

# WORKTOP SEAL



## On Honister Green Slate Worktops & Table Tops

ACID RESISTANT, COLOUR ENHANCING TREATMENT FOR HONISTER GREEN SLATE WORKTOPS, TABLES ETC.  
SUITABLE FOR ALL STONES, CONCRETE, PLASTER ETC.  
FOR HONED STONE OR OTHER MID-SHEEN POLISHED FINISHES

### Full Info sheet and instructions

**WORKTOP SEAL** - a special stain preventing finish for all Honister Green Slate work surfaces and cladding in kitchens, bathrooms and wet-rooms etc.; domestic or commercial.

**Worktop Seal** is a revolutionary stone treatment. It provides a beautifully natural appearance, with little surface coating. It is very hard-wearing, waterproof, stain resistant and acid resistant. It is easy to apply and easy to maintain.

#### **Extra Protection for working surfaces:**

Worktop Seal adds an extra dimension to the protection offered by Stonetect. It is specially formulated to resist the powerful chemicals often present in food, drink, toiletries and domestic cleaning products.

#### **Natural Beauty:**

Worktop Seal enhances the natural colours and patterning of the stone. There is hardly any surface coating, so stone still feels and looks like stone.

#### **Deep Down:**

The Worktop Seal treatment soaks deeply into the surface of the stone, strengthening some softer materials and providing deep down protection even when the stone is worn after years of use.

#### **Easy Living:**

A surface treated with Worktop Seal is easy to live with. It is easy to clean and rarely needs re-applying. There is no residual smell, once Worktop Seal has dried.

#### **The Professional Choice:**

Worktop Seal is specifically designed to be easy to apply for both the professional and DIY-er; its careful formulation means that on most surfaces no special skills are needed.



#### **Enquiries:**

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**Product appearance and availability:**

Worktop Seal is a semi-opaque, thin liquid, available in 250ml, 1L & 5L containers.

**Application:**

Worktop Seal is applied in one coat, to non-porous surfaces, See full instruction sheet for details.

**Coverage:**

Approximately 12-18m<sup>2</sup> per litre, depending on the texture of the surface and how it is applied.

**New or previously untreated surfaces:**

The surface should be wiped down, or cleaned if covered in dust from the quarry. The surface must be totally dry before using Worktop Seal. More porous surfaces must be pre-sealed with at least one coat of Stonetect. See Stonetect Data Sheet for full information.

**Pre-treated or older surfaces:**

If the surface has been varnished, waxed, oiled or treated with any other non-recommended product then this must be removed before treating with Worktop Seal. If your surface has been used for any time at all before sealing, then it must be cleaned before Worktop Seal is applied.

Wax and oils can be removed with solvent, such as cellulose thinners. Varnishes should be removed with varnish strippers. We can supply advice on removing pre treatments if required.

**Filling holes and gaps:**

Fill holes, cracks or other defects with a non-wax, resin-based filler.

**Safety equipment:**

Rubber gloves, 'Organic Vapour' or 'Solvent Fumes' labeled face mask, eye protection; e.g. goggles (all available from good DIY shops). Wear overalls or work clothes.

**Job equipment:**

- Triple-C Sponge Applicator (highly recommended), or small sponge or cloth, for applying.
- Paint tray or polythene bowl wide enough to take applicator etc (25 cm width).
- Clean cotton cloths for polishing off. We can provide these if required.

**Toy & Food safety:**

Worktop Seal is totally safe to use on toys and is also food safe, once it has fully cured. Please allow 5 days before using the sealed item to ensure complete curing of resin.

**Health & Safety:**

The Worktop Seal range is safe and easy to use, as long as you follow the instructions on the next page and take the following precautions:

**Non-spray applications:**

Wear gloves and goggles. Do not get the Worktop Seal on your skin; it will be very hard to remove once it has dried and in rare cases it may cause a mild rash.

Keep the room you are working in well ventilated; open windows and doors. Take care not to expose other people in the same building to fumes. The smell is not harmful, but is strong. Take care to turn off re-circulating air conditioning units, to avoid spreading the smell throughout a building. Wear an organic vapour face mask (available from us or any good DIY/hardware store). Wear overalls or old clothes; Worktop Seal is hard to get out of fabric once it has dried. You can clean tools with thinners, or other solvent. Cured Worktop Seal can only be cleaned with our Worktop Seal remover.

**Spray applications:** Worktop Seal should not be sprayed because it is impossible to get the correct finish with this method.





## Application Instructions:

### SPONGE ON, BUFF OFF METHOD:

For a fully sealed, minimum build finish.

#### Applying:

Ensure the surface is clean, smooth and dry.

Make sure there is good ventilation.

The Worktop Seal should be applied using a Triple-C Sponge Applicator (cut to size if required), small sponge, or cloth.

- If possible work on a whole surface at once, eg a table top or piece of furniture. If the piece is large, try to work up to obvious joins, corners or sections at a time.
- Add the contents of the small catalyst bottle to the Worktop Seal and shake the bottle of Worktop Seal well. Pour 2-3mm of Worktop Seal into a paint tray. Load the sponge and then squeeze off the surplus on side of tray.
- Apply a **thin, even film** to the surface.
- Return to the starting point and using the applicator, **without reloading it**, even the Worktop Seal out over the whole area you have just worked on, leaving as even a finish as possible.



- Leave to soak in for 5 minutes and then, using a folded cotton pad, gently mop up most of the unabsorbed Worktop Seal. **DO NOT** rub it dry. Using the same pad, even-out the remaining Worktop Seal to leave a very thin film on the surface. The aim is to leave a very light film that will 'disappear' as the Worktop Seal starts to dry. Make sure your cotton pad is dry, clean and neatly folded.
- Any streaks or smears can be very lightly wiped away at the 'wet' stage; don't try to do this once the Worktop Seal has started to dry.



- Allow to cure until completely tack-free (this will take between 4 and 8 hours, depending on the temperature).

#### Using your work surface:

You can use your furniture or worktops 6 hours after the surface is no longer tacky. This is about 12-16 hours after the Worktop Seal was applied. In the first 2-3 days be very careful to wipe up any spillages immediately, and try to restrict the use of acids such as vinegar and lemon juice. After this the Worktop Seal becomes fully hardened and is ready for normal use.

**You must ALWAYS be careful when using acidic foods and cleaners, wipe up lemon juice and vinegar as soon as possible. Even when fully sealed some acids may penetrate the Worktop Seal and damage the slate, so be careful with these liquids. Do NOT use acid based cleaners designed to remove Lime-scale.**

#### Troubleshooting:

**Incomplete seal, blemishes, uneven finish or unsatisfactory finish:** If you are not happy with the finish of your stone, then follow steps above to re-apply a light coat. This will eliminate most problems.

**Scratches:** Deep scratches through the finish can be lightly painted with Worktop Seal to minimise their visual effect. Buff off excess Worktop Seal with a cotton cloth.

To remove a scratch completely you need to sand it back to bare smooth stone, using wet & dry paper. Once you have the required finish, seal as above, taking care to buff in edges carefully.

#### Cleaning:

- Wipe up spillages as soon as possible.
- Regularly wipe over with a damp cloth with a little detergent, or a white vinegar/alcohol based glass cleaner.
- Wipe up grease or oil with absorbent cloth, paper etc, or wipe over with cloth moistened white vinegar/alcohol based glass cleaning product to clean area fully.
- After significant use, re-application of Worktop Seal will clean and revive worn or dulled surfaces. Clean the area first, then apply the Worktop Seal very lightly on a soft cloth or with an almost dry applicator.

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