



Kitchen & Bath Materials Performance Matrix

ATTRIBUTES— KEY SELLING POINTS	CAST POLYMER			SOLID SURFACE			GRANITE/NATURAL STONE			ENGINEERED STONE			TILE			SMC COMPOSITE			CONCRETE			LAMINATE			STAINLESS STEEL			CERAMIC - CAST IRON			COMPOSITE SINK			BUTCHER BLOCK & WOOD		
	CULTURED MARBLE	CULTURED GRANITE	CULTURED ONYX	SOLID SURFACE (granite, solid colors, other looks)	SOLID SURFACE (verigated, textured)	COMPOSITE SOLID SURFACE (Spray Granite/Sprayable solid surface)	GRANITE/NATURAL STONE	ENGINEERED STONE	TILE	SMC COMPOSITE	CONCRETE	LAMINATE	STAINLESS STEEL	CERAMIC - CAST IRON	COMPOSITE SINK	BUTCHER BLOCK & WOOD																				
Surfacing Materials (Residential, Commercial, Industrial for Kitchen, Bath & Utility)																																				
Custom colors and color matching	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	No	Limited	Limited	No	Limited	Limited	No	Limited	Limited	No	Limited	Limited	No	Limited	Limited	No								
Curved and custom shapes available	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited								
Stain resistant	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Very good	Very Good	Very good	Poor	Good	Tile-Good, Grout-Very Poor	Good	Very Poor	Good	Great	Good	Great	Poor	Great	Good	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Poor								
Mold/mildew resistant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Joints No	Yes	Joints No	Yes	No	Joints No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No								
Uniformity of appearance, piece to piece	Fair	Excellent	Fair	Excellent	Fair	Excellent	Inconsistent	Good	Excellent	Good	Inconsistent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Varies	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Varies								
One-piece construction available/Integral sink/counter	Yes Visual & Dimensional	Yes Visual & Dimensional	Yes Visual & Dimensional	Yes Visual & Dimensional	Yes Visual & Dimensional	Yes Visual & Dimensional	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No								
Custom textures	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	No	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	No								
Non-porous	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Grout No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No								
Affordable Price Point	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$							
Ease of Maintenance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No								
Ease of Repair	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No								
"Designer" look	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Limited	No	Limited	Limited	No	No	Yes	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited								
Ease of Installation	Easy	Easy	Easy	Professional needed	Professional needed	Professional needed	No	No	No	Professional needed	No	Yes	2-Man job	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes								
Heat Resistance	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No									
Impact Resistance (Certified products)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No								
Delamination	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No								
Bath Lavatory & Kitchen Sinks																																				
Bath Sink	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No								
Kitchen Sink	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes								
Sealant Required	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Grout - Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes								
Inconspicuous Seams	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No								

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