RAKU Surface - Care & Maintenance Guide

Congratulations on Your Newly Protected Surface

Your marble, or other precious natural stone surface, has been professionally coated with RAKU, the next-generation nano-coating engineered in Italy and applied by certified technicians across North America. RAKU offers long-term protection against etching and staining, along with best-in-class scratch and heat resistance, preserving the natural beauty of your stone while allowing it to breathe and maintain its natural finish.

With proper care, your RAKU-protected surface will perform beautifully for many years to come.

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1. Daily Cleaning

Use Lantania's **SANIMAR** or another similar **pH-neutral stone cleaner.**

- Spray lightly and wipe with a clean, soft microfiber cloth.
- Avoid excessive moisture; a damp clean is sufficient.
- For fingerprints, mild grease, or food residue— use Lantania's alkaline daily cleaner, or another similar alkaline cleaner, then finish off with a spray of the chosen pH-neutral stone daily cleaner.

Avoid:

- Vinegar, bleach, ammonia, or citrus-based products
- Abrasive pads, powders, or scouring cloths
- Steam cleaners or high-heat devices

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2. Spills and Contact with Acids

RAKU provides protection against etching and staining from substances such as lemon juice, wine, coffee, and other household acids—however it is still best practice to:

- **Wipe spills promptly** with a soft cloth.
- Avoid letting strong dyes (e.g. turmeric, beet juice, etc) or heavy oils sit on the surface.

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3. Heat Resistance

Your RAKU surface is designed to withstand normal kitchen temperatures, however:

- Always use trivets or heat pads under cookware exceeding **300°C / 600°F**.
- Avoid direct prolonged contact with open flame cookware, broiler pans, or cast-iron right off the stove.

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4. Scratch Resistance

RAKU forms a durable, flexible barrier that improves surface hardness and scratch resistance compared to other traditional anti-etch solutions in the market. RAKU is engineered to resist the micro-scratching typical of daily use while maintaining a natural stone feel; however, **it is not scratch-proof.** To preserve your finish:

- Always use cutting boards for knives and utensils.
- Avoid sliding ceramic plates, metal objects, or appliances across the surface.
- Use felt pads under countertop décor and small appliances.

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5. Surface Appearance

RAKU enhances the natural finish of your stone. Minor variations in sheen between slabs or edges are normal and reflect the organic character of natural stone.

If dull spots or residue appear:

- Clean gently with the approved daily pH-neutral cleaner.
- Do not attempt to “buff out” with abrasive pads or polishes.

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6. Long-Term Care

- Your RAKU surface requires **no resealing or waxing.**
- For heavy-use commercial spaces, schedule a professional inspection **every 24 - 36 months** to ensure optimal performance and reliability.
- Avoid placing adhesive labels, duct tape, or harsh chemicals (e.g. paint thinners, acetone) directly on the surface.

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7. What to Expect

- RAKU forms an invisible, micro-thin layer—imperceptible to touch, yet chemically bonded to your stone.
- Surfaces will continue to look and feel natural—never plastic-like or coated.
- With normal use and proper care as outlined in these guidelines, your RAKU treatment is designed to last many years depending on the environment and traffic conditions.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to us directly at:

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