

ADHESIVES

Adhesives are used when joining ASCALE slabs on countertops, the colour of which shall be compatible with the body colour of the ASCALE material used. Please note that the surface colour of some ASCALE models is not exactly equal to the slab body. This is important as the body colour is exposed upon polishing the edging.

The different manufacturers of adhesives for this use recommend their own products that most closely match the colours of ASCALE models. For more information on adequate colours, ask your sales representative or your adhesive supplier.

CLEANING, MAINTENANCE AND PRECAUTIONS OF USE

Daily maintenance

Simply use a damp microfibre cloth for daily surface cleaning. Using a neutral liquid detergent with a soft sponge or microfibre cloth is suggested for occasional cleaning. Rinse with warm water and dry with a hand towel or similar material.

Persistent stains

The most persistent stains can be removed using a slightly abrasive sponge and applying a specific stain remover product for the type of stain to be removed (see table).

Using metal scourers is not recommended as they would leave metal traces that must later be cleaned.

Precautions of use

Removing any staining liquids (i.e. coffee, tea, red wine), caustic substances (i.e. oven detergents), acidic or colouring substances as quickly as possible and then rinsing the surface with water is recommended.

Do not use ceramic knives directly on the surface in any finish. Use a cutting board in such case. Avoid any blows to the most delicate areas such as edges and corners.

Contact with hot surfaces

ASCALE surfaces are specially resistant to thermal variations. Hot pans may be placed directly on the slabs without any risk of staining. However, using trivets is recommended so they last longer.

Table with recommended cleaning products

Type of stain	Product (over a Matte-Soft Matte finish)	Product (over a Polished finish)
Grease	Neutral / Alkaline	Neutral / Alkaline
Oil	Neutral	Neutral
Citric	Neutral	Neutral
Fruit juice	Neutral	Neutral / Alkaline
Soft drinks	Neutral	Neutral
Coffee / tea	Neutral	Neutral / Alkaline
Wine	Neutral	Neutral / Alkaline
Vinegar	Neutral	Neutral / Alkaline
Sauces / Ketchup	Neutral / Cream or powder	Neutral
Ice cream	Neutral	Neutral / Alkaline
Wax candle	Solvent	Solvent
Calcareous residue	Acid	Neutral / Acid
Oxides / rust	Neutral / Acid	Neutral / Acid
Metal scratching	Neutral / Acid	Neutral / Acid
Permanent marker	Cream or powder	Neutral / Alkaline
Resins	Solvent	Solvent

Legend:

Neutral detergent: generic liquid products with a neutral pH

Alkaline detergent: degreasers in general, ammoniac and similar

Acid detergent: descaler, stripper for cement residue and similar

Solvent detergent: turpentine, nitro solvent, alcohol, acetone and similar

Cream or powder detergent: a product for hard surfaces

Warnings:

Always respect the precautions of use, dosage and times recommended by the detergent manufacturers.

Never use products with hydrofluoric acid or derivatives.