

# CARE GUIDE

WELCOME TO A NEW WORLD

# CONSTRUCTION AND FINISHES

## WHAT ARE YOUR PRODUCTS CONSTRUCTED FROM?

Our main construction materials are DR solid brass, 304 and 316 stainless steel.

Solid brass is commonly used for residential purposes (e.g. throughout the home) and is constructed from DR solid brass.

Stainless steel is used more in non residential environments (e.g. high traffic locations like public bathrooms) and is made from 304 stainless steel. We also have 316 grade stainless steel which is for outdoor use. Stainless steel is also regularly used in areas that require more durability (e.g. kitchen sinks, floor wastes etc).

Whilst solid brass and stainless steel products are treated using the same finishing process, the difference in construction materials means there may be slight variations in the colour and overall wear of the finish. All ABI Interiors products can generally be used in residential and non residential settings unless a specific standard dictates otherwise.

They then undergo one of the following colour treatments to complete the finished product:

- Advanced Electroplating Application (AEA)
- · ABI's HeatShield Industrial Grade (PVD) Electro Colouring System
- PrimeShield Lacquer Technology (PSLT)

#### WHAT FINISHES DO YOU OFFER?



# STAINLESS STEEL, SOLID BRASS AND ABS

#### **PRODUCTS**

Tapware, Showerware, Accessories, Stainless Steel Sinks, Wastes, Shower Channels, Glass and Door Hardware

#### **MATERIALS**

#### Stainless Steel

- We use Stainless Steel Grade 304 for our indoor range and Stainless Steel Grade 316 for our outdoor range. They are both extremely versatile types of stainless steel. It is the chromium found in stainless steel that gives it its oxidation, corrosion and durability resistance, making it one of the more hard-wearing metals to choose from. Stainless Steel Grade 316 has further corrosion resistance to seawater and de-icing salts, making it more suitable for outdoor environments.
- Grade 304 = 18/8, Grade 316 = 18/10
- Stainless Steel Construction The 'grade' of stainless steel refers to its quality, durability
  and temperature resistance. The numbers (18/8, 18/10, etc.) are the composition of the
  stainless steel and refer to the amount of chromium/nickel in the product. eg. 18/8 stainless
  steel consists of 18% chromium and 8% nickel.

# Solid Brass

 We use DR solid brass for the majority of our residential tapware range. DR brass is characterised by its exceptional resistance to dezincification and corrosion.

# ABS (Vino Hand Shower)

- · Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene
- ABS is injection moulded and is derived from acrylonitrile, butadiene, and styrene. It is
  known for its impact resistance and toughness. ABS is coloured using the same colour
  treatments as our solid brass range.

#### **COLOURS**

Brushed Nickel (PVD), Brushed Brass (PVD), Brushed Gunmetal (PVD), Brushed Copper (PVD), Chrome (AEA), Matte Black (AEA), Rose Gold (AEA), White (PSLT), Stainless Steel.

# STAINLESS STEEL, SOLID BRASS AND ABS

## DESCRIPTION

- PVD (Physical Vapour Deposition) ABI Heat Shield an industrial-grade molecular-based colouring system which provides a harder, more corrosion resistant finish whilst remaining environmentally friendly.
- AEA (Advanced Electroplating Application) a process that uses electrical current to
  plate one metal upon another metallic surface to create a long-lasting and durable finish.
- PSLT (PrimeShield Lacquer Technology) a high impact and durable lacquer finish that is easy to maintain.

### CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

- · Use natural cleaning products only and no abrasive cleaning cloths.
- · Weekly cleaning with warm soapy water and a microfibre cloth is recommended.
- · Dry after each use to reduce watermarking and surface rust.
- Use diluted toothpaste and water for hard to reach places and to restore the vitality of the finish.
- When cleaning, wipe in the direction of the brushed grain to maintain the brushed appearance.
- · For renovations and new builds, flush pipes before first use.
- · To best maintain finish, do not let water pool.
- If you live in a hard-water area with limescale build-up, weekly cleaning using a mild limescale remover such as Viakal is recommended.

- · Do not use chemicals or abrasive cleaners. This includes:
  - Bleach and bleaching agents
  - Ammonium and ammonium agents
  - Highly acidic cleaners
  - Alcohol and mineral-based solvents
- · Limit exposure to high levels of salt.
- If your product comes into contact with any of these chemicals, rinse immediately with warm soapy water.
- · Avoid scourers and rough brushes for cleaning.
- · Avoid contact with sharp objects which could chip or scratch the surface.
- · Do not put heat directly on surface.

# **PORCELAIN FINISHES**

# **PRODUCTS**

Toilets, Tiles

#### DESCRIPTION

A ceramic construction created by heating materials to establish a durable product.

#### CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

- · Clean regularly using a natural cleaning solution with warm water and a mop.
- You should only use the cleaning products that have been recommended for the specific type of tile that you have purchased.
- · Clean spills immediately to avoid staining.
- · Consider using floor protectors on the legs of your furniture to avoid damage to your tiles.

- · Do not use chemicals or abrasive cleaners. This includes:
  - Bleach and bleaching agents
  - Ammonium and ammonium agents
  - Highly acidic cleaners
  - Alcohol and mineral-based solvents
- · Limit exposure to high levels of salt.
- If your product comes into contact with any of these chemicals, rinse immediately with warm soapy water.
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# SOLID SURFACE

#### **PRODUCTS**

Basins, Baths

## **COLOURS**

Matte White, Gloss White, Coloured Range

#### DESCRIPTION

Solid surface (acrylic resin + aluminium hydroxide + pigment) is a man-made composite stone and is known for its strength and resistant properties.

# CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

- · Clean any marks or stains as soon as they occur.
- Clean with warm soapy water and a microfibre cloth to remove most markings or a cream-based cleanser.
- Solid surface is easy to maintain using natural cleaning products.
- For matte white solid surface products, fine grade sandpaper can be used to remove stains or markings in some instances.
- · Magic sponge with water.

- Do not use chemicals or abrasive cleaners. This includes:
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  - Ammonium and ammonium agents
  - Highly acidic cleaners
  - Alcohol and mineral-based solvents
- · Limit exposure to high levels of salt.
- If your product comes into contact with any of these chemicals, rinse immediately with warm soapy water.
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# **ACRYLIC FINISHES**

#### **PRODUCTS**

Baths, Vanity Tops

## **COLOURS**

Matte White

#### DESCRIPTION

Acrylic is a lightweight material made of vacuum-formed sheets of acrylic and is often reinforced with fibreglass for added durability. It is known for its quality thermal insulation and anti-scratch properties.

Composite Stone (Vanity Tops) - 100% Acrylic

Our composite stone is a man-made stone that is lightweight and durable and comes in a variety of colourways, all with a satin/matte finish.

#### CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

- · Clean any marks or stains as soon as they occur.
- Clean with warm soapy water and a microfibre cloth to remove most markings or a cream-based cleanser.
- · Magic sponge with water.

- Do not use chemicals or abrasive cleaners. This includes:
  - Bleach and bleaching agents
  - Ammonium and ammonium agents
  - Highly acidic cleaners
  - Alcohol and mineral-based solvents
- · Limit exposure to high levels of salt.
- If your product comes into contact with any of these chemicals, rinse immediately with warm soapy water.
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# STONE VARIATIONS

#### **PRODUCTS**

Basins, Mosaics

# **DESCRIPTION**

Natural Stone (Mosaics and Basins)

Our stone products are cut from solid stone slabs. Due to the natural stone construction, there will always be some variations with these products. Each stone product is unique with its own individual character.

Quartz Stone Top (Vanity Tops) - In Store Only

Is a man-made stone used to replicate the finishes of natural stone at a more affordable price.

## **CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE**

- For natural stone seal with a natural stone sealant prior to first use, repeat if necessary.
- Regularly clean with a natural detergent or stone soap.
- Thoroughly rinse with clean/clear water and then dry the surface with a soft cloth.

- Do not use chemicals or abrasive cleaners. This includes:
  - Bleach and bleaching agents
  - Ammonium and ammonium agents
  - Highly acidic cleaners
  - Alcohol and mineral-based solvents
- · Limit exposure to high levels of salt.
- If your product comes into contact with any of these chemicals, rinse immediately with warm soapy water.
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# 2PAC AND LAMINATE

#### **PRODUCTS**

Vanities

#### **COLOURS**

Matte White (2Pac), Pure Oak (Laminate), Walnut (Laminate), White Ash Oak (Laminate), Black Oak (Laminate)

## **DESCRIPTION**

- 2Pac (Vanities) a hardened paint finish used for cabinetry.
- Laminate (Vanities and Tops) a thin layer of material that is bonded to the surface of cabinetry.

## **CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE**

- Clean regularly with damp microfibre cloth and a natural cleaner.
- · Towel dry the surface regularly after use or when cleaning.

- Do not use chemicals or abrasive cleaners. This includes:
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  - Highly acidic cleaners
  - Alcohol and mineral-based solvents
- · Limit exposure to high levels of salt.
- If your product comes into contact with any of these chemicals, rinse immediately with warm soapy water.
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IN A WORLD OF POSSIBILITY, WHAT WILL YOU CREATE?