

White Carrara Marble Table Tops

Care & Maintenance Guide



As a natural material, marble is inherently strong and durable but needs looking after to maintain its striking finish. There are three main ways in which a marble table top can be damaged:

Scratching: Though significantly harder than wood, marble can still be susceptible to scratching. The common causes are items with sharp points, unglazed ceramic bottoms, or coarse edges.

Staining: Spills are inevitable, but staining is not. The most common cause of light staining is when hot beverage pots - like tea or coffee - are placed directly on the marble. The heat and weight can force spilt liquid to penetrate even the strongest sealant.

Etching: Acid is the greatest enemy of a polished marble surface. Exposure to common commercial liquids - including wine, soda, and vinegar - will cause a chemical reaction with the stone's natural calcium. This results in an etch mark, which appears as a dull ring or spot where the shine has been removed.

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- **Clean:** Blot spills immediately, but don't wipe or scrub, as this can drive the liquid deeper into the stone. Wipe down the table, daily, with a soft microfibre cloth and use a solution of warm soap and water for general cleaning. Always dry thoroughly to prevent streaks. Always use a dry, soft cloth every time you clean. Change the water frequently during cleaning and always rinse afterwards with clean, warm water. For stubborn marks, you can use a small amount of white spirit, dabbed on with a clean, dry cloth. After the solvent has broken down the stain, wipe the area with warm, soapy water and dry immediately.

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- **DO NOT** use acidic or multi-purpose cleaners as they will react with the calcium carbonate in the marble and cause 'etching'
 - **DO NOT** use any hard brushes, scouring pads, or other abrasive materials as they may scratch
 - **DO NOT** use bleach or furniture polish as they can leave a dull, greasy film on the stone

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- **Protect:** Use coasters under glasses, cups, or bottles and placemats or trivets under any hot items being placed on the marble.
 - **Seal:** Our White Carrara Marble Table Tops arrive pre-treated with a professional-grade sealant, offering protection for commercial use. This sealant penetrates the stone, clogging its natural pores to significantly reduce liquid absorption and extend your window for spill clean-up. It is important to note that this protects within the stone and is not a surface coating. It resists staining but will not prevent surface etching from acids. Every 6-12 months, you should reseal your marble top to prevent stains and prolong its life. Please ensure that the sealant is specifically designed for use with solid marble and always follow the instructions.