

FAQ:

Is Richlite a solid surface? By the technical definition of solid surface, NO. Most solid surface materials combine two main ingredients: a natural mineral {the "filler"} and a resin {the "binder"}, along with various additives. These are combined and then formed in a curing process that results in a sheet or a shape. All that being said, some people have grouped Richlite within the solid surface category because of the solid color through the material. If you cut it in half you'd find the same surface on the inside as you started with on the outside. If that's not a solid surface, what is? But it's not a poured plastic with fillers like most of the other products that call themselves solid surfaces. And it's not a kind of laminated sandwich where a nice top skin is glued to a cheaper substrate. Richlite is truly in a class of its own.

Is Richlite Heat resistant? Yes, up to 350° F. Due to its high heat resistance, the material does not need additional protection near stove areas though a trivet or hot pad is recommended to ensure no damage will be caused by exceedingly hot pots and pans pulled directly out of the oven.

Is Richlite Stain Resistant. Generally speaking, Richlite resists stains quite well. As with most any material there is a potential for some staining, particularly from red wines, juices, and mustard when left in contact for prolonged periods of time. Most spills and light stains may be cleaned with soap and warm water and scrubbed with a soft bristle brush. More stubborn stains may be repaired by a light refinishing of the material.

Is Richlite Scratch Resistant. It's significantly harder than wood but, like most countertop materials, can, under force, be scratched or gouged. Richlite countertops should not be used as a cutting surface. Because Richlite is a solid color all the way through, when scratches do occur, there will be no difference in color-unlike many solid surfaces where the scratch appears as a different color than the material. Use of a separate Richlite® cutting board is recommended. Most cuts, scratches and nicks can be repaired with a light refinishing.

Is Richlite Sanitary. Richlite is recognized for its sanitary performance appreciated by chefs in the home and in high profile commercial kitchens. The National Sanitation Foundation, which sets standards for food service-related products has certified Richlite 1000 for use as cutting boards with direct food contact in restaurants. The same material is used in Richlite countertops. The surface is impervious and does not support the colonization of bacteria.

How durable is Richlite? Richlite is extremely durable. Remember it's been used for industrial and marine purposes, and as a skatepark surface for years. The kitchen is the Richlite's least challenging environment.

How do I care for & Maintain my Richlite? Routine Cleaning and Upkeep -- Richlite® surface is a durable, attractive material designed to stay beautiful for the lifetime of your kitchen, bath or office space. A simple wipe up with soap and warm water on a regular basis will maintain its beauty.

Finishing -- Richlite®'s testing laboratory recommends that fabricators finish the surface with a non-oil-based sealant to provide a rich, polished finish that requires minimum care.

Removing Stains -- Generally speaking, Richlite® resists stains quite well. As with most any material, there is a potential for some staining. With stubborn stains, try a non-abrasive household cleaner-Richlite® highly recommends Simple Green All-Purpose Cleaner because of its effectiveness and earth friendly ingredients.