

# CLEANING AND CARE

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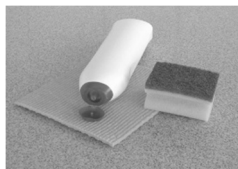
Kitchens sinks and worktops

## CLEANING AND CARE OF KITCHEN SINKS AND WORKTOPS

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VARICOR® is a durable, solid and homogeneous mineral material whose elegance and beauty is retained for many years when appropriately cared for. It is therefore recommended that the following care instructions be observed.

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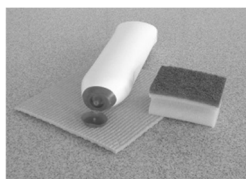
### 1. DAILY CLEANING

At first always clean the surface the easiest way using water, soap and a cloth.

**In doing so, the product-specific instructions from the supplier need to be strictly observed, as e.g. highly concentrated substances with a lower pH-value will attack the surface! After the application, rinse the surface with clear water.**

If stains cannot be totally removed, we recommend the use the cleansing milk "Stahlfix classic". After use wipe the surface with a damp cloth. Good results can also be achieved with the product "Universal Stone" of company ZIELINSKY. It cleans, polishes and preserves the surface without touching it. With it you may even clean chrome-plated surfaces or glass.

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### 2. REMOVAL OF STUBBORN STAINS

Stains and discolorations caused by coffee, tea, fruit juice or even metal abrasion caused by pots and pans (which also occur with other materials, such as e. g. stainless steel, acrylic and ceramic) can be removed using a cream cleaner (e. g. "Stahlfix classic") and a cloth. However, if this still leaves residues, use a scouring agent (e. g. Viss) and the rough side of a synthetic sponge (e. g. Scotch-Brite, article no. 550248).

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### 3. CLEANING OF VARICOR® KITCHEN SINKS

Sinks are especially exposed to substances which cause marks. This is why we recommend a regular cleaning of the surface using a cream cleaner (e. g. "Stahlfix classic"), an abrasive scouring agent (e. g. Viss) and a cloth.

If lime scale builds up as the result of hard water, use a conventional household descaler according to the manufacturers instructions. Rinse off thoroughly and clean the whole area again using a cream cleaner. In addition to this once or twice a month you can give your sink a "beauty treatment". Fill the sink with lukewarm water and add a domestic cleaner containing bleach. Allow this mixture to work for 2 - 3 hours. Then rinse with clear water and clean the hole sink again using a cream cleaner.

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## HOW TO PREVENT DAMAGE

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### TEMPERATURE LOADS

To avoid damage due to direct contact of VARICOR® with solids or liquids which are very hot, please take note of the following information:

- do not simply pour boiling liquids straight into the sink – run cold water at the same time
- never place hot pots, pans, baking sheets etc. directly onto the VARICOR® surface, always put them on stands to conduct the heat away
- you should only use pans which do not project beyond the edge of the stove top



### SIGNS OF WEAR AND TEAR / CUTTING

Any marks can be removed with a scouring agent (e. g. Viss) and a cloth or Scotch-Brite sponge. Scratches can be removed with fine sand paper (grain size 320 – 400) with circular movements. The surface should then definitely be saturated with a cream cleaner (e. g. "Stahlfix classic").



### DEGREE OF GLOSS

VARICOR® is characterised by a silk-matt surface, which can easily be maintained using the cleaning and care instructions described. Highly glossy surfaces are considerably more sensitive and require more care, as matt areas form through use. These can only be repaired using corresponding abrasive agents. If the surfaces are brought to a higher gloss by your supplier, ask what treatment was used to achieve this degree of gloss.

### TIPS FOR DARK DECORS

It is in the nature of colours that traces of use become visible more quickly on dark decors. In order to retain these decors original brilliance, it is necessary to regularly treat the surfaces with a non-scratching cleansing milk (e.g. "Stahlfix classic") or an oleaginous, water-repellent material (stain-less steel care, paraffin oil etc.). We recommend performing this treatment once a month or as needed.

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Sources of supply: Scouring agent / cleansing milk

Germany: **Stahlfix Classic** – Johnson Wax GmbH, [www.scjohnson.de](http://www.scjohnson.de)  
**Universal-Stone** – ZIELINSKY Universal-Stein, Tel. +49 (0) 49 56/91 88-0, [www.universalstein.com](http://www.universalstein.com)  
**Dr. Beckmann Putzstein – delta pronatura**, [www.dr-beckmann.de](http://www.dr-beckmann.de)  
**Viss** – Unilever Deutschland Holding GmbH, Tel. +49 (0) 40/34 93-0, [www.unilever.com](http://www.unilever.com)

Austria: **Vif** – Unilever Austria GmbH

Switzerland: **Cif** – Unilever Schweiz GmbH

Basin cleaning with bleach

**Smarti** Basic cleaner for kitchen sinks (powder) Collo GmbH (through specialised kitchen dealers), [www.collo.de](http://www.collo.de)  
**Danklorix „Hygienereiniger“** or **„Kraftreiniger“** Colgate-Palmolive GmbH, [www.colgate.de](http://www.colgate.de)

