How to Clean and Remove Stains from Cambria Quartz Countertops

Cambria is regarded as one of the finest countertop makers in the world. Their selection of countertops are considered extraordinary and evolved compared to other leading brands. Creating slabs with never-before-seen designs, they are constantly innovating to create revolutionary new patterns. Installing Cambria quartz countertops could be the greatest decision when upgrading your home.

For such exquisite quality, one would imagine it would be difficult to care for their countertops. Luckily, tending to Cambria quartz is incredibly easy and we're going to show you how.

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How To Clean Cambria Quartz

Cleaning Cambria quartz is one of the easiest things you can do. Get a bowl of warm water, add in some mild dish soap, and use a microfiber or soft cloth to wipe away any dirt or spills. Do this every time you see a spill or once a day, and your quartz countertops will be healthy for a long time.

What Soap to Use on Quartz

According to <u>Cambria's Approved Cleaners Guide</u>, most regular brands of dish soap will suffice. Popular results include Ajax Triple Action Orange Dish Soap, Dawn Platinum, Ivory Dish Soap, and Joy Dish Soap Lemon Scent. For frequent marks from spills or fingerprints, a simple solution of rubbing alcohol and water can be applied to wipe off your countertop. It is recommended not to mix any dish soaps together as the combination of brands can cause a chemical reaction which will damage the Cambria quartz.

How to Clean Tough Stains on Cambria Quartz

When working in the kitchen or bathroom, some stains will be tougher to remove. The occasional mess can be easily cleaned with the application of mild dish soap, warm water, and a microfiber cloth; but trickier spills may need some extra effort.

For stains that harden over time (like gum), use a putty knife or razor blade to gently scrape off the material from the countertop. Quartz is very durable and scratch resistant, but using too much pressure can still damage your countertop. Keep the blade at a 45-degree angle and carefully remove the problem stain. Once the larger pieces are removed, use a combination dish soap, warm water, and compress to clean off the residue.

Approved Cleaning Products for Cambria Quartz

For deeper stains that just do not seem to go away, the Cambria's Approved Cleaners Guide offers a large selection of multi-purpose cleaners suitable for their quartz countertops. Popular options for difficult stains are:

Vinegar and Water Solution

Using a combination of 50% water with 50% Vinegar, use a microfiber or soft cloth to remove any tough stains. Wiping in small circles evenly covers the most amount of surface area. This is a perfect option for anyone who prefers DIY cleaners.

Formula 409 Stone & Steel Cleaner

An all-around stone and steel cleaner which is excellent for tough stains. As an added benefit, Formula 409 Stone and Steel cleaner is refillable.

Goo Gone

Goo Gone is a light to regular-duty cleaner that can remove goo and other sticky residue. Pour the cleaner directly onto the strain and let sit for 5 to 10 minutes; time depending on what the instructions of the bottle says pertaining to your mess. Use a microfiber cloth to wipe off the counter and rinse with warm water. Use care when handling Goo Gone as ingredients contain toxic elements.

Like the dish soaps, it is highly recommended not to mix any solutions together as the combination of chemicals could damage your countertop.

Products Not to Use on Cambria Quartz

Quartz is artificially made, making it very durable and resilient to damage. It is very resistant to heat, scratching, staining, and chipping. As this article has gone over, it is also very easy to care for. However, being resistant to something does not make it invulnerable. Quartz can still be scratched, stained, chipped, or damaged via heat if enough force is applied. Cambria highly suggests never using these products as it may damage your quartz countertops.

Bleach: Cleaning your countertops with bleach can damage the surface of the quartz or cause it to permanently discolor.

Abrasive Scrubs: Quartz can handle a few brushes, but prolonged scrubbing with an abrasive scrub will dull the finish; making it lose that beautiful countertop shine.

Sealers: Quartz countertops are non-porous, meaning they do not require a sealer like other stones would. Sealing quartz can damage your countertop, as well as waste time and money on a product you do not need.

Avoid using any cleaners that have a high alkaline or acidity level. Products such as oven cleaners, abrasive cleaners, and paint removers can damage your quartz countertops by dulling their finish or discolor the slab.

Prevent Damage to Cambria Quartz

The best option when cleaning Cambria quartz countertops is to be proactive with messes.

Act Fast: When something spills on your countertop, don't wait to clean it later. The faster you can dry a spill or mess, the longer your quartz will last and less cleaning you must do in the future.

Cutting Boards: Quartz can be damaged by scratches, although it might take some effort. To limit the chances of scratching your countertop, use a cutting board when using knives.

Cover with Towel: When using chemicals which can stain your countertop, place a towel or a few rags down as cover. The towels will protect your countertops from staining and leave you with one less mess to clean up.

Hot Pads and Trivets: Quartz can resist heat very well, but it is ill advised to place hot metal directly onto the countertops. The hot metal from pans or pots can leave burn stains or crack the quartz from thermal shock.

Cambria quartz countertops are exceptionally easy to take care of. Quartz is designed to withstand and resist scratches, stains, chipping, and heat; as well as be simple to clean. Be attentive to any messes, use mild dish soap, warm water, and a microfiber cloth; and your quartz countertops will shine bright.