

# Important Product Information

## **Standard Marble and Marblecast Series**

Products manufactured in our Standard Marble and Marblecast colors are surfaced with a clear, non-porous, high quality polyester gelcoat that produces a sanitary and easy to clean finish. The marble material is a combination of 25% polyester resin and 75% calcium carbonate (ground marble). Veining and coloring are done by hand and each piece is different and unique. The Marblecast Series is produced with special veining techniques that replicate the appearance of natural marble. These two color series are available in a gloss or matte finish. There is an upcharge for matte. These colors can also be made with the inclusion of our Reflections shiny particles.

## **Granitcast Series**

Granitcast products have no polyester gelcoat, but instead have a thick layer of composite solid surface material that is reinforced with our cast stone matrix. Granitcast is similar in composition and appearance to the national brand solid surface products. It is harder than polyester gelcoat and thus because it is a solid surface material with high durability and renewability can also be used for kitchen countertops. Granitcast items are available in a gloss or matte finish and there is an upcharge for matte except on kitchen countertops where it is included in the price.

## **Granitestone Series**

Granitestone is very similar to our popular Granitcast series in that it is an extremely durable composite solid surface material. This color series was placed in our line because of the popularity of the colors in our Granitcast series that have the larger stone chips. Granitestone has larger chips than any of our Granitcast colors. We have also included the option of brass or silver mica chips in this series although they can be excluded if the customer would prefer not to have them. Because of its excellent durability this material is also available in kitchen countertops. The Granitestone series is only available in a matte finish and is included in the price.

## **Marblestone Series**

Marblestone closely replicates the appearance of natural granite. The colors have stone chips (usually white brown or black) with a colored vein. They also have an option of the brass or silver mica chips, which can also be left out if desired. Marblestone is a blend of polyester gelcoat and solid surface material and it can be used for all our products with the exception of kitchen countertops. Marblestone's performance is similar to our Standard Marble and Marblecast series. It is available in a gloss or matte finish and there is no upcharge for a matte finish on Marblestone Series products.

## **Onyxstone**

This material has a 25-mil polyester gelcoated non-porous surface. Below this is a mixture of alumina tri-hydrate, clear ground glass and clear polyester resin that produces a gorgeous translucent look that has an opaque stone-like appearance. The depth of the soft veining can be seen beneath the surface and creates a unique visual effect. Because you can see down into the depth of Onyxstone only clear silicone adhesive should be used for installing 3/8" thick tub or shower walls and the surface you are applying to should be painted white or a very light cream color. Onyxstone performs excellent for all of our bathroom products, but is not recommended for kitchen countertop use. Onyxstone is available in a gloss or matte finish with an upcharge for matte.

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## **Mica Chips**

The large silver and brass metal chips shown in our Granitestone and Marblestone color samples can also be ordered in any of our Granitcast colors. See page 4 for pricing and how to order.

## **Reflection Series**

Brilliant sparkles of either nickel or gold can be created in any of our color series. For pricing and how to order see the Reflection Series section of the price list on page 4

## **Gloss vs. Matte Finish**

A gloss finish is a polished finish and while aesthetically attractive because it is shiny will tend to show scratches more readily than a matte finish. There is generally a little more maintenance on a gloss product in that removing scratches requires an extra step of polishing to bring back the shine after sanding out the scratches. A majority of our products are ordered with a gloss finish and for normal bathroom use will perform extremely well. Matte finishes involve an extra step of "sanding" the product after it is cast in order to remove the shine. Many consider a matte finish to be a more upscale look. It is very easy to maintain and surface scratches can be removed merely by rubbing with a Scotch Brite pad. Products in a Matte Finish when initially installed may tend to have a lighter color or a slightly "chalky" appearance. This will dissipate and go away as the top is used and "broken in." There is a small upcharge for a matte finish with the exception of our Granitestone and Marblestone Series where it is included in the price. See page 30 for matte pricing.

## **Safasil Caulk**

Safasil is a silicone sealant that matches any of our Granitcast and Granitestone colors. It is comprised of silicone, pigment, and granite chips. It gives a uniform and aesthetically pleasing look to joints on tub and shower walls, separate backsplashes, vanity tops, endsplashes, etc. Because the product has a relatively short shelf life it is made to order. Please allow 2-3 weeks lead-time.

## **Nominal Dimensions for Custom Cast MarbleWorks Products**

Dimensions for all countertop lengths are  $\pm 1/4"$ . Depths listed as 22" may vary between 22" and 22 1/2". For tops that are ordered as going between walls we attempt to keep tolerance to  $1/8" \pm$ . Bowl locations may vary by  $1" \pm$ . All other products have tolerance of  $1/4" \pm$ .

If your installation has a specific size requirement that allows for very little variance please inform us and we will do our best to meet your specifications.