

R & J Custom Furnishings

Solid Surface & Granite Quick-Glance Guide

	Solid Surface	Granite
Good Resale Value	YES	YES
100% Non-porous Surface	YES	NO
100% Bacteria Resistant *3	YES	NO
100% Mold & Mildew Resistant *3	YES	NO
Superior Scratch Resistance *1	NO	YES
Superior Heat Resistance *2	NO	YES
Superior Stain Resistance	YES	NO
Easily Renewable & Repairable	YES	NO
Smooth, Solid, Inconspicuous Seams	YES	NO
Unlimited Decorative Edging Options	YES	NO
Integrated Under-Mount Sinks (no seam lip or recess to trap dirt and germs)	YES	NO
Detailed Matching Accent Options (coved backsplashes, drain boards, inlays)	YES	NO
Excellent Over-all Design Flexibility	YES	NO
Excellent Image Depth Quality	YES	YES
Consistent / Uniform Color Quality	YES	NO
Wide Color Range, Including Stone Styles	YES	YES
Requires Annual Maintenance & Sealing	NO	YES
10+ Year Transferable Material Warranty	YES	NO

*1 Solid Surface: Cutting boards are recommended by most solid surface manufacturers. The non-porous surface is bacteria resistant and scratches can be easily buffed away. ~Granite: Damage to the protective sealant may occur when cutting directly on a granite surface.

*2 Solid Surface: Minor heat damage usually can be repaired by the homeowner and more severe heat damage can be inconspicuously repaired by a certified fabricator. ~Granite: Extreme or prolonged exposure to heat may damage the sealant and require replacement of the slab.

*3 Solid Surface: Most manufactures meet the following standards: ASTM G21 & G22 for fungal and bacterial resistance; NSF Class 51 for food and splash zones; and FDA compliance for food contact. ~Granite: The natural stone industry has developed several specialized products (sealants) and procedures to protect surfaces from some of the conditions mentioned above. Most sealants need to be re-applied annually by a certified contractor.