cleaners such as Cif Cream (Soft Scrub Cream Cleansers).

Use pads, cloths, napkins and glass coasters to place cooking pots or other kitchen hardware on the surface.

Never cut food directly on the counter, use a cutting or chopping board.

Do not pull or drag kitchenware, pans and appliances on the counter.

4. Handling of Polished Slabs

The Neolith slabs must be loaded, unloaded and transported by a forklift, crane or other lifting device. In all cases, handling and transport of the slabs must be balanced taking into account its center of gravity.

Always pay attention to the movement and handling of the slabs to prevent chipping or breakage. To lift and move individual slabs, TheSize recommends the use of the following type of clamp.



Image 1: Clamp



Image 2: Neolith slab handling with Clamp

Be sure to cover all metal surfaces that may come into contact with the polished slab with adhesive foam tape.

This clamp is available through TheSize. Contact TheSize for details.

- Before picking up the slabs with the clamp, remove the protective plastic from the slabs.
- It is not recommended to take more than 2 slabs at once with the clamp.

In case of not having this type of clamp, use a 2 cm plank of approximately 3 m x 20 cm. Place the plank on the back of the slab.



Image 3: Plank in the backside of the slab



Image 4: Handling with Clamp

- 1) Put the clamp on the slab and plank together.
- 2) Attach the clamp and lift the slab with caution.
- 3) Avoid sudden changes of direction.

To avoid damaging, it is recommended to store indoors the polished slabs.

5. Mechanical Fabrication of Polished Countertops

TheSize strongly recommends wet cutting to fabricate **Neolith Polished countertops**.

6. Bridge Saw, Waterjet and CNC

Follow same instructions as when cutting Neolith Satin or Silk slabs.

7. Waterjet Warning

When starting cutting with waterjet technology, make sure that the initial drilling is far enough from the work area in order to avoid chipping risk.

8. Polished Edges

The edge polishing of a Neolith Polished slab should be done with water. This factor ensures a higher level of brightness and reduces the chipping possibilities in the edges.

9. Hand Fabrication Instructions of Polished Countertops

For hand cutting of countertop holes, it is recommended to use the blade typically used to dry cutting and available through TheSize.

When dry cutting, please note that there will be more chances of chipping during the process, therefore keep this in mind when marking and making the hole.

After cutting, it is recommended to grind the hole edges to the desired size, using TheSize grinding discs and beveling cups.

Drilling must be made with water.

More information related to the Neolith slabs handling and fabricating recommendations, can be found in our **Countertop Technical Guide**, available in the download area of www.neolith.com.

10. Handling of Slabs

Due to its composition, the polished slabs are more sensitive to bending. **Make sure never to bend the slab by stretching the polished side.**

To avoid unexpected bendings during transportation, it is recommended to fasten the countertop with an aluminium bar and grips.

1. Required Materials

- Cerium oxide powder (90% purity, optical quality)
- Rubber gloves
- Lint-free cloth
- Water
- Electrical / Grinder Drill
- Polishing pad (lambswool pads, felt or leather)
- Spray bottle
- Goggles

Before starting polishing the scratches on the surface, the depth of the scratches should be analyzed.. If scratches can be felt with the nail, it means that they are too deep to be polished with cerium oxide, reduce/level the entire surface.

In that case, the first thing to do is to reduce/level the entire surface. Only then, the surface can be polished with cerium oxide.

2. Instructions

1. Mix some cerium oxide with water to form a thin paste (creamy). It is recommended to mix in a small bowl so the paste can be easily applied to the polishing pad.
2. Clean the surface thoroughly to remove all traces of dirt and grease.
3. Apply the paste to the polishing pad.
4. Mount the pad to drill and start working in the scratched area.
5. Move the pad up and down, left and right in the scratched area.
6. Keep the surface wet to avoid heat. If there is already enough paste, just spray a fine mist of water to keep the area cool.
7. Clean the leftovers away and inspect carefully the repaired area. Keep working until obtaining a satisfactory result.
8. Wash the pad for later use.

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Neolith Polished Finish Slabs – Special Care Consideration

When Neolith launched its first Sintered Compact Surface in 2010, it was in a Satin finish. After a strong and constant focus on product R&D and after experiencing a continuously growing demand for its products, Neolith proudly introduced three additional finishes in 2014 – Silk, River-washed and Polished – to enrich product variety and satisfy market demand.

Neolith Polished finish, typically found in the Classtone collection, stands out for its high degree of gloss and a perfectly linear reflection which mirrors at its best the way in which precious marbles and stones look naturally; adding depth, realism and sophistication to the given designs.

Neolith Polished finish, unlike the other Neolith finishes (known for their extreme resistance to scratches, abrasion and harsh chemicals amongst others) – Satin, Silk and Riverwashed – and similarly to other polished man-made surfaces or engineered stone, is a more delicate texture that requires more care and precaution when it comes to scratches and the use of aggressive household cleaning products.

Neolith Polished slabs are recommended for residential use in countertops applications; interior and exterior cladding; and interior flooring with low pedestrian traffic intensity and with no outdoor connection.

Furthermore, cleaning of Neolith Polished surfaces should avoid the use of rough sponges and steel wool as well as caustic soda, abrasive cleansers or products with a pH greater than 11. Also avoid direct contact of bleach on a Neolith Polished finish surface. Use pads, cloths, napkins and glass coasters to place cooking pots or other kitchen hardware on the surface. Never cut food directly on the counter, use a cutting or chopping board. Do not pull or drag kitchenware, pans and appliances on the counter.

By signing this document you acknowledge to be informed about the Polished finish peculiarities vis à vis the other Neolith finishes and about the importance of reading the Polished Finish Manual (available at www.neolith.com) to follow all of the handling, fabrication and care and maintenance guidelines. Final clients should be informed about Neolith Polished characteristics and made aware of the existence of Polished Finish Manual for the subsequent maintenance of Neolith surfaces.

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Name of Dealer/Fabricator:

Name of Purchaser/Homeowner/Project Manager:

Signature of Dealer/Fabricator Salesperson:

Signature of Purchaser/Homeowner/Project Manager:

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