

# **CARE & MAINTENANCE**

Opticks Quartz is a 93% quartz-based product that has outstanding properties to ensure ease of maintenance and longevity of your surfaces. It will withstand exposure to tea, wine, vinegar, lemon juice and strongly colored substances.

#### **Everyday Cleaning**

Opticks Quartz requires very little maintenance to keep the surface looking like new. For every day, routine cleaning of Opticks Quartz, we recommend wiping the surface with warm soapy water (a mild detergent) and a damp cloth or alternatively use a quality "spray-and-wipe" type cleaner.

### **Food Preparation**

To avoid damaging your expensive knives, we always recommend cutting on an appropriate cutting board and never directly on the Opticks Quartz surface.

### **Polishing**

As Opticks Quartz is virtually non-porous, it will keep its lustrous gloss and ultra-smooth surface without polishing never needs sealing or resealing.

#### **Heat Resistance**

Opticks Quartz will tolerate short-term exposures to hot temperatures, however prolonged direct contact with or radiated heat from very hot pots may cause thermal shock, discoloration or damage. Therefore, we cannot recommend placing hot pots, pans, electric frying pans, oven trays, etc. directly from the hotplate or out of the oven onto the surface of Opticks Quartz. We always recommend the use of a hot pad or trivet to place hot items on.

#### Tough? Yes. Indestructible? No.

As with any surface, Opticks Quartz can be permanently damaged by exposure to strong chemicals and solvents that undermine its physical properties. That means try not to spill hydrochloric acid on the surface, as it may react with and dissolve the crystalline quartz in the surface. Do not use products to clean your surface that contain trichloroethane or methylene chloride, such as paint removers or stripper. Avoid any highly aggressive cleaning agents like oven cleaner that have particularly high alkaline/pH levels. Should the surface be accidentally exposed to any of these damaging products, rinse immediately with water to neutralize the effect.

## Extra stubborn dried spills and stains

For removal of these, or if you wish to give your Opticks Quartz surface a thorough clean, then we recommend soapy water and a 3M™ Scotchbrite™ Never Scratch™ All-Purpose Scrubber which can be used without damaging the stone, or alternatively applied to a soft damp cloth.